



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 66

THIRD SESSION, THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Bill (No. 240) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Diabetes Protocol)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (protocole d'intervention portant sur le diabète), was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. DERKACH – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Water Stewardship consider and approve the license application to create a ditch across NW 22-16-22W and to install a 30-inch culvert with a gate to replace the small culvert that exists on the municipal road between SW22-16-22W and NW 22-16-22W, and to personally look at the situation involving the North, Middle, and South Salt Lakes, and consider the livelihood of landowners and lack of access they have to property and home, and to consider the height of the flooded lakes along PTH #16 and CP Railway between North Salt Lake and Middle Salt Lake. (N. Gill, P. Pollock, L. Voth and others)

Mr. DYCK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Health to ensure that patients who are awaiting placement in a personal care home are not moved to distant communities and to consider working with the RHA and the community to speed construction and expansion of long term care facilities in the region. (P. M. Thiessen, E. Harder, D. Wolfe 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 90% of applicants that have family living in Manitoba. (C. dela Cruz, J. Alimangohan, D. Avena and others)

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Health to consider working with the Parkland Regional Health Authority to provide a centrally located ambulance and station in the area of Eddystone, Bacon Ridge and Ebb and Flow First Nation. (S. Malcolm, L. Mancheese, R. Houle and others)

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Health to consider rethinking her refusal to allow an ophthalmologist to practice in Swan River and to consider working with the community to provide this service without further delay. (R. Seib, A. Thomson, P. Graham and others)

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Transportation consider the immediate installation of traffic signals at the intersection of PTH #15 and Highway #206 in Dugald and to recognize the value of the lives and well-being of the students and citizens of Manitoba. (J. Ireland, W. Ireland, M. Coners and others)

Mr. HAWRANIK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Health to ensure that patients who are awaiting placement in a personal care home are not moved to distant communities and to consider working with the RHA and the community to speed construction and expansion of long-term care facilities in Lac du Bonnet. (R. Nazer, C. Kyritz, E. Robert and others)

Mr. SARAN, Vice-Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs, presented its Sixth Report, which was read as follows:

Meeting:

Your Committee met on Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matter under Consideration

- **Bill (No. 26)** – The Apprenticeship and Certification Act/Loi sur l'apprentissage et la reconnaissance professionnelle
- **Bill (No. 31)** – The Manitoba Floodway Authority Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Commission du canal de dérivation du Manitoba

Committee Membership

- Hon. Ms. ALLAN
- Mr. DEWAR
- Mr. GOERTZEN
- Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX
- Mr. MAGUIRE
- Ms. MARCELINO
- Mr. PEDERSEN
- Mr. SARAN
- Ms. SELBY
- Mrs. TAILLIEU
- Mr. WHITEHEAD

Your Committee elected Ms. SELBY as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected Mr. SARAN as the Vice-Chairperson.

Public Presentations

Your Committee heard the following presentation on **Bill (No. 26)** – The Apprenticeship and Certification Act/Loi sur l'apprentissage et la reconnaissance professionnelle:

Peter Wightman

CLRAM, Executive Director

Your Committee heard the following two presentations on **Bill (No. 31)** – The Manitoba Floodway Authority Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Commission du canal de dérivation du Manitoba:

Grand Chief Ron Evans

Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs

Chief Donovan Fontaine

Sagkeeng First Nation

Bills Considered and Reported

- **Bill (No. 26)** – The Apprenticeship and Certification Act/Loi sur l'apprentissage et la reconnaissance professionnelle

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 31)** – The Manitoba Floodway Authority Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Commission du canal de dérivation du Manitoba

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. SARAN, the Report of the Committee was received.

Mr. Speaker presented:

Auditor General's Report – Study of Board Governance in Crown Organizations dated September 2009.

(Sessional Paper No. 92)

Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK presented:

Annual Report of the Residential Tenancies Branch for the year ending December 31, 2008.

(Sessional Paper No. 93)

Annual Report of the Residential Tenancies Commission for the year ending December 31, 2008.

(Sessional Paper No. 94)

Hon. Ms. ALLAN presented:

Annual Report of the Manitoba Lotteries Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009.

(Sessional Paper No. 95)

Manitoba Lotteries Corporation, Quarterly Report, Three Months, April 1 to June 30, 2009.
(Sessional Paper No. 96)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Ms. BRAUN, Mrs. TAILLIEU, Ms. MARCELINO, Mrs. ROWAT and Ms. BRICK made Members' Statements.

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

THAT in accordance with Rule 36(1), the ordinary business of the House be set aside to discuss a Matter of Urgent Public Importance, namely, the increasing problems with algal growth in Lake Winnipeg and Killarney Lake and the resulting negative environmental and economic impact on the town of Killarney and the surrounding areas.

And Hon. Mr. GERRARD 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 Member for River Heights 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.

I have listened very carefully to the arguments put forward, however I was not persuaded that the ordinary business of the house should be set aside to deal with this issue today. Although this is an issue that some Members may have a concern about, I do not believe that the public interest will be harmed if the business of the house is not set aside to debate the motion today.

Additionally, I would like to note that other avenues exist for Members to raise this issue, including Question Period, Members' Statements and Grievances.

Therefore, with the greatest of respect, I must rule that this matter does not meet the criteria set by our Rules and Precedents and I rule the motion out of order as a Matter of Urgent Public Importance.

However, despite the procedural shortcomings, there does appear to be a willingness to debate the issue. I shall then put the Question to the House shall the debate proceed?

Mr. Speaker then put the Question, "Shall the debate proceed?" It was agreed to.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. MELNICK, Mr. CULLEN and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken.

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

Monday, September 21, 2009

In accordance with Rule 27, Mrs. MITCHELSON rose on a Grievance.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed to consider the condolence motions on Monday, September 28 and Tuesday, September 29, 2009.

By leave, in accordance to Rule 28(3), the Government House Leader announced that an Opposition Day Motion will be considered on Thursday, September 24, 2009.

The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK:

THAT Bill (No. 8) – The Civil Service Superannuation Amendment Act (Enhanced Manitoba Hydro Employee Benefits and Other Amendments)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la pension de la fonction publique (prestations améliorées à l'intention des employés d'Hydro-Manitoba et autres modifications), 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. PEDERSEN,

And Mr. CULLEN, Mrs. TAILLIEU and Mr. SCHULER 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.

The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK:

THAT Bill (No. 36) – The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Amendment Act (Enhanced Compensation for Catastrophic Injuries)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d'assurance publique du Manitoba (majoration de l'indemnisation en cas de lésions catastrophiques), 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. DYCK,

And Mr. GRAYDON, Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Messrs. SCHULER, FAURSCHOU, DERKACH, BOROTSIK and MAGUIRE 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.

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The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 22, 2009.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.