



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 11

THIRD SESSION, FORTIETH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Mr. GOERTZEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 200) – The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act (Democracy for Voters)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Assemblée législative (démocratie pour les électeurs), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. GOERTZEN, Hon. Mr. ASHTON, Mr. SCHULER, Hon. Mr. SWAN and Mr. FRIESEN having spoken,

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

Mr. WIEBE moved:

Resolution No. 1: Cultural Diversity

WHEREAS one of this province's greatest strengths is religious and cultural diversity; and

WHEREAS since 1999, over 100,000 new immigrants have settled in Manitoba bringing fresh perspectives that are strongly valued; and

WHEREAS the Manitoba Human Rights Code prohibits unreasonable discrimination and advances inclusion on grounds such as ancestry, nationality or national origin, ethnic background or origin, religion or creed or religious belief, religious association or religious activity; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is committed to an inclusive workforce that values diversity, reflects the population served and respects freedom of religion and the right to religious expression; and

WHEREAS Manitoba and Canada must maintain a reputation throughout the world as a place where people can live together in peace, a place where cultural and religious differences are celebrated and not criticized.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba reaffirm to the people of this province that Manitoba's religious and cultural diversity is a point of pride; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to continue the commitment to diversity and religious freedom in Manitoba.

And a debate arising,

And Messrs. WIEBE and EWASKO, Ms. WIGHT, Mrs. MITCHELSON, Ms. ALLAN and Mr. GOERTZEN having spoken,

And Mr. SCHULER 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 respectively read a First Time and had their purposes outlined:

(No. 23) – The Cooperative Housing Strategy Act/Loi sur la stratégie en matière d'habitation coopérative

(Hon. Mr. BJORNSON)

(No. 207) – The Settlement of International Investment Disputes Act/Loi sur le règlement des différends internationaux relatifs aux investissements

(Mr. HELWER)

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. EICHLER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (D. Fewiuk, C. Fulsher, G. Fotty 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. (B. Neufeld, C. Hébert-Lafantaisie, M. Waddle and others)

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge that the Provincial Government restore the services provided to the affected communities until the Provincial Government conducts public consultations and provides an alternative solution that maintains or increases the level of service provided in the local area. (C. Waddell, E. Mandziuk, K. Jackman-Atkinson and others)

Mr. CULLEN – 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. (K. DeBaets, W. Jefferies, D. Denning and others)

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Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. FRIESEN, PETERSEN and EICHLER, Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK and Mr. BRIESE made Members' Statements.

In accordance with Rule 31(8), the Government House Leader announced that the Support for Jobs and Skills Training Resolution will be considered next Tuesday, December 3, 2013.

Hon. Mr. SWAN moved:

Government Resolution: Senate of Canada

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba abolished its Upper House in 1876; and

WHEREAS the preferred position of Manitoba is that the Senate of Canada be abolished; and

WHEREAS Manitoba's all-party Special Committee on Senate Reform held public hearings throughout the province during which it heard overwhelming support from Manitobans for reforming or outright abolishing the Senate; and

WHEREAS some Senators have too often served partisan objectives rather than the public interest; and

WHEREAS issues which have arisen in the past year have shaken any confidence Manitobans may have had towards the Senate and shown it to be fundamentally flawed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Federal Government to immediately begin negotiations with the provinces with the aim of abolishing Canada's Senate.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. SWAN, Mr. GOERTZEN, Hon. Mr. ALLUM, Mr. SCHULER, Hon. Ms. BRAUN, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF having spoken,

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

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ALLAN
ALLUM
ASHTON
BJORNSON
BLADY
BRAUN
CHIEF
CHOMIAK
CROTHERS
DEWAR
GAUDREAU
IRVIN-ROSS
KOSTYSHYN
LEMIEUX
MACKINTOSH

MALOWAY
MARCELINO (Logan)
MARCELINO (Tyndall Park)
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The House then adjourned at 5:05 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 27, 2013.

Hon. Daryl REID,
Speaker.