



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 33**

**FOURTH 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. 203).

Mr. CULLEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 203) – The Coat of Arms, Emblems and the Manitoba Tartan Amendment Act (Provincial Soil Designated)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les armoiries, les emblèmes et le tartan du Manitoba (désignation du sol provincial), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. CULLEN, Hon. Mr. ASHTON, Messrs. GRAYDON, CALDWELL and EICHLER and Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX having spoken,

The debate was allowed to remain open.

Mrs. TAILLIEU moved:

Resolution No. 3: Recognizing the Manitoba Women's Institute

WHEREAS the Manitoba Women's Institute is a non-profit, non-denominational and non-partisan rural women's organization first established in the community of Morris; and

WHEREAS the Manitoba Women's Institute is dedicated to personal development, family, agriculture, rural development and community action at both the local and global level; and

WHEREAS the Institute has been a strong advocate for rural women's interests, a source of support for families and a catalyst for positive change in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS the many local branches of the Manitoba Women's Institute have been instrumental in improving the health, education and well-being of families and communities; and

WHEREAS this year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Manitoba Women's Institute.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba acknowledge the good work of the Manitoba Women's Institute over the last one hundred years and thank the Institute for its ongoing efforts to improve the lives of women and families throughout Manitoba.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. TAILLIEU, Ms. BRAUN, Mrs. ROWAT, Messrs. NEVAKSHONOFF and GRAYDON, Ms. HOWARD, Mrs. MITCHELSON and Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK having spoken,

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

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**1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.**

The following Bills were respectively read a First Time and had their purposes outlined:

(No. 26) – The Addictions Foundation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Fondation manitobaine de lutte contre les dépendances

(Hon. Mr. RONDEAU)

(No. 302) – The Southwood Golf and Country Club Incorporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi constituant en corporation le « Southwood Golf and Country Club »

(Ms. BRICK)

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The following petitions were presented and read:

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. (W. Oberlin, A. Oberlin, E. Parachoniak and others)

Mr. BOROTSIK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister responsible for the administration of *The Liquor Control Act* to consider working with MLCC to find alternate means of addressing rising administrative costs; and to consider working with MLCC to revise the decision to implement a significant annual license fee increase; and to consider ensuring that the unique challenges faced by small businesses are better taken into account in the future. (P. Tubman, P. Dougall, B. Ward and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to consider how important it is to have a medical clinic located in the Weston/Brooklands area. (G. Carlson, E. Wiebe, G. Spence and others)

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Hon. Mr. BJORNSON presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2010-2011 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Entrepreneurship, Training and Trade.

(Sessional Paper No. 34)

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Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. WIEBE and MAGUIRE, Ms. KORZENIOWSKI, Mr. GRAYDON and Hon. Mr. BJORNSON made Members' Statements.

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Prior to Grievances, Mr. LAMOUREUX 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 urgent need for the Government to reconsider its commitment to spend 126 million tax dollars for four water bombers at a time when Manitoba is experiencing record high annual deficits.

And Mr. LAMOUREUX and Hon. Mr. BLAIKIE 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.

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, the Estimates process, 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.

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In accordance with Rule 31(9), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Protecting Jobs in Powerview – Pine Falls Resolution will be considered next Thursday, April 29, 2010.

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The House resolved into Committee of Supply. The Proceedings were interrupted at 5:00 p.m. with the understanding that the Committee of Supply would resume Friday, April 23, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

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The House then adjourned at 12:32 p.m. Friday, April 23, 2010 until 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 26, 2010.

Hon. George HICKES,  
Speaker.