



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 67

SECOND SESSION, FORTIETH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Proposed Motion of Mr. GRAYDON:

THAT Bill (No. 201) – 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 the debate continuing,

And Messrs. DEWAR and GOERTZEN, Ms. WIGHT and Messrs. EICHLER, PETERSEN and MAGUIRE having spoken,

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

Mr. MALOWAY moved:

Resolution No. 20: Western Power Grid

WHEREAS Manitoba Hydro is a key strategic asset for the Province of Manitoba; and

WHEREAS the Premier of our neighbour Saskatchewan publicly announced interest in working toward agreements to buy the clean, renewable Hydro power that Manitoba generates and will be generating in the North; and

WHEREAS to share this power Manitoba needs to continue to develop the Hydro potential through investments in critical infrastructure like the Keeyask and Conawapa generating stations and the Bipole III transmission line; and

WHEREAS a Western power grid has the potential to provide competitively clean energy, increase the security and reliability of energy supply, enhance trade, co-operation, energy market development and help meet climate change targets; and

WHEREAS commitment and leadership from both federal and provincial governments is required to move forward on a cross-border infrastructure project such as a Western power grid; and

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WHEREAS now is the time to seize this opportunity to engage in nation building by cooperating with Saskatchewan and Manitoba's other Western neighbours; and

WHEREAS the Canadian Electricity Association has advised that the best way forward for Manitoba Hydro is through building connections in regional markets; and

WHEREAS the Official Opposition has shown no support in moving forward on this important project, part of a long history of failing to invest in Manitoba Hydro.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to continue developing Manitoba Hydro resources and ability to share Manitoba's power; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Members of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be urged to call on the Federal Government to support the development of a Western power grid.

And a debate arising,

And Messrs. MALOWAY and SCHULER, Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK and Messrs. PEDERSEN and GAUDREAU having spoken,

And Mr. HELWER 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:

Mrs. MITCHELSON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (C. Rempel, T. Tallman, B. Tallman and others)

Mr. GOERTZEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (J. Wiebe, W. Peters, L. Wiebe and others)

Mr. WISHART – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge that the Minister responsible for Manitoba Hydro create a complete and transparent "Needs For And Alternatives To" review of Manitoba Hydro's total capital development plan to ensure the financial viability of Manitoba Hydro. (G. Aloho, A. Champion, Y. Derkach and others)

Mr. EWASKO – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (L. Bailey, B. Dougall, L. Derksen and others)

Mr. PEDERSEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Local Government afford local governments the respect they deserve and reverse his decision to force municipalities with fewer than 1,000 constituents to amalgamate. (M. Hannah, D. Woodworth, R. Porterfield and others)

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (C. Michalski, E. Merrin, R. Demawleon and others)

Mr. CULLEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Local Government afford local governments the respect they deserve and reverse his decision to force municipalities with fewer than 1,000 constituents to amalgamate. (M. Williams, E. Desrochers, L. Koldyk and others)

Mr. EICHLER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (J. Rootsart, D. Alles, M. Schott and others)

Mrs. STEFANSON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (V. Pedersen, I. Kames, R. Nychuk and others)

Mr. MAGUIRE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (D. Cockbill, S. Thomson, V. Groom and others)

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to consider the importance of reducing the speed limit on PTH 5 to 80 km/hour in the vicinity of the Town of Ste. Rose from the west side of the Turtle River bridge to the south side of the access to the Ste. Rose Auction Mart to help better protect motorist safety. (N. Boerchers, K. Asham, A. Labelle and others)

Mr. HELWER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (G. Dunn, D. Bayes, M. McPhebon and others)

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge that the Minister responsible for Manitoba Hydro create a complete and transparent "Needs For And Alternatives To" review of Manitoba Hydro's total capital development plan to ensure the financial viability of Manitoba Hydro. (N. Cooke, F. Petrie, J. Huggard and others)

Mr. SMOOK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (B. Daudet, S. Mezeo, K. Goertzen and others)

Mr. FRIESEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Local Government afford local governments the respect they deserve and reverse his decision to force municipalities with fewer than 1,000 constituents to amalgamate (A. Dyck, D. Brown, L. Koop and others)

Mr. GRAYDON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Local Government afford local governments the respect they deserve and reverse his decision to force municipalities with fewer than 1,000 constituents to amalgamate. (M. L. Southam, A. Egey-Saeno, S. Stein and others)

Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH, the Minister of Conservation and Water Stewardship, made a statement regarding the forest fires in the northeastern portion of Manitoba.

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Mr. MAGUIRE and, by leave, Hon. Mr. GERRARD commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mrs. DRIEDGER and Messrs. PETERSEN, GRAYDON, GAUDREAU and CULLEN made Members' Statements.

In accordance with Rule 31(8), the Government House Leader announced that the Refugee Health Care Resolution will be considered next Tuesday, July 9, 2013.

The House resolved into Committee of Supply.

The House then adjourned at 5:01 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 3, 2013.

Hon. Daryl REID,
Speaker.