



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 43

THIRD SESSION, FORTIETH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Mr. HELWER moved:

THAT Bill (No. 207) – The Settlement of International Investment Disputes Act/Loi sur le règlement des différends internationaux relatifs aux investissements, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. HELWER, Hon. Mr. SWAN and Messrs. PEDERSEN, RONDEAU and GOERTZEN having spoken,

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

In accordance with Rule 31(8), the Government House Leader announced that the Canada Post Eliminating Door-to-Door Delivery Resolution will be considered on Tuesday, April 22, 2014.

Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF moved:

Resolution No. 10: Agriculture Awareness Day

WHEREAS 2014 marks the tenth anniversary of Agriculture Awareness Day in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS agriculture is a key economic driver in Manitoba, creating 30,000 direct jobs, 32,000 indirect jobs and contributing approximately nine percent of the provincial gross domestic product; and

WHEREAS the economic benefits of agriculture are widespread, creating spin-off industries such as agricultural machinery, equipment dealerships, restaurants and food retail, financial services and much more; and

WHEREAS the grains, fruits, vegetables and meat produced by Manitoban farmers are absolutely essential to quality of life; and

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WHEREAS Manitobans should recognize the need to continue to foster appreciation and awareness of the important role agriculture plays in society through provincial programs and events such as Agriculture in the Classroom, open farm days, farmer's markets and the Royal Winter Fair; and

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba supports primary producers and entrepreneurs by investing in a Buy Local campaign to connect Manitobans to locally sourced products; and

WHEREAS Manitobans strongly value farming and the rural way of life.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all members of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be urged to support agricultural producers and recognize the benefit they provide for the province, both economically and socially; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be urged to support investing in innovation, research and targeted on farm infrastructure, combined with strengthened insurance programs, to help grow the economy and create good jobs in agriculture.

And a debate arising,

And Messrs. NEVAKSHONOFF and BRIESE, Ms. CROTHERS, Mr. PEDERSEN and Hon. Mr. KOSTYSHYN having spoken,

And Mr. WISHART 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. 50) – The Protection for Temporary Help Workers Act (Worker Recruitment and Protection Act and Employment Standards Code Amended)/Loi sur la protection des travailleurs temporaires (modification de la Loi sur le recrutement et la protection des travailleurs et du Code des normes d'emploi)

(Hon. Ms. BRAUN)

(No. 51) – The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Assemblée législative

(Hon. Mr. SWAN)

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. PEDERSEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government and the Minister of Jobs and the Economy to increase the rental allowance for EIA recipients to 75% of median market rent so that EIA recipients can secure clean, safe and affordable housing without sacrificing other necessities such as food and medical expenses. (M. Foster, C. Westphal, J. Long and others)

Mr. FRIESEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reverse the PST increase and to restore the right of Manitobans to vote in a referendum on increases to the PST. (R. Moir, G. Penner, A. Pruden and others)

Mr. EICHLER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reverse the PST increase and to restore the right of Manitobans to vote in a referendum on increases to the PST. (R. Howard, F. Wilford, J. Lewis and others)

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to remove the \$5,000 cap on education tax rebates on farmland out of fairness and respect for Manitoba farmers. (S. Wollman, K. Wollman, B. Waldner, and others)

Mr. CULLEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reverse the job-killing PST increase and to restore the right of Manitobans to reject or approve any increases to the PST through a referendum. (A. Martens, H. Stewart, E. Gudnason 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. (W. Friesen, C. Doehl, B. Neufeld and others)

Mr. SMOOK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reverse the PST increase and to restore the right of Manitobans to vote in a referendum on increases to the PST. (S. Greaves, B. Friesen, C. McDougall and others)

Hon. Ms. BRAUN presented:

Annual Report of The Workers Compensation Board for the year ending December 31, 2013.
(Sessional Paper No. 42)

Annual Report of the Appeal Commission and Medical Review Panel of The Workers Compensation Board for the year ending December 31, 2013.
(Sessional Paper No. 43)

Annual Report of the Five Year Plan for The Workers Compensation Board for the years 2014 to 2018.
(Sessional Paper No. 44)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mr. GRAYDON, Ms. ALLAN, Mrs. DRIEDGER and Messrs. CALDWELL and EICHLER made Members' Statements.

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In accordance to Rule 28(3), the Government House Leader announced that an Opposition Day Motion will be considered on Thursday, April 17, 2014.

The House resolved into Committee of Supply.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, 2014.

Hon. Daryl REID,
Speaker.