



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 45

FOURTH 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. 230).

Mr. BRIESE moved:

THAT Bill (No. 230) – The Municipal Amendment and The City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment Act (Defamation Protection)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les municipalités et la Charte de la ville de Winnipeg (protection contre les accusations de diffamation), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. BRIESE, Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX, Messrs. FAURSCHOU, NEVAKSHONOFF and PEDERSEN and Hon. Mr. BJORNSEN having spoken,

The debate was allowed to remain open.

In accordance with Rule 31(9), the Opposition House Leader announced that the BiPole III: Keeping Routing Options on the Table Resolution will be considered next Thursday, May 20, 2010.

Mr. FAURSCHOU moved:

Resolution No. 9: Making Alternative Health Practices More Accessible

WHEREAS the benefits of alternative health practices such as Traditional Chinese Medicine, Homeopathy, Naturopathic Medicine, Traditional Aboriginal Medicine, Botanical medicine and acupuncture include improved physical and mental health; and

WHEREAS alternative health practices can prevent, manage, and at times reverse chronic conditions, which can result in long-term savings for the health care system; and

WHEREAS alternative medicine is commonly practiced in many of the world's leading health care systems, including France, Italy and Switzerland; and

WHEREAS many alternative therapies are regulated health professions in other jurisdictions, where the expertise of such practitioners is recognized; and

WHEREAS in Manitoba, the benefits of many alternative therapies are inaccessible to numerous Manitobans on the basis of costs, which are not eligible medical expenses for the purposes of income tax; and

WHEREAS some third-party health insurance plans cover aspects of alternative therapies, many patients are unable to afford this additional coverage and must pay the full cost of such alternative therapies out-of-pocket.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to make the benefits of the many alternative health practices more accessible to all Manitobans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider making the necessary legislative changes to make more alternative medical therapies eligible as tax-deductible medical expenses.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. FAURSCHOU, Hon. Ms. OSWALD, Mr. MAGUIRE, Ms. BLADY, Ms. KORZENIOWSKI, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. SARAN having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Mr. GOERTZEN, Bill (No. 229) – The Elections Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi électorale, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. PEDERSEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to consider proceeding with the cheaper, shorter and more logical east side route, subject to necessary regulatory approvals, to save ratepayers hundreds of millions of dollars during these challenging economic times. (L. Wiebe, R. Archer, G. Shabaga and others)

Mrs. STEFANSON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Provincial Government consider immediately providing Revlimid as a choice to patients with Multiple Myeloma and their health care providers in Manitoba through public funding. (A. Hull, M. Maksymowicz, C. G. Zdrill and others)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Ms. SELBY, Messrs. BRIESE, ALTEMEYER and PEDERSEN and Ms. BRICK made Members' Statements.

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Hon. Mr. BJORNSON moved:

THAT Bill (No. 15) – The Franchises Act/Loi sur les franchises, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. BJORNSON, Mr. LAMOUREUX and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. BRIESE, adjourned.

Hon. Ms. HOWARD moved:

THAT Bill (No. 4) – The Workplace Safety and Health Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la sécurité et l'hygiène du travail, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. HOWARD, Mr. LAMOUREUX and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. BRIESE, adjourned.

Hon. Mr. BLAIKIE moved:

THAT Bill (No. 12) – The Pimachiowin Aki World Heritage Fund Act/Loi sur le Fonds du patrimoine mondial Pimachiowin Aki, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Messrs. BLAIKIE and GERRARD having spoken,

And Mr. LAMOUREUX speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

Hon. Mr. BLAIKIE presented:

Message from His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 12).

(Sessional Paper No. 53)

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 17, 2010.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.