



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 58

SECOND SESSION, FORTIETH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Proposed Motion of Ms. WIGHT:

THAT Bill (No. 204) – The Manitoba Human Trafficking Awareness Day Act/Loi sur la Journée manitobaine de sensibilisation à la traite de personnes, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Mrs. ROWAT, Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS and Messrs. EICHLER, GAUDREAU, PEDERSEN, MALOWAY, SMOOK and EWASKO 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.

In accordance with Rule 31(9), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Forced Municipal Amalgamations Resolution will be considered next Thursday, June 20, 2013.

Mrs. ROWAT moved:

Resolution No. 16: Decade of Mismanagement within Manitoba's Child Welfare System

WHEREAS since the Phoenix Sinclair Inquiry was called in March of 2011, Manitobans have been hearing the horror stories of a life needlessly lost as well as consistent examples of failures of accountability and oversight in the child welfare system; and

WHEREAS Manitobans are more reliant on the child welfare system than any other province as experts have defined it as the “busiest child welfare system in Canada”; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is responsible for 10,000 children in care which is equal to a population greater than the City of Selkirk and amounts to more children than those served by the entire Brandon School Division; and

WHEREAS despite the scale of responsibility involved in supporting the child welfare system, the Provincial Government is ignoring recommendations from the Auditor General about the need for better processes and systems to track these children; and

WHEREAS there are still 28 recommendations outstanding from the report on the death of Gage Guimond, five years after the recommendations were issued.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba acknowledge that the Minister of Family Services and Labour and her predecessors have not provided proper oversight to the child welfare system with disastrous results for Manitoba children; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to immediately implement all recommendations of the 2006 report of the Auditor General entitled “Audit of the Child and Family Services Division Pre-Devolution Child in Care Processes and Practices” as well as the recommendations made in the 2008 Review regarding the death of Gage Guimond.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. ROWAT, Hon. Ms. HOWARD, Mrs. MITCHELSON, Ms. WIGHT and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

And Hon. Mr. CHIEF 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. GOERTZEN – 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. (G. Daniels, N. Daniels, T. Daniels and others)

Mr. WISHART – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (B. Knaggs, N. Gray, L. Snusley and others)

Mr. EWASKO – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (L. Woloshyn, L. Baker, P. Stienke and others)

Mrs. ROWAT – 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. (H. English, D. Johns, D. Bullock 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. (V. Gevers, F. Taylor, D. Ainscough and others)

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (S. Giesbrecht, A. Giesbrecht, B. Baisarowiz 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. (B. Malyon, F. Stevens, D. Davis and others)

Mr. EICHLER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (A. Brown, K. Brown, J. Monforton and others)

Mrs. STEFANSON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (B. Essers, B. Butler, S. Wardell and others)

Mr. MAGUIRE – 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. (A. Porter, T. Johnson, L. Smith and others)

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (J. Schedler, M. Savage, K. Voogt and others)

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

Mr. HELWER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (M. William, J. Simpson, M. Hancharyk and others)

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (R. MacDonald, M. Ferg, R. Clark and others)

Mr. SMOOK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (W. Pauls, M. Schulz, W. Schulz and others)

Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs, presented its Third Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings:

Your Committee met on June 12, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- Annual Report of the Children's Advocate for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2012

Committee Membership

- Mr. BRIESE
- Mr. DEWAR
- Mr. EWASKO
- Hon. Ms. HOWARD
- Mr. MARCELINO
- Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF
- Mrs. ROWAT
- Mr. SARAN
- Hon. Ms. SELBY
- Mr. WHITEHEAD
- Mr. WISHART

Your Committee elected Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF as the Chairperson.

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

Substitutions received during committee proceedings:

- Mrs. MITCHELSON for Mr. EWASKO

Official Speaking on Record

- Darlene MacDonald, Children's Advocate

Report Considered and Passed

Your Committee considered and passed the following report as presented:

- Annual Report of the Children's Advocate for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2012

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

Hon. Mr. SWAN presented:

Annual Report of The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation for the fiscal year ending February 28, 2013.

(Sessional Paper No. 57)

Annual Report of The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation (Audited Financial Statement) for the fiscal year ending February 28, 2013.

(Sessional Paper No. 58)

Thursday, June 13, 2013

Hon. Mr. ASHTON for Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2013-2014 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Local Government.

(Sessional Paper No. 59)

Hon. Mr. ASHTON presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2013-2014 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Infrastructure and Transportation.

(Sessional Paper No. 60)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. GAUDREAU and FRIESEN, Ms. WIGHT and Messrs. SCHULER and WHITEHEAD made Members' Statements.

The House resolved into Committee of Supply.

The House then adjourned at 5:03 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, June 17, 2013.

Hon. Daryl REID,
Speaker.