



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 45

THIRD SESSION, THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

By leave, it was agreed for the House to deal with Second Reading of Bill (No. 226).

Mrs. ROWAT moved:

THAT Bill (No. 226) – The Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day Act/Loi sur la Journée de sensibilisation au deuil périnatal, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. ROWAT, Hon. Ms. OSWALD, Mrs. STEFANSON, Ms. BLADY, Mrs. TAILLIEU, Mr. LAMOUREUX and Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS having spoken,

And Ms. MARCELINO speaking at 11:00 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in her name.

Mr. DYCK moved:

Resolution No. 11: Lack of a Policy for Manitoba Persons with Disabilities

WHEREAS the Provincial Government does not provide a policy to ensure persons with disabilities have priority access to wheelchair accessible units in Manitoba Housing units; and

WHEREAS Manitoba Housing rents affordable and suitable housing to Manitobans in need and administers and manages approximately 13,100 rental housing residences across the province; and

WHEREAS Statistics Canada's 2006 post census data indicates that 15.7% of Manitoba's population has a disability and that this number is expected to rise with an aging population; and

WHEREAS a total of 169,170 Manitobans identified themselves as having a disability and that Manitoba's rate of disability was the sixth highest among the provinces and territories; and

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WHEREAS Manitoba Housing does provide wheelchair accessible units to persons living with disabilities but does not have a policy to ensure persons with disabilities are given priority access to these units; and

WHEREAS Manitoba Housing has persons with disabilities on waiting lists for wheelchair-accessible suites that are occupied by persons without disabilities; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has failed to ensure that there is adequate housing for persons with disabilities in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS Manitoba Housing should strive to make every effort to ensure limited wheelchair-accessible suites are available for persons with disabilities as required; and

WHEREAS Manitoba Housing should adopt a policy to transfer tenants without disabilities from the wheelchair-accessible suites to regular units within the same complex, as required, whenever persons with disabilities are on the wait-list for the wheelchair-accessible units within that complex.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to acknowledge that persons with disabilities deserve priority for wheelchair accessible Manitoba Housing Units.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to create a policy that would transfer tenants without physical disabilities living in wheelchair accessible units to regular available units in the same complex in order to make the wheelchair accessible units available to persons with disabilities.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. DYCK, Ms. HOWARD, Mr. PEDERSEN, Ms. BLADY, Mr. FAURSCHOU and Ms. KORZENIOWSKI having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. DYCK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Health to strongly consider giving priority for funding to develop and staff a new 100 bed long-term-care facility so that clients are not exposed to unsafe conditions and so that Boundary Trails Health Centre beds remain available for acute care patients instead of waiting placement clients. (R. Thiessen, A. Thiessen, C. Peters and others)

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Health to consider working with the Parkland Regional Health Authority to provide a centrally located ambulance and station in the area of Eddystone, Bacon Ridge and Ebb and Flow First Nation. (J. Houle, P. Houle, C. Houle and others)

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Transportation consider the immediate twinning of the PTH #15 Floodway Bridge for the safety of the citizens of Manitoba. (G. Lange, L. Mitchell, B. Barendregt and others)

Mr. BOROTSIK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Education Citizenship and Youth consider removing education funding by school tax or education levies from all property in Manitoba and consider finding a more equitable method of funding education such as general revenue following the Constitutional funding of education by the Province of Manitoba. (T. Bourgooin, T. Goodall, K. Jones and others)

Mrs. STEFANSON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Attorney General consider refunding all monies collected from photo radar tickets given to motorists driving the regular posted speed limit in construction zones where no workers were present. (J. Brown, D. Stasiuk, P. Barsy and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to consider establishing a 90 day guarantee for processing an application for a minimum of 90% of applicants that have family living in Manitoba. (J. Nuqui, M. Cudal, C. Mariano and others)

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK presented:

Annual Report of the Provincial Court of Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008.
(Sessional Paper No. 75)

During Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker interjected and requested that the words "deceitful" spoken by the Official Opposition Leader be withdrawn.

WHEREUPON Mr. MCFADYEN withdrew his remarks.

Subsequently during Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker interjected and requested that the words "not telling the truth" spoken by the Honourable Member for Inkster be withdrawn.

WHEREUPON Mr. LAMOUREUX withdrew his remarks.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. DERKACH rose on a point of order regarding the lack of responses given by Ministers during Oral Questions.

And Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK speaking to the point of order,

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled that there was no point of order.

During the contributions to the point of order, Mr. Speaker interjected and requested that the words "the Speaker only looks one way" allegedly spoken by the Honourable Member for Springfield be withdrawn.

WHEREUPON Mr. SCHULER withdrew his remarks.

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. SARAN, GRAYDON, JHA and BOROTSIK and Ms. MARCELINO made Members' Statements.

In accordance with Rule 31(9), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Problem Gambling Resolution will be considered next Thursday, May 28, 2009.

The House resolving into Committee of the Whole.

Bill (No. 33) – The Appropriation Act, 2009/Loi de 2009 portant affectation de crédits, was considered in Committee of the Whole and reported without amendment.

Bill (No. 34) – The Loan Act, 2009/Loi d'emprunt de 2009, was considered in Committee of the Whole and reported without amendment.

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK moved:

THAT Bill (No. 34) – The Loan Act, 2009/Loi d'emprunt de 2009, reported from the Committee of the Whole, be concurred in and be now read a Third Time and passed.

And a debate arising,

And Messrs. PEDERSEN, GOERTZEN and DERKACH, Mrs. ROWAT, Mrs. STEFANSON, Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Messrs. LAMOUREUX, MAGUIRE and MCFADYEN having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to, on the following division:

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ALLAN
ALTEMEYER
BLADY
BLAIKIE
BJORNSON
BRAUN
BRICK
CALDWELL
CHOMIAK
DEWAR
DOER
HOWARD
IRVIN-ROSS
JENNISSEN
JHA
KORZENIOWSKI

LEMIEUX
MACKINTOSH
MARCELINO
MCGIFFORD
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SARAN
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NAY

BOROTSIK
BRIESE
CULLEN
DERKACH
DRIEDGER
DYCK
FAURSCHOU
GERRARD
GRAYDON

HAWRANIK
LAMOUREUX
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The Bill was accordingly concurred in, read a Third Time and passed.

The House then adjourned at 5:01 p.m. until 1:30 p.m., Monday, May 25, 2009.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.