



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 53

FOURTH SESSION, FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) moved:

THAT Bill (No. 227) – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services à l'enfant et à la famille, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) having spoken,

And Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Mrs. GUILLEMARD, Ms. FONTAINE and Mr. LAGASSÉ having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mrs. GUILLEMARD speaking at 10:30 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in her name.

Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) moved:

THAT Bill (No. 230) – The Spirit Bear Day Act/Loi sur la Journée de l'ourson Spirit Bear, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) having spoken,

And Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Mr. WOWCHUK, Ms. FONTAINE and Mr. LAGASSÉ having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. LAGASSÉ and Ms. FONTAINE having spoken,

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

In accordance with Rule 33(9), the Official Opposition House Leader announced that the Keep Concordia and Seven Oaks Emergency Rooms Open Resolution will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

Mr. SWAN moved:

Resolution No. 11: Crown Corporations should stay public and affordable.

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has an obligation to keep Crown Corporations public and their services affordable; and

WHEREAS Manitoba Hydro has continued to be profitable as it expands its generation and transmission capability, profiting \$95 million in 2018, and are estimating a \$64 million dollar profit even without a rate increase in 2019; and

WHEREAS the Board of Manitoba Hydro still wants to raise rates by 3.5% in 2019 which would result in families paying more than \$40 more a year; and

WHEREAS this Provincial Government has a poor track record working with Crown Corporation boards, leading to mass resignations of members hand-picked by the Premier and Cabinet; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government removed “keeping hydro affordable” from the terms of reference for the Board of Manitoba Hydro; and

WHEREAS the Minister of Crown Corporations most recent mandate letter to Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries prioritized “engaging with the private sector to identify opportunities for increased participation in the liquor retail and distribution sectors;” and

WHEREAS this directive encourages shifting liquor sales from the public to private sector, putting profits earned into the hands of the wealthy rather than back into public services, certain to lead to higher costs and less choice for Manitobans; and

WHEREAS the Minister of Crown Corporations most recent mandate letter to Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) prioritized “a rate setting structure that is driven to Minimum Capital Test ratios;” and

WHEREAS this directive could lead to large MPI rate increases for Manitobans to build a larger reserve fund; and

WHEREAS the removal of a cap on vehicle inspection fees by the Provincial Government has resulted in the price increasing substantially from \$55 to up to \$200 dollars; and

WHEREAS the Minister of Crown Corporations ordered the Board of MPI to not proceed with online payment options; and

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WHEREAS Provincial Cabinet Members approved a change for MPI to no longer accept convenient pre-authorized credit card payments; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government continues to attempt to lay the groundwork to privatize Manitoba's Crown Corporations and the Progressive Conservative Party has a history of privatization.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to keep Manitoba Hydro, MPI and Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries publically owned so hydro and MPI rates remain the lowest in Canada.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. SWAN having spoken,

And Messrs. WISHART, ALLUM, SMITH (Southdale) and EWASKO having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mrs. MAYER, Mr. WISHART, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. SMITH (Southdale) having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Mrs. GUILLEMARD, Bill (No. 240) – The Elections Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi électorale, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

Hon. Mrs. COX, the Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage, made a statement on Vyshyvanka Day.

Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) and Hon. Mr. GERRARD commented on the statement.

Hon. Ms. SQUIRES, the Minister responsible for the Status of Women, made a statement on International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia.

Ms. FONTAINE, Mr. LAMONT and, by leave, Hon. Mr. FLETCHER commented on the statement.

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

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. GRAYDON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to amend *The Official Time Act* to abolish daylight saving time in Manitoba effective November 4, 2019, resulting in Manitoba remaining on Central Standard Time (CST) throughout the year and in perpetuity. (A. Greenley, R. Dueck, J. Dupasquier and others)

Ms. FONTAINE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce. (N. Samorodny-Johnson, L. Delgado, R. Annoh and others)

Ms. LATHLIN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce.

Mr. LINDSEY – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce. (K. Sutherland, N. Kollinger, A. Klopp and others)

Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce. (J. Pavlin, H. Deg, L. Bartel and others)

Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce.

Mr. ALLUM – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce. (A. Johnson, K. Angus, J. Hunt and others)

Mr. SWAN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce. (D. Maltes, C. Chiappetta, S. Hannah and others)

Mr. LAMONT – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce. (K. Bazin, C. McPherson, M. Simon and others)

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Hon. Mr. GERRARD – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce. (S. Frederiksen, S. Alvarado, T. Hinch and others)

Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce. (P. Harding, T. Yevtuskenko, A. Bergamorto and others)

Ms. LAMOUREUX for Ms. KLASSEN (by leave) – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce. (A. Sipinski, B. Carson, W. Blackburn and others)

In accordance with Rule 29, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. ALLUM rose on Grievances.

During Grievances, Hon. Mr. FLETCHER rose on a point of order regarding the lack of decorum displayed by the Honourable Minister of Finance,

WHEREUPON the Deputy Speaker ruled that there was a point of order.

Hon. Mr. FIELDING moved:

THAT Bill (No. 32) – An Act concerning the Leasing of 800 Adele Avenue, Winnipeg/Loi sur la location des locaux sis au 800, avenue Adele, à Winnipeg, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. FIELDING having spoken,

And Mr. SWAN, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. LAMONT having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. SWAN and LAMONT having spoken,

And Hon. Mr. GERRARD speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.