



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 29

FOURTH SESSION, FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Mr. KINEW, Bill (No. 228) – The Sikh Heritage Month Act/Loi sur le Mois du patrimoine sikh, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

Hon. Ms. SQUIRES, the Minister responsible for Francophone Affairs, made a statement regarding Journée internationale de la Francophonie.

Messrs. KINEW and LAMONT commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Hon. Mrs. MAYER, Ms. FONTAINE, Messrs. PIWNIUK and SWAN and Hon. Mr. FLETCHER made Members' Statements.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. GRAYDON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to amend *The Official Time Act* to abolish daylight saving time in Manitoba effective November 4, 2019, resulting in Manitoba remaining on Central Standard Time (CST) throughout the year and in perpetuity. (K. Elias, L. Elias, L. Wieler and others)

Mr. LINDSEY – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reinstate obstetric delivery services at Flin Flon General Hospital and work with the Government of Saskatchewan, and the Federal Government, to ensure obstetric services continue to be available on a regional basis. (K. Schiltroth, M. Andersen, C. Funk and others)

Ms. FONTAINE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to immediately commit to addressing the overpopulation of dogs in Manitoba, more specifically in northern communities, by humanely removing and rehoming unwanted dogs, and in partnership with animal welfare agencies; the Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA); frontline rescues; and the Federal Government to immediately develop a provincial strategy to spay and neuter dogs while providing access to veterinary services for owned dogs in northern communities ensuring the safety of communities and their citizens. (C. Shaw, D. Michaelson, J. Neufeld and others)

Prior to Grievances, Ms. KLASSEN rose on a Matter of Urgent Public Importance and moved:

THAT in accordance with Rule 38(1), ordinary business of the House be set aside to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the operation of child and family services and the urgent issue of a child from a mother in Bloodvein being taken away from the mother by Child and Family Services and then dying while in care at age four months.

And Ms. KLASSEN, Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN, Ms. FONTAINE and Hon. Mr. FLETCHER (by leave) having spoken to the urgency of the motion,

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker ruled as follows:

I thank the Honourable Members for their advice to the Chair on the motion proposed by the Honourable Member for Keewatinook. The notice required by Rule 38(1) was provided. Under our rules and practices, the subject matter requiring urgent consideration must be so pressing that the public interest will suffer if the matter is not given immediate attention. There must also be no other reasonable opportunities to raise the matter.

I have listened very carefully to the arguments put forward. The death of an infant in foster care is a tragic situation for the family of that child and for society in general. We can only imagine the pain, the loss and the sorrow experienced, and our hearts go out to the family with much compassion.

Although no one would argue that this is not a sad and tragic situation, as Speaker I am compelled to look at the procedural aspects of whether the motion for a Matter of Urgent Public Importance is in order.

Unfortunately, this motion does not fit the criteria as a Matter of Urgent Public Importance, as there are other opportunities that can be used to raise this issue, including Oral Questions, Members' Statements, Petitions, Grievances, as well as opportunities to raise questions during the interim supply and estimates processes.

It gives me no pleasure to say this, but the motion is out of order as a Matter of Urgent Public Importance.

The House resolving into Committee of Supply.

Mr. PIWNIUK, Chairperson of the Committee of Supply, presented the Report of the Proceedings of the Committee of March 20, 2019 as follows:

IN THE COMMITTEE

The following Resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED that a sum not exceeding \$4,917,428,000 being 35% of the total amount to be voted as set forth in Part A (Operating Expenditure) of the Estimates, be granted to Her Majesty for the Fiscal Year ending the 31st day of March, 2020.

RESOLVED that a sum not exceeding \$479,909,000 being 75% of the total amount to be voted as set out in Part B (Capital Investment) of the Estimates, be granted to Her Majesty for the Fiscal Year ending the 31st day of March, 2020.

Resolutions were reported and the Report was received.

Hon. Mr. FIELDING moved:

THAT there be granted to Her Majesty on account of Certain Expenditures of the Public Service for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2020 out of the Consolidated Fund, the sums of \$4,917,428,000 being 35% of the total amount to be voted as set out in Part A (Operating Expenditure) and \$479,909,000 being 75% of the total amount to be voted as set out in Part B (Capital Investment) of the estimates, laid before the House at the present Session of the Legislature.

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

On motion of Hon. Mr. FIELDING, Bill (No. 28) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2019/Loi de 2019 portant affectation anticipée de crédits, was read a First Time and ordered for Second Reading immediately.

Hon. Mr. FIELDING moved:

THAT Bill (No. 28) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2019/Loi de 2019 portant affectation anticipée de crédits, be now read a Second Time, and be referred to Committee of the Whole.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. FIELDING having spoken,

And Messrs. WIEBE, LINDSEY and LAMONT having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. WIEBE, Ms. FONTAINE and Mr. LAMONT having spoken,

And Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in her name.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 21, 2019.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.