



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 90

SECOND SESSION, FORTIETH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Mr. CALDWELL moved:

THAT Bill (No. 300) – The Brandon Area Foundation Incorporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi constituant en corporation « The Brandon Area Foundation », be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Messrs. CALDWELL and HELWER, Hon. Ms. HOWARD, Messrs. CULLEN and GAUDREAU, Mrs. MITCHELSON, Ms. BLADY, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. MAGUIRE having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to, unanimously.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

Mr. WIEBE moved:

Resolution No. 32: Strong Public Health Care

WHEREAS universal health care is a point of pride for Manitobans and all Canadians and is indeed one of the things that defines us as a nation; and

WHEREAS all Manitobans should have the right to access health services based on their medical need and not on their ability to pay; and

WHEREAS in the 1990s, in addition to eliminating over 1,000 nursing positions from Manitoba's health care system and experimenting with home care privatization and user fees, the Provincial Government of the day introduced two-tier health care, allowing patients who could afford it to pay user fees to a private clinic to get faster surgery, making other patients wait longer; and

WHEREAS Manitoba was forced to pay a total of \$2.3 million in federal penalties for breaching the Canada Health Act by introducing two-tier health care, money that could have been invested in front line care; and

WHEREAS a thorough study by the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy on the failed 1990s two-tier experiment found that wait times got worse in the public system as a result of a parallel private, for profit system; and

WHEREAS the Leader of the Official Opposition, who was part of the government that introduced two-tier health care in the 1990s, has again called for an American style, two-tier health care system that would allow those who can afford it to pay user fees to get faster care, calling it a "system we need".

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all members of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be urged to pledge to protect universal health care for Manitoba families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all members of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be urged to reject two-tier health care and illegal user fees.

And a debate arising,

And Messrs. WIEBE and FRIESEN, Hon. Ms. OSWALD and Messrs. MAGUIRE, GAUDREAU and CULLEN having spoken,

And Mr. EWASKO 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:

Mrs. STEFANSON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Family Services and Labour consider making funding available to address the current waiting list for ABA Services. (J. Lamont, J. Globerman, J. Litman and others)

Mr. GOERTZEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Education consider making funding available to eliminate the current waiting list for ABA school age services and fund ABA Services for individuals diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. (L. Bergen, C. Van Doeselaar, S. Power and others)

Mr. WISHART – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (B. Delbridge, G. Pankhurst, G. Melnic and others)

Mr. EWASKO – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to recognize the serious safety concerns of Provincial Road 520 and to address its poor condition by prioritizing its renewal. (J. Kemp, K. Kemp, M. Smith and others)

Mrs. ROWAT – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Family Services and Labour consider making funding available to address the current waiting list for ABA Services. (D. De Sousa, D. Ross, G. Ollson and others)

Mr. PEDERSEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge that the Minister responsible for Manitoba Hydro create a complete and transparent "Needs For And Alternatives To" review of Manitoba Hydro's total capital development plan to ensure the financial viability of Manitoba Hydro. (T. Yeenendaal, A. Yeenendaal, G. Wildfaug and others)

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Family Services and Labour consider making funding available to address the current waiting list for ABA Services. (A. Robinson, C. Petersen, J. Moses and others)

Mr. CULLEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Family Services and Labour consider making funding available to address the current waiting list for ABA Services. (M. de Guzman, X. V. Bhouani, V. Mercier and others)

Mr. EICHLER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (S. Gray, S. McNaught, P. Anderson and others)

Mr. MAGUIRE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Education consider making funding available to eliminate the current waiting list for ABA school age services and fund ABA Services for individuals diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. (J. Houle, E. Racette, A. Malcolm and others)

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Education consider making funding available to eliminate the current waiting list for ABA school age services and fund ABA Services for individuals diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. (R. Hodgson, S. Siddigi, Z. Dzwonyk and others)

Mrs. MITCHELSON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Family Services and Labour consider making funding available to address the current waiting list for ABA Services. (L. Tschetter, J. McCrea, H. Tabor others)

Mr. HELWER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Family Services and Labour consider making funding available to address the current waiting list for ABA Services. (T. Braker, G. Tresoor, M. Beheut and others)

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Education consider making funding available to eliminate the current waiting list for ABA school age services and fund ABA Services for individuals diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. (A. Todd, L. Todd, D. Todd and others)

Mr. FRIESEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Education consider making funding available to eliminate the current waiting list for ABA school age services and fund ABA Services for individuals diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. (L. Delgoye, P. Grumbo, M. Dyck and others)

Mr. GRAYDON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to acknowledge that the increase in the PST will significantly encourage cross border shopping and put additional strain on the retail sector, especially for those businesses located close to Manitoba's provincial borders and to urge the Provincial Government to reverse its PST increase to ensure Manitoba consumers can shop affordably in Manitoba and support local businesses. (J. Pappel, M. McGee, L. Friesen and others)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mrs. DRIEDGER, Ms. BRAUN, Mr. EICHLER, Hon. Mr. RONDEAU and Mr. SCHULER made Members' Statements.

The Order of the Day having been read for consideration of Report Stage Amendment of Bill (No. 20) – The Manitoba Building and Renewal Funding and Fiscal Management Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur le financement du renouvellement des infrastructures et la gestion financière (modification de diverses dispositions législatives), reported from the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development:

Mr. CULLEN moved:

THAT Bill 20 be amended by adding the following after Clause 2(2):

2(2.1) The following is added after section 1.2 and before the centred heading that follows it:

Study of impact of increased sales tax on seniors

1.3(1) Within one year after this section is enacted, the minister must cause an independent study to be conducted for the purpose of determining the impact of the increase in the general sales tax rate on the standard of living of Manitoba seniors.

Tabling study in Assembly

1.3(2) The minister must table a copy of the study in the Assembly within 15 days after receiving it if the Assembly is sitting or, if it is not, within 15 days after the next sitting begins.

Publishing study on government website

1.3(3) The minister must publish the study on a government website.

And a debate arising,

Mr. CULLEN, Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS, Mrs. DRIEDGER, Mr. HELWER, Mrs. STEFANSON and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

And the Question being put on the amendment. It was negatived, on division.

Mr. CULLEN then moved:

THAT Bill 20 be amended by replacing the heading for Part 2 with "ELIMINATION OF TAXPAYER PROTECTION".

And a debate arising,

Messrs. CULLEN, GOERTZEN and EWASKO having spoken,

And the Question being put on the amendment. It was negatived, on the following division:

YEA

BRIESE	HELWER
CULLEN	MAGUIRE
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The House then adjourned at 5:04 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 14, 2013.

Hon. Daryl REID,
Speaker.