



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 13

FIRST SESSION, THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Hon. Mr. GERRARD moved:

THAT Bill (No. 204) – The Personal Health Information Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les renseignements médicaux personnels, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Ms. HOWARD, Messrs. FAURSCHOU, MALOWAY and LAMOUREUX and Hon. Mr. RONDEAU having spoken,

And Mr. CULLEN speaking at 11:00 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

Mr. ALTEMEYER moved:

Resolution No. 3: Kyoto Support

WHEREAS climate change is the political, economic, and social issue of our era; and

WHEREAS since 1999, the Manitoba Government has undertaken various program initiatives with other levels of government and business in rural and urban communities that protect water and natural areas, reduce waste, prevent pollution, and grow a sustainable economy. This collaborative approach ensures programs concerning climate change are strategically designed and effectively implemented; and

WHEREAS the Manitoba public is concerned about climate change and a climate change action plan. This concern was established by the 2002 Manitoba Climate Change Task Force consultations and a 2006 survey that revealed 84% of Manitobans are concerned about climate change; and

WHEREAS the 2002 task force consultations also revealed that Manitobans see positive opportunities in climate change, both economically and environmentally. Some opportunities that the public has identified include clean renewable energy, ethanol fuel and energy efficiency in homes and businesses, and new opportunities in transportation and agriculture, all of which have the potential to result in health benefits for Manitobans; and

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WHEREAS in 2002, the Manitoba Government responded to these public concerns over climate change and took a leadership role in calling on the Federal Government to ratify the Kyoto Protocol - the only international agreement that provides a clear path to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This leadership role has since been recognized nationally and internationally; and

WHEREAS the Manitoba Government's response program, Kyoto and Beyond, is the province's main strategy on climate change. This program will allow the province to meet, and even exceed, the targets under the Kyoto accord; and

WHEREAS Kyoto and Beyond reduces greenhouse gas emissions in a number of ways. This includes geothermal heat pumps, 10% ethanol blends, conversion of coal to natural gas at the Selkirk generating station, the introduction of models of wind, solar and hydrogen power, and the promotion of sustainable agricultural ecosystems. Other successful provincial initiatives include Manitoba Hydro's Power Smart programs, Biofuel productions, and greening Downtown Winnipeg. Also, Manitoba was the first province to join the federal government's One-Tonne Challenge and hybrid buses, built right here in Winnipeg, are currently running on the streets of cities like Seattle and Vancouver; and

WHEREAS Manitoba's Green and Growing document, which expanded on the Kyoto and Beyond initiative, was created to further Manitoba's goals of protecting the environment and growing the economy simultaneously. Green and Growing is composed of seven strategic priorities designed to achieve sustainability across our province. The first priority is concerned with energy and climate. The second priority is protection of water. The third is the protection of our natural areas and the fourth is the reduction of waste and prevention of pollution. The fifth priority is working with the private sector to build a sustainable economy. The sixth is fostering a green and healthy society and the seventh is ensuring the government runs its internal operations in a green and sustainable way; and

WHEREAS the Manitoba Government has also worked together with the Federal Government on a climate change action. In 2004 Canada and Manitoba signed a memorandum of understanding for co-operation in addressing climate change dedicated to developing renewable energy opportunities, such as the wind farm at St. Leon, Manitoba and the construction of the ethanol plant in Minnedosa; and

WHEREAS in July 2005, the Manitoba Government issued its first ever Sustainability Report that measured the province's overall well-being in terms of environment, economy, health and social development. This accountability measure will continue Manitoba's tradition of promoting both a healthy environment and sustainable economy.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to continue to support its climate change action plan and consider developing its leadership position; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Provincial Government to continue to encourage and work with the Federal Government in addressing the serious problems posed by climate change through the Kyoto Protocol.

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And Messrs. ALTEMEYER and CULLEN, Ms. BLADY, Mrs. STEFANSON, Mr. SWAN, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. MALOWAY having spoken,

And Mr. MAGUIRE speaking at 12:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were severally read a First Time and had their purposes outlined:

(No. 13) – The Organic Agricultural Products Act/Loi sur les produits agricoles biologiques
(Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK)

(No. 14) – The Government Purchases Amendment Act (Responsible Manufacturing)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les achats du gouvernement (pratiques équitables des fabricants)
(Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX)

(No. 22) – The Medical Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi médicale
(Hon. Ms. OSWALD)

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. CULLEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister for Infrastructure and Transportation to consider implementing a speed zone on Provincial Trunk Highway #2 adjacent to the Village of Glenboro. (D. Prost, V. Ford, D. Ford and others)

Mrs. ROWAT – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to act on this situation by considering the construction of a 4-lane highway that would bypass around the Village of Forrest. (P. Zolinski, L. Chamberlain, V. Thoman and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Premier and his Government to recognize and acknowledge how important immigration is to our province by improving and strengthening the Provincial Nominee Program. (S. Serrano, B. Tuckett, C. Smith and others)

Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK presented:

Annual Report of the Cooperative Promotion Board for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007.
(Sessional Paper No. 41)

Annual Report of The Co-operative Loans and Loans Guarantee Board for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007.
(Sessional Paper No. 42)

Hon. Mr. RONDEAU presented:

Annual Report of the Manitoba Education Research Learning Information Networks (MERLIN) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 43)

Annual Report of the Industrial Technology Centre for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 44)

Hon. Mr. SELINGER presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2007-2008 – Revenue Estimates – Finance.

(Sessional Paper No. 45)

Hon. Ms. MCGIFFORD presented:

Annual Report of the Department of Advanced Education and Literacy for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 46)

Annual Report of the Council on Post-Secondary Education for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 47)

Hon. Ms. OSWALD presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2007-2008 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Manitoba Health and Healthy Living.

(Sessional Paper No. 48)

Hon. Mr. ROBINSON, the Minister of Culture, Heritage, Tourism and Sport made a statement to recognize Manitoba Film and Music week, October 1 to 7, 2007 and the 20th Anniversaries of Manitoba Film and Sound (MFS), the Manitoba Motion Picture Industry Association (MMPIA) and the Manitoba Audio Recording Industry Association (MARIA).

Mrs. MITCHELSON and, by leave, Hon. Mr. GERRARD commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mr. BRIESE, Ms. BLADY, Messrs. CULLEN, JHA and LAMOUREUX made Members' Statements.

In accordance with Rule 31(8), the Government House Leader announced that the Public vs Private Health Care Resolution will be considered next Tuesday, October 9, 2007.

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The House resolving into Committee of Supply.

The House then adjourned at 5:01 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 3, 2007.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.