



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 50

THIRD SESSION, FORTIETH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

By leave, it was agreed for the House to deal with Debate on Second Reading of Bill (No. 205).

The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Proposed Motion of Mr. CULLEN:

THAT Bill (No. 205) – The Seniors' Rights Act/Loi sur les droits des aînés, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Ms. MARCELINO (Logan), Messrs. GRAYDON, GAUDREAU, EICHLER, MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) and FRIESEN having spoken,

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

In accordance with Rule 31(8), the Government House Leader announced that the Inclusion in Schools Resolution will be considered on Tuesday, May 13, 2014.

Mr. GAUDREAU moved:

Resolution No. 14: Rail Safety in Manitoba

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is a strong supporter of the rail industry in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS a safe and prosperous rail industry benefits all Manitobans by creating good jobs and strengthening the local economy; and

WHEREAS strong rail safety measures are vital to protecting both the communities that railways pass through and the goods shipped by rail; and

WHEREAS rail derailments in Lac Mégantic, Quebec, Gainford, Alberta and Plaster Rock, New Brunswick are compelling reminders of the potential risks in transporting dangerous goods along railways; and

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WHEREAS there is a growing consensus among the provinces that more must be done to improve rail safety, especially with regard to the shipping of hazardous goods; and

WHEREAS current federal legislation governing railways lacks the transparency and safety measures necessary to keep Manitoba communities safe.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba call on the Federal Government to introduce stronger regulations governing rail safety, including better monitoring of rail convoys transporting hazardous materials to provide real time data on the location and content of trains; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge Canadian rail companies to work in cooperation with communities the trains pass through and improve safeguards to prevent accidents in the future.

And a debate arising,

And Messrs. GAUDREAU and HELWER, Hon. Mr. ASHTON and Messrs. PEDERSEN, PETTERSEN and EICHLER having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Hon. Mr. SWAN, Bill (No. 57) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Countermeasures Against Drug-Impaired Driving)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (conduite avec facultés affaiblies par la drogue), 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 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. (M. Rempel, D. Harris, L. Penner and others)

Mr. EICHLER – 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. (R. Ellis, L. Faschauner, M. J. Aysia and others)

Mr. EWASKO – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government and the Minister of Health to ensure that the Beausejour District Hospital and Primary Care Centre have a primary care physician available on weekends and holidays to better provide area residents with this essential service. (B. Shaw, B. Shaw, R. Kunfeal and others)

Mrs. ROWAT – 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. (E. Sabourin, D. Olive, P. Hrycak and others)

Mr. GRAYDON – 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. (H. Elias, C. Elias, J. Paquet and others)

Hon. Ms. HOWARD presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2014-2015 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Civil Service Commission.
(Sessional Paper No. 52)

Hon. Ms. HOWARD presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2014-2015 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Enabling and Other Appropriations.
(Sessional Paper No. 53)

Hon. Ms. HOWARD presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2014-2015 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Employee Pensions and Other Costs.
(Sessional Paper No. 54)

Hon. Mr. ASHTON, the Minister responsible for Emergency Measures, made a statement regarding the flood conditions throughout the Province of Manitoba.

Mr. HELWER and, by leave, Hon. Mr. GERRARD commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Ms. CROTHERS, Messrs. MARTIN, PETERSEN and PIWNIUK and Mrs. ROWAT made Members' Statements.

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The House resolved into Committee of Supply.

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

Hon. Daryl REID,
Speaker.