



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 44

SECOND SESSION, FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

By leave, it was agreed for the House to deal with Second Reading of Bill (No. 215).

Mr. CURRY moved:

THAT Bill (No. 215) – The Civil Service Amendment Act (Employment Preference for Reservists with Active Service)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la fonction publique (embauche préférentielle des réservistes ayant été en activité de service), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. CURRY having spoken,

And Messrs. SWAN, KINEW, JOHNSTON, and SMITH having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. SWAN and Ms. LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

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

In accordance with Rule 33(7), the Government House Leader announced that the Promotion of E-waste Disposal / Recycling Resolution will be considered on the next Tuesday of Private Members' Business.

By unanimous consent, the sequence for consideration of estimates, as outlined in Sessional Paper No. 37 tabled on April 24, 2017, was further amended in order that the estimates of Education and Training be considered in the Room 255 prior to the estimates of Finance.

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By unanimous consent, the sequence for consideration of estimates, as outlined in Sessional Paper No. 37 tabled on April 24, 2017, was further amended in order that the estimates of Health, Seniors and Active Living be considered in the Chamber prior to the estimates of Indigenous and Municipal Relations.

Mr. YAKIMOSKI moved:

Resolution No. 10: Asserting Copyright for Victims of Child Abuse

WHEREAS copyright law in Canada is a matter of federal jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS at present, those who produce illegal content such as child pornography or voyeuristic images and videos are considered to be the author and owner of this material for copyright purposes; and

WHEREAS this material is illegal in nature, and it can be reasonably assumed that an individual was abused or victimized to produce it; and

WHEREAS victims should be empowered to assert their rights to stop the reproduction and publication of content, to recover costs and obtain damages associated with the infringement of copyright; and

WHEREAS the Provincial and Federal Governments can work together in partnership to ensure that the rights of victims are strengthened.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Federal Government to change relevant sections of the Criminal Code and Canadian copyright law to ensure that victims of the creation of illegal content have copyright to that material.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. YAKIMOSKI having spoken,

And Messrs. SWAN and TEITSMA, Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. SWAN and TEITSMA, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Hon. Mr. FLETCHER, Bill (No. 212) – The Conflict of Interest Act/Loi sur les conflits d'intérêts, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

Hon. Mr. SCHULER, the Minister of Crown Services, made a statement regarding regulatory changes to allow military ID to be used in applying for a Manitoba driver license.

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

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Mr. CURRY, Ms. FONTAINE, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. LAMOUREUX and Mr. HELWER made Members' Statements.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. MALOWAY – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30.

Mr. WIEBE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reverse the decision to close Concordia Hospital's emergency room so that families and seniors in northeast Winnipeg and the surrounding areas have timely access to quality health care services.

Mr. SELINGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30.

Mr. SWAN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to recognize the need for excellent recreation facilities in all Manitoba schools, to reverse this regressive cut and to provide Kelvin High School with the funding necessary to complete a new gymnasium and wellness centre.

Mr. ALTEMEYER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be urged to support the Neighbourhoods Alive! program and the communities served by Neighbourhood Renewal Corporations, by continuing to provide consistent, core funding for existing Neighbourhood Renewal Corporations, and enhancing the public funding available for specific projects and initiatives.

Mr. LINDSEY – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to recognize the tireless efforts of Kelvin High School and Dakota Collegiate, to recognize the need for excellent recreation facilities in all Manitoba schools, to reverse this regressive cut to Manitoba schools and to provide both schools with the funding necessary to complete the new Kelvin High School gymnasium and the Dakota Collegiate Field of Dreams.

Ms. LATHLIN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30.

Mr. KINEW – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be urged to support the Neighbourhoods Alive! program and the communities served by Neighbourhood Renewal Corporations, by continuing to provide consistent, core funding for existing Neighbourhood Renewal Corporations, and enhancing the public funding available for specific projects and initiatives. (J. Wilson-Delorme, S. Dzedzora, E. Cloud and others)

Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to maintain the PNP’s nomination criteria, to remove the \$500 fee and to continue to invest in newcomers who build the province, drive the economy and promote diversity and inclusion in Manitoba.

Mr. SARAN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30.

Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30.

Prior to Introduction of bills, Mr. MALOWAY rose on a Matter of Urgent Public Importance and moved:

THAT, in accordance with rule 38(1), the regularly scheduled business of the House be set aside to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, that the United States of America has imposed new tariffs of up to 24% on Canadian softwood lumber exports.

Manitoba’s forestry industry is facing an uncertain future and these punitive duties will negatively impact an industry that directly and indirectly employs hundreds of Manitobans and generates millions of dollars of export business with the United States each year.

We urge the Provincial Government to work with the Federal Government to protect Manitoba’s forestry sector by preventing job losses, investing in natural resource development and strengthening Manitoba’s economy.

And Mr. MALOWAY, Hon. Messrs. GOERTZEN and GERRARD (by leave) having spoken to the urgency of the motion,

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker ruled as follows:

I thank Honourable Members for their advice to the Chair on whether the motion proposed by the Honourable Member for Elmwood should be debated today.

I would note that notice of this matter required by Rule 38(1) was provided, however I must note that there were problems with the form of that notice. First, the document was not addressed to the Speaker. Second, it was not in the form of a letter explaining the Member’s intention, but rather was in the form of a motion. Third, the form of the motion itself was incorrect, as motions should not contain extra information beyond the specific purpose of the motion.

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For future reference I would encourage Members to consult our Table Officers in advance on the proper form of a notice letter.

Under our rules and practices, the subject matter requiring urgent consideration must be so pressing that the public interest will suffer if the matter is not given immediate attention.

There must also be no other reasonable opportunities to raise the matter.

I do not doubt that this matter is one that is of serious concern to all members of the House, as trade matters with United States of America are a key concern of Manitobans and of this Legislature.

However I have listened very carefully to the arguments put forward, and I was not persuaded that the ordinary business of the House should be set aside to deal with this issue today.

I would note that there are other avenues for Members to raise this issue, including questions in Question Period, raising the item under Members' Statements and Grievances, as well as during the consideration of Departmental Estimates in the Committee of Supply.

Therefore, with the greatest of respect, I rule the motion out of order as a matter of urgent public importance.

The House resolved into Committee of Supply.

The House then adjourned at 5:01 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, 2017.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.