



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 69

THIRD 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. 239).

Mr. GOERTZEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 239) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Seizure of Vehicles and Suspension of Drivers' Licences Arising from Drug Offences)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (saisie de véhicules et suspension de permis de conduire découlant d'infractions relatives aux drogues), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. GOERTZEN, Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH, Mr. DYCK, Ms. BRICK, Mr. LAMOUREUX and Hon. Mr. BJORNSON having spoken,

And Hon. Mr. RONDEAU 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 Recognizing the Benefits of Traditional Chinese Medicine Resolution will be considered next Thursday, October 1, 2009.

Mr. EICHLER moved:

Resolution No. 21: Standing Committee on Agriculture and Food Needs to Be Convened

WHEREAS Manitoba's agricultural sector is a key economic driver, creating thousands of direct and indirect jobs, and generating hundreds of millions of dollars annually for the provincial economy; and

WHEREAS Manitoba's pork producers are facing fiscal challenges due to factors such as the H1N1 outbreak, Country of Origin Labelling (COOL), Bill 17 – The Environment Amendment Act, high input prices and low commodity prices, among others; and

WHEREAS the cattle industry continues to be adversely impacted by factors such as the lingering effects of the BSE crisis, other trade issues, high operating costs and low commodity prices, among others; and

WHEREAS severe weather-related challenges such as flooding, excess moisture conditions or drought are having a negative impact on livestock and crop producers in different regions of Manitoba; and;

WHEREAS the provincial government has failed to develop effective strategies to attack these varied challenges; and

WHEREAS legislators have a duty to thoroughly examine these issues, to seek input from the affected stakeholders, and to develop strategies to help the industry deal with them; and

WHEREAS the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Food has not met since the spring of 2001 to specifically address the factors negatively affecting our agriculture sector and to examine possible strategies to manage them.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Provincial Government to consider convening the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Food as soon as possible to examine the serious challenges facing Manitoba's farm families, and to consider developing strategies to address these issues in order to ensure the continued success of the province's agriculture sector.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. EICHLER, Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK, Messrs. MAGUIRE, NEVAKSHONOFF and BRIESE having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented and read:

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. (A. Vaags, K. Cipriano, S. Howells 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. (E. Peters, J. Driedger, A. Hiebert 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. (S. Pascual, F. Ines, M. Apuya and others)

Mrs. STEFANSON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to To urge the Minister of Health to consider working with the Interlake Regional Health Authority to provide midwifery services to women in this health region. (R. Lee-Cook, C. Filion, T. Erlendson and others)

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Health to consider prioritizing the needs of these communities by ensuring they have access to a family doctor and to consider promptly increasing the use of nurse practitioners in these communities in order to improve access to quality health care. (B. Malcolm, S. Mckay, S. Warral and others)

Ms. HOWARD, Vice-Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented its Seventh Report, which was read as follows:

Meeting:

Your Committee met on September 23, 2009 in Room 254 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- Auditor General's Report to the Legislative Assembly – Audits of Government Operations dated December 2008: Chapter 1, Family Services and Housing: Employment and Income Assistance Program
- Auditor General's Report – Audit of the Child and Family Services Division Pre-Devolution Child in Care Processes and Practices dated December 2006

Committee Membership

- Mr. BOROTSIK
- Ms. BRAUN
- Mr. DERKACH (*Chairperson*)
- Ms. HOWARD (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. JENNISSEN
- Mr. LAMOUREUX
- Mr. MARTINDALE
- Mr. MAGUIRE
- Ms. SELBY
- Mrs. STEFANSON
- Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK

Officials Speaking on Record

- Carol Bellringer, Auditor General
- Mr. Martin Billinkoff, Deputy Minister of Family Services and Housing

Reports Considered and Passed

Your Committee completed consideration of the following chapter as presented:

- Auditor General's Report to the Legislative Assembly – Audits of Government Operations dated December 2008: Chapter 1, Family Services and Housing: Employment and Income Assistance Program

Your Committee considered and passed the following reports as presented:

- Auditor General's Report to the Legislative Assembly – Audits of Government Operations dated December 2008
- Auditor General's Report – Audit of the Child and Family Services Division Pre-Devolution Child in Care Processes and Practices dated December 2006

On motion of Ms. HOWARD, the Report of the Committee was received.

Mr. Speaker presented:

Annual Report of the Legislative Assembly Management Commission for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008. (Sessional Paper No. 98)

Annual Report of the Legislative Assembly Management Commission for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009. (Sessional Paper No. 99)

Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK presented:

Annual Report of the Organization and Staff Development Agency for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009. (Sessional Paper No. 100)

Annual Report of The Property Registry Agency for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009. (Sessional Paper No. 101)

Annual Report of the Employee Pensions and Other Costs for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009. (Sessional Paper No. 102)

Annual Report of the Automobile Injury Compensation Appeal Commission for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009.

(Sessional Paper No. 103)

Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX presented:

Annual Report of The Municipal Board for the year ending December 31, 2008.

(Sessional Paper No. 104)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Ms. SELBY, Mr. PEDERSEN, Ms. BLADY, Mrs. STEFANSON and Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF made Members' Statements.

Mr. MCFADYEN moved the following Opposition Day Motion:

THAT the Legislature ask the Government House Leader to call a meeting of the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs as soon as possible to consider the Annual Report of Elections Manitoba for the year ending December 31, 2003, which deals with certain matters arising from the 1999 General Election, and that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba call witnesses, including Tom Milne, David Asselstine and other relevant witnesses to testify at the Committee, and to compel production of documents and records in the possession of any witnesses, and have the committee continue to meet without time limit until all outstanding questions are answered regarding the 2003 Annual Report.

And a debate arising,

And Messrs. MCFADYEN and MARTINDALE, Mrs. TAILLIEU, Mr. BOROTSIK, Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Messrs. PEDERSEN, MAGUIRE, GOERTZEN, LAMOUREUX, NEVAKSHONOFF, FAURSCHOU and CULLEN and Mrs. STEFANSON having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was negatived, on the following division:

YEA

BOROTSIK	HAWRANIK
BRIESE	LAMOUREUX
CULLEN	MAGUIRE
DYCK	MCFADYEN
EICHLER	PEDERSEN
FAURSCHOU	STEFANSON
GERRARD	TAILLIEU
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ALLAN	LEMIEUX
ALTEMEYER	MACINTOSH
BLADY	MARCELINO
BLAIKIE	MARTINDALE
BJORNSON	MCGIFFORD
BRAUN	MELNICK
BRICK	NEVAKSHONOFF
CALDWELL	OSWALD
CHOMIAK	REID
DEWAR	RONDEAU
DOER	SARAN
HOWARD	SELBY
IRVIN-ROSS	STRUTHERS
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During the debate, Mr. Speaker interjected and requested that the word "stealing" spoken by the Honourable Member for Inkster be withdrawn.

WHEREUPON Mr. LAMOUREUX withdrew his remarks.

Subsequently, during the debate, Mr. Speaker interjected and requested that the word "lie" spoken by the Honourable Member for Interlake be withdrawn.

WHEREUPON Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF apologized for his remarks.

The House then adjourned at 4:38 p.m. until 1:30 p.m., Monday, September 28, 2009.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.