



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 75

SECOND SESSION, THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

By leave, it was agreed for the House to deal with Second Reading of Bill (No. 230).

Mrs. TAILLIEU moved:

THAT Bill (No. 230) – The Regulatory Accountability and Transparency Act/Loi sur la responsabilité et la transparence en matière réglementaire, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. TAILLIEU, Hon. Mr. RONDEAU, Mr. PEDERSEN, Hon. Mr. SWAN and Mr. FAURSCHOU having spoken,

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

In accordance with Rule 31(9), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Global Food Crisis Resolution will be considered next Thursday, October 2, 2008.

Mr. PEDERSEN moved:

Resolution No. 21: Promoting Manitoba as an Inland Port

WHEREAS cities and provinces rise and fall based on their place in the flow of international trade; and

WHEREAS existing North American seaports are congested and increasingly inefficient; and

WHEREAS governments in countries such as China are making massive investments in ports with a view toward capturing a larger share of economic activity in transportation, trade, logistics, manufacturing and distribution; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has recognized both the opportunities and threats associated with these developments; and

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WHEREAS the Government of Canada has accordingly allocated over \$1 billion for the creation of inland ports in Canada; and

WHEREAS historically Winnipeg has been the gateway to the west, and the development of an inland port in Manitoba has the potential to make Manitoba the gateway to the world; and

WHEREAS Manitoba has the geographic location and existing road, rail and air links that make it the most desirable location in Canada for an inland port; and

WHEREAS there are other provinces, notably Alberta and Saskatchewan, that have expressed a desire to develop a prairie inland port and are pursuing this opportunity more aggressively than Manitoba; and

WHEREAS Manitoba is viewed as a threat by these jurisdictions who have criticized Manitoba in their communications to the federal government, meaning that the Province of Manitoba needs to be equally aggressive or risk the loss of this historic opportunity; and

WHEREAS federal decisions are in part based on the expressed priorities of provincial governments and imminent federal decisions have created urgency which means that the time for action is now; and

WHEREAS inaction by the Province of Manitoba could result in a lost opportunity that could cost our province thousands of jobs over several generations; and

WHEREAS the establishment in Manitoba of the leading inland port in western Canada could create tremendous opportunities and be a step toward restoring Manitoba as a "have" province.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider making it a priority to take a leadership role coordinating efforts of industry, the City of Winnipeg, the Rural Municipality of Rosser, the Winnipeg Airports Authority and potential investors to develop and advance a proposal to locate Canada's inland port in Manitoba establishing our province as a "Gateway to the World".

And a debate arising,

And Mr. PEDERSEN, Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX, Mr. BRIESE, Hon. Mr. SWAN, Messrs. MAGUIRE, JENNISSEN and LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And Ms. KORZENIOWSKI speaking at 12:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in her name.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. BOROTSIK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Education Citizenship and Youth to consider removing education funding by school tax or education levies from all property in Manitoba and to consider finding a more equitable method of funding education such as general revenue following the Constitutional funding of education by the Province of Manitoba. (D. Penn, C. Penn, B. Swan and others)

Mr. DYCK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Education, Citizenship and Youth to consider providing the necessary facilities to Garden Valley School Division and to consider providing Garden Valley School Division an immediate date as to when to expect the necessary school facilities. (J. Friesen, M. Dyck, B. Friesen and others)

Mr. CULLEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to consider hard surfacing of the unpaved portion of PR 340, south of Canadian Forces Base Shilo, towards Wawanesa. (D. Gorzen, J. Hrapstead, R. McDougald and others)

Mr. MAGUIRE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Health to consider creating a health care environment in which doctors want to work and build their careers in Manitoba and to consider making it a priority to recruit doctors to southwestern Manitoba so emergency rooms do not have to be closed when they are needed most. (K. Howell, D. Hunter, J. Duke and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to consider establishing a 90 day guarantee for processing an application for a minimum of 80% of applicants that have family living in Manitoba and to consider removing the use of the restrictive job list when dealing with the family sponsor stream. (L. Enriquez, R. Zaballero, P. Pumzalay and others)

Hon. Mr. SWAN presented:

Annual Report of The Manitoba Trade and Investment Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008.

(Sessional Paper No. 81)

During Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker interjected and requested that the words "does he have the guts" spoken by the Honourable Leader of the Official Opposition be withdrawn.

WHEREUPON Mr. MCFADYEN withdrew his remarks.

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Ms. KORZENIOWSKI, Messrs. PEDERSEN, SARAN and MAGUIRE and Hon. Ms. MELNICK made Members' Statements.

Prior to Grievances, Mr. MCFADYEN rose on a Matter of Urgent Public Importance and moved:

THAT under Rule 36(1) the regularly scheduled business of the House be set aside to discuss a Matter of Urgent Public Importance, namely, the immediate need for an external review into the tragic and preventable death of Brian Sinclair who went unattended in the emergency room of the Health Sciences Centre for thirty-four hours before he was discovered.

And Mr. MCFADYEN and Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK having spoken to the urgency of the motion,

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled as follows:

I thank the Honourable Members for their advice to the Chair on whether the motion proposed by the Honourable Leader of the Official Opposition should be debated today. The notice required by Rule 36(1) was provided. 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.

Ordinarily, this matter would be ruled out of order on the basis that there are other opportunities available to raise the matter, but given that there appears to be a willingness to debate the matter today, despite the procedural shortcomings, I shall put the question to the House,

"Shall the debate proceed?" It was agreed to.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. DOER, Mr. MCFADYEN, Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Hon. Ms. OSWALD, Mrs. DRIEDGER, Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS, Mrs. MITCHELSON, Ms. HOWARD, Mr. LAMOUREUX, Hon. Ms. ALLAN and Mrs. STEFANSON having spoken,

The debate was terminated in accordance with Rule 36(6).

By leave, it was agreed for the House to immediately deal with three new Report Stage Amendments to Bill (No. 37).

By leave, it was agreed to withdraw the Proposed Report Stage Amendment to Bill (No. 37) to Clause 12 of Schedule C, sponsored by the Leader of the Official Opposition.

By leave, it was agreed to withdraw the Proposed Report Stage Amendment to Bill (No. 37) to Clause 6 of Schedule B, sponsored by the Honourable Member for Inkster.

The Order of the Day having been read for consideration of Report Stage Amendment of Bill (No. 37) – The Lobbyists Registration Act and Amendments to The Elections Act, The Elections Finances Act, The Legislative Assembly Act and The Legislative Assembly Management Commission Act/Loi sur l'inscription des lobbyistes et modifiant la Loi électorale, la Loi sur le financement des campagnes électorales, la Loi sur l'Assemblée législative et la Loi sur la Commission de régie de l'Assemblée législative, as amended and reported from the Standing Committee on Justice:

By leave, Mr. MCFADYEN moved:

THAT Bill 37 be amended by replacing Clause 12 of Schedule C with the following:

12 Subsection 56(1) is amended by replacing everything before clause (a) with the following:

Government advertising and publications in general election

56(1) No government department or Crown agency shall publish or advertise any information about its programs or activities in the last 90 days before polling day, and on polling day, in the case of a fixed date election, or during the election period for any other general election, unless the publication or advertisement

And a debate arising,

And Mr. MCFADYEN having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

By leave, Mr. HAWRANIK then moved:

THAT Bill 37 be amended in Clause 11(1) of Schedule C, in the proposed subsection 54.1(1), as amended at Committee,

(a) in clause (a), by striking out "\$150,000." and substituting "\$250,000."; and

(b) in clause (b), by striking out "\$5,000." and substituting "\$6,000."

And a debate arising,

And Mr. HAWRANIK having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

By leave, Mr. LAMOUREUX then moved:

THAT Bill 37 be amended in Clause 6 of Schedule B

(a) by replacing the section heading of the English version of the proposed subsection 49.1(2) with "General election on first Tuesday in October";

(b) in the proposed clause 49.1(2)(a),

(i) by striking out "Tuesday, June 14, 2011" and substituting "Tuesday, October 4, 2011", and

(ii) by striking out "June 13, 2011" and substituting "October 3, 2011"; and

(c) in the proposed clause 49.1(2)(b), by striking out "second Tuesday in June" and substituting "first Tuesday in October".

And a debate arising,

And Mr. LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Order of the Day having been read for consideration of Report Stage Amendment of Bill (No. 37) – The Lobbyists Registration Act and Amendments to The Elections Act, The Elections Finances Act, The Legislative Assembly Act and The Legislative Assembly Management Commission Act/Loi sur l'inscription des lobbyistes et modifiant la Loi électorale, la Loi sur le financement des campagnes électorales, la Loi sur l'Assemblée législative et la Loi sur la Commission de régie de l'Assemblée législative, as amended and reported from the Standing Committee on Justice, the House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Proposed Amendment of Mr. LAMOUREUX:

THAT Bill 37 be amended by striking out Clause 8 of Schedule B.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

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

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The House then adjourned at 4:45 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, September 29, 2008.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.