



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 32

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-FIRST 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. 213).

The House resumed the debate on the Proposed Motion of Mr. SWAN:

THAT Bill (No. 213) – The Allied Healthcare Professionals Recognition Week Act/Loi sur la Semaine de reconnaissance des professionnels paramédicaux, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And leave having been denied to have the matter remain in the name of Mr. MICHALESKI,

And Mr ISLEIFSON having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

In accordance with Rule 33(8), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Worker's Compensation Coverage for Work Related Stress Resolution will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

Mr. WIEBE moved:

Resolution No. 7: Provincial Government Cuts to Education Hurt Manitoba Students

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has frozen K to 12 education funding below inflation, meaning schools have received a de facto cut to funding that does not keep up with enrollment and growth in the economy; and

WHEREAS in the school year 2017-18, twenty-three school divisions have seen an absolute reduction in their funding, representing more than \$7 million in cuts; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has made deep cuts to the Bureau de l'éducation française, including eliminating the Assistant Deputy Minister and leaving French language positions unfilled, putting the future of French language education at risk; and

WHEREAS these cuts mean greater pressure on teachers, fewer resources for schools, bigger class sizes and less one-on-one time between students and teachers; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has continued its attack on post-secondary education by hiking tuition fees by up to 7% a year and cutting supports for post-secondary students; and

WHEREAS on top of these tuition hikes, the Provincial Government cut millions in tax credits for students and recent grads while cutting back on capital funding for post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is now cutting health coverage for international students, increasing both the cost of living for future Manitobans and total tuition costs for domestic students; and

WHEREAS strong post-secondary education tied to labour market outcomes is one of the best ways to grow Manitoba's economy and ensure every person has a good, reliable job; and

WHEREAS the Premier and his Cabinet are attempting to balance their budget on the backs of students and families while they devise schemes to increase their salaries.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to immediately reverse the cuts to K-12 and post-secondary education which have failed Manitoba students in order to ensure every student has access to affordable, quality education.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. WIEBE having spoken,

And Mr. EWASKO, Ms. LATHLIN and Mr. WOWCHUK having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. EWASKO, ALLUM and WOWCHUK and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

And Mr. SARAN speaking at 12:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, made a statement regarding Yom Hashoah (Holocaust) Memorial.

Mr. KINEW and, by leave, Hon. Messrs. GERRARD and FLETCHER commented on the statement.

Hon. Mrs. Cox, Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage, made a statement regarding today's Jersey Day.

Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) and, by leave, Ms. LAMOUREUX commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Hon. Ms. SQUIRES, Messrs. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) and REYES, Ms. LAMOUREUX and Mr. MICHALESKI made Members' Statements.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. KINEW – That the Provincial Government be urged to support a funding increase towards the safety and security of the University of Winnipeg students, faculty members, members of the community, and/or individuals with close ties to the university and to recognize that the University of Winnipeg is an institution located downtown, which needs additional support to be able to make sure that the doors remain open to the wider community. (G. Halili, B. Qasam, M. Domolewski and others)

Mr. SWAN – That the Provincial Government be urged to support a funding increase towards the safety and security of the University of Winnipeg students, faculty members, members of the community, and/or individuals with close ties to the university and to recognize that the University of Winnipeg is an institution located downtown, which needs additional support to be able to make sure that the doors remain open to the wider community. (R. Johnson, T. Lawrie, J. Parong and others)

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to request Dynacare to reopen the closed laboratories or allow Diagnostic Services of Manitoba to freely open labs in clinics which formerly housed labs that have been shut down by Dynacare and to ensure high quality lab services for patients, and a level playing field and competition in the provision of laboratory services to medical offices as well to address this matter immediately in the interest of better patient focused care and improved support for health professionals. (M. Koop, J. Kennington, C. Daily and others)

Mr. WIEBE – That the Provincial Government be urged to support a funding increase towards the safety and security of the University of Winnipeg students, faculty members, members of the community, and/or individuals with close ties to the university and to recognize that the University of Winnipeg is an institution located downtown, which needs additional support to be able to make sure that the doors remain open to the wider community.

By unanimous consent, the sequence for consideration of estimates, as outlined in Sessional Paper No. 27 tabled on March 22, 2018, was further amended in order that the estimates of Infrastructure be considered in Room 254 prior to the estimates of Finance for Thursday afternoon, April 12, 2018 and Friday morning, April 13, 2018 only.

Thursday, April 12, 2018

By unanimous consent, the sequence for consideration of estimates, as outlined in Sessional Paper No. 27 tabled on March 22, 2018, was further amended in order that the estimates of Families be considered in the Chamber prior to estimates of Health, Seniors and Active Living for Friday morning, April 13, 2018 only.

The House resolved into Committee of Supply. The Proceedings were interrupted at 5:00 p.m. with the understanding that the Committee of Supply would resume Friday, April 13, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, April 12, 2018 until 10:00 a.m. Friday, April 13, 2018.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.