



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 30

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

In accordance with Rule 33(8), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Private Member's Resolution titled "Creation of an Independent Seniors Advocate Office" will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

Ms. LATHLIN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 213) – The Reporting of Supports for Child Survivors of Sexual Assault Act (Trained Health Professionals and Evidence Collection Kits)/Loi sur la présentation de rapports concernant les mesures de soutien destinées aux enfants survivants d'agression sexuelle (professionnels de la santé formés et troussees médicolégales), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Ms. LATHLIN having spoken,

And Ms. NAYLOR, Mr. LAGASSÉ, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. NESBITT having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON, Ms. NAYLOR, Hon. Ms. SQUIRES, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Ms. MARCELINO having spoken,

And Hon. Mrs. COX speaking at 11:00 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

Mr. SALA moved:

Resolution No. 10: Keep Manitoba Hydro Public

WHEREAS Manitoba Hydro, including its subsidiaries, is a publicly-owned Crown Corporation and therefore belongs to all Manitobans; and

WHEREAS Manitobans deserve affordable and consistent utility rates, which can be ensured by keeping Manitoba Hydro and its subsidiaries operational and public; and

WHEREAS provinces that privatized their hydro services such as Ontario, British Columbia and Nova Scotia have experienced massive increases in energy rates and less public accountability; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has repeatedly made decisions that make Manitoba Hydro less profitable and are ultimately opening the door for privatization by selling off profitable subsidiaries like Teshmont and putting a stop sell order on Manitoba Hydro International; and

WHEREAS Manitoba Hydro International was recently forced to wind down its international consulting operations, which has consistently made millions in profits for Manitoba Hydro, helping keep rates low; and

WHEREAS this decision will eliminate good jobs and cause experienced professionals to leave the province and put financial pressure on Manitoba Hydro, which will translate into higher utility rates for Manitobans; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has plans to deregulate and sell off other divisions and subsidiaries of Manitoba Hydro, putting good paying jobs and the Crown Corporation at risk; and

WHEREAS keeping utility rates affordable is not a priority for the Provincial Government, which is why it is using legislation like Bill 2 and Bill 35 to circumvent the Public Utilities Board and unilaterally raise rates on Manitoban families.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to keep Manitoba Hydro public by ensuring that no piece of Manitoba Hydro, including its subsidiaries, be wound down or sold off so that Manitoba utility rates remain among the lowest in Canada.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. SALA having spoken,

And Mr. MARTIN, Ms. FONTAINE, Messrs. TEITSMA, LAMONT, SMITH (Lagimodière) and GUENTER having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. MARTIN, Ms. FONTAINE, Messrs. TEITSMA and LAMONT having spoken,

And Mr. SMITH (Lagimodière) speaking at 12:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Prior to Routine Proceedings, Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN rose on a Point of Order regarding the comment “the Premier is breaking the law” allegedly spoken by Mr. SALA during the sitting day of March 3, 2021.

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker informed the House she would take the matter under advisement.

The following Bill was read a First Time and had its purpose outlined:

(No. 207) – The Abortion Protest Buffer Zone Act/Loi sur les zones d'interdiction des manifestations contre l'avortement

(Ms. FONTAINE)

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Hon. Mr. EWASKO, Messrs. WIEBE and MICKLEFIELD, Ms. MARCELINO and Mr. LAMONT made Members' Statements.

By leave, it was agreed to set aside consideration of the Condolence Motion for Martin DOLIN to a future date.

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN moved:

THAT this House convey to the family of the late Conrad SANTOS, who served as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, its sincere sympathy in their bereavement and its appreciation of his devotion to duty in a useful life of active community and public service; and that Madam Speaker be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the family.

And Messrs. BRAR and REYES and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

The motion was agreed to, the House standing.

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN moved:

THAT this House convey to the family of the late Harvey SMITH, who served as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, its sincere sympathy in their bereavement and its appreciation of his devotion to duty in a useful life of active community and public service; and that Madam Speaker be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the family.

And Ms. NAYLOR, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and, by leave, Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN having spoken,

The motion was agreed to, the House standing.

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN moved:

THAT this House convey to the family of the late Clarence PETTERSEN, who served as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, its sincere sympathy in their bereavement and its appreciation of his devotion to duty in a useful life of active community and public service; and that Madam Speaker be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the family.

And Messrs. WIEBE and KINEW, Hon. Messrs. EWASKO and GERRARD having spoken,

The motion was agreed to, the House standing.

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN moved:

THAT this House convey to the family of the late Frank PITURA, who served as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, its sincere sympathy in their bereavement and its appreciation of his devotion to duty in a useful life of active community and public service; and that Madam Speaker be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the family.

And Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN, Messrs. MARTIN and ALTOMARE and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

The motion was agreed to, the House standing.

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN moved:

THAT this House convey to the family of the late Stuart BRIESE, who served as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, its sincere sympathy in their bereavement and its appreciation of his devotion to duty in a useful life of active community and public service; and that Madam Speaker be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the family.

And Hon. Messrs. GOERTZEN and PEDERSEN, Mr. WIEBE and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

The motion was agreed to, the House standing.

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN moved:

THAT this House convey to the family of the late Edward CONNERY, who served as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, its sincere sympathy in their bereavement and its appreciation of his devotion to duty in a useful life of active community and public service; and that Madam Speaker be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the family.

And Messrs. WISHART and BRAR and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

The motion was agreed to, the House standing.

The following petitions were presented and read to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba:

Mr. BRAR – To urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

Ms. LAMOUREUX – To urge the Provincial Government to undertake a combined review of the Vivian Sand Facility processing plant and the mining/extraction portion of the operation as a Class 3 development with a review by Manitoba's Clean Environment Commission to include the public hearings and participant funding; and to halt all activity at the mine and plant until the Clean Environment Commission's review is completed and the project proposal has been thoroughly evaluated.

Mr. MALOWAY – To urge the Provincial Government to halt its proposed closure of CancerCare sites at the Concordia Hospital and Seven Oaks General Hospital, while guaranteeing access to high-quality outpatient cancer services in northeast and northwest Winnipeg.

Ms. MARCELINO – 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. SALA – To urge the Provincial Government reverse cuts and closures that negatively impact patients' ability to access timely, quality health care; and to make real investments in Manitoba's public health care system that will improve the timeliness and quality of care for patients by increasing the number of beds across the system, and recruiting and retaining an adequate number of nurses and other health professionals to meet Manitoba's needs.

Mr. SANDHU – To urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

Thursday, March 4, 2021

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN moved:

THAT Len ISLEIFSON, Member for the Electoral Division of Brandon East, be Deputy Chairperson of the Committees of the Whole House.

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN moved:

THAT Dennis SMOOK, Member for the Electoral Division of La Vérendrye, be Deputy Chairperson of the Committees of the Whole House.

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The House then adjourned at 4:27 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 8, 2021.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.