



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 34

SECOND SESSION, THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYERS

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

By leave, it was agreed to waive Rule 23(4) regarding the deferral of a recorded division to the next Private Members' Hour.

The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Proposed Motion of Mrs. MITCHELSON:

THAT Bill (No. 206) – The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d'assurance publique du Manitoba, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. LOEWEN, PENNER, MAGUIRE and EICHLER having spoken,

And Mr. REIMER speaking at 11:00 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name and, by leave, in the name of Ms. BRICK.

The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Proposed Resolution of Mr. ROCAN:

Resolution No. 1: Agriculture Awareness Day

WHEREAS agriculture is one of Manitoba's top five industries contributing approximately ten per cent annually to the provincial gross domestic product and almost one job in eleven in Manitoba depends on agricultural production; and

WHEREAS for every dollar of net farm income produced in Manitoba, almost two dollars is generated in the overall provincial economy; and

WHEREAS Manitoba's agricultural sector and consumers alike would benefit from an increased public understanding of how the industry operates, including its role in providing a safe and affordable food supply, and its importance to the local, provincial and national economies; and

WHEREAS a number of governments and national agricultural groups have attempted to cultivate a better understanding of the agricultural industry through a variety of programs, including Agriculture in the Classroom, Open Farm Days, AgFests, Strategic Partnership Programs and Ag Ambassador Programs; and

WHEREAS for nearly 30 years, the Agriculture Council of America has helped organize National Agriculture Day in order to increase Americans' public awareness and knowledge about agriculture so that every American has a better understanding of how food and fiber products are produced.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider partnering with producers, agricultural organizations, agribusinesses, educational institutions and government agencies in order to develop programs to help increase public awareness and understanding of the importance of Manitoba's agricultural sector; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider setting aside the first day of spring as Manitoba Agriculture Awareness Day in order to acknowledge the critical role Manitoba producers play not only as providers of safe, abundant and affordable food products, but also in their role as key drivers of the provincial economy.

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. EICHLER, Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS, Mrs. TAILLIEU, Ms. BRICK and Mr. LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to, unanimously.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented:

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to consider recognizing the need to sit for a minimum of 80 days in any given calendar year. (J. Capulong, J. Hohne, P. Sarinas)

Ms. BRICK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to replace The Winnipeg Foundation Act. (R. Scott, G. Hanson, R.L. Frost)

Mr. MURRAY – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Premier of Manitoba to consider ending his government's forced unionization plan of companies involved with the Red River Floodway expansion and to consider entering into discussions with business, construction and labour groups to ensure any qualified company and worker, regardless of their union status, is afforded the opportunity to bid and work on the floodway expansion project. (W. Rooke, E. Blandford, S. Stetski and others)

Mr. EICHLER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Transportation and Government Services to consider having Highway 227 paved from the junction of Highway 248 and 227 all the way to Highway 16 the Yellow Head route and to request the Premier of Manitoba to consider supporting said initiatives to ensure for the safety of our Manitobans and all Canadians who travel along Manitoba Highways. (R. Tully, L. Tully, E. Tully and others)

Mr. GOERTZEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Premier of Manitoba to consider ending his government's forced unionization plan of companies involved with the Red River Floodway expansion and to consider entering into discussions with business, construction and labour groups to ensure any qualified company and worker, regardless of their union status, is afforded the opportunity to bid and work on the floodway expansion project. (L. Bartel, E. Peters, T. Esau and others)

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Health to ensure that his attempts to balance his department's finances are not at the expense of the health and well-being of seniors and other vulnerable Manitobans suffering from this debilitating disease; to consider reversing his decision to deny Alzheimer's patients in personal care homes access to certain medications; and to consider implementing a provincial Alzheimer's strategy. (L. Berscheid, J. Taylor, P. Kowlessar and others)

Hon. Mr. SMITH presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2004-2005 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Industry, Economic Development and Mines.
(Sessional Paper No. 53)

Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2004-2005 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Sustainable Development Innovations Fund.
(Sessional Paper No. 54)

Hon. Mr. SMITH, the Minister of Industry, Economic Development and Mines made a statement regarding Provincial Mining Week, May 7 to 13, 2004,

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

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Ms. BRICK, Mrs. ROWAT, Ms. OSWALD, Mrs. TAILLIEU and Mr. REID made Members' Statements.

Thursday, May 6, 2004

The House resolving into the Committee of Supply. The Proceedings were interrupted at 5:30 p.m. with the understanding that the Committee of Supply would resume Friday, May 7, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.

The House then adjourned at 12:31 p.m. Friday, May 7, 2004 until 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 10, 2004.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.