



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 96

SECOND SESSION, FORTIETH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

By leave, it was agreed for the House to deal with debate on Second Reading of Bill (No. 205).

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

THAT Bill (No. 205) – The Election Financing Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le financement des élections, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. JHA, Mrs. STEFANSON, Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS, Mr. SCHULER, Ms. BRAUN and Mr. HELWER having spoken,

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

Mr. GRAYDON moved:

Resolution No. 34: Manitoba's Road to Economic Recovery

WHEREAS the Manitoba economy benefits from trade with provinces to the west, including Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia; and

WHEREAS The New West Partnership is a strong economic partnership between the governments of British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan, encompassing trade, international cooperation, innovation and procurement; and

WHEREAS the combined Gross Domestic Product of the New West Partnership's members is more than \$550 billion; and

WHEREAS the Manitoba economy would benefit through a strong association with other strong economies in other provinces in Canada; and

WHEREAS Manitoba is experiencing high rates of outward migration under this Provincial Government, as well as higher rates of taxation and inflation compared with other provinces; and

WHEREAS the Official Opposition believes in a strong economy, based on beneficial trade agreements; and

WHEREAS Manitobans have ultimately paid the price in employment opportunity; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has proven that it is unable to enter into the kind of trade agreements that will grow and strengthen the Manitoba economy.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to acknowledge its failure in partnering with the governments of British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba recognize the Provincial Government's mismanagement in growing the Manitoba economy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Provincial Government to reverse its decision not to join the New West Partnership Agreement.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. GRAYDON, Hon. Mr. BJORNSON, Mr. EICHLER, Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS and Messrs. PEDERSEN and PETTERSEN having spoken,

And Mr. DEWAR 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. PEDERSEN – 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. (R. Godard, L. Kerr, M. Kerr and others)

Mr. CULLEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to acknowledge that the increase in the PST will significantly encourage cross border shopping and put additional strain on the retail sector, especially for those businesses located close to Manitoba's provincial borders and to urge the Provincial Government to reverse its PST increase to ensure Manitoba consumers can shop affordably in Manitoba and support local businesses. (P. Clark, P. Sudermann, V. Penner and others)

Mr. EICHLER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (D. Allarie, G. Gozda, J. Jones and others)

Mrs. STEFANSON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (M. Toews, B. Kziening, E. Braun and others)

Mr. MAGUIRE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (S. Sveinson, M. Livingstone, D. Ashton and others)

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to acknowledge that the increase in the PST will significantly encourage cross border shopping and put additional strain on the retail sector, especially for those businesses located close to Manitoba's provincial borders and to urge the Provincial Government to reverse its PST increase to ensure Manitoba consumers can shop affordably in Manitoba and support local businesses. (S. Martel, D. Schmidt, K. Bergman and others)

Mrs. MITCHELSON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to re-open Beausejour's Employment Manitoba office. (L. McDonald, K. Bisk, E. Harper and others)

Mr. HELWER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to acknowledge that the increase in the PST will significantly encourage cross border shopping and put additional strain on the retail sector, especially for those businesses located close to Manitoba's provincial borders and to urge the Provincial Government to reverse its PST increase to ensure Manitoba consumers can shop affordably in Manitoba and support local businesses. (A. Wiebe, F. Doerksen, A. Doerksen and others)

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Family Services and Labour consider making funding available to address the current waiting list for ABA Services. (B. Lumsden, L. Wiens, D. Chan and others)

Mr. SMOOK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Education consider making funding available to eliminate the current waiting list for ABA school age services and fund ABA Services for individuals diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. (P. Lachance, R. Perrier, R. Perrier and others)

Mr. FRIESEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Education consider making funding available to eliminate the current waiting list for ABA school age services and fund ABA Services for individuals diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. (A. Lang, K. Broda, G. Lowry and others)

Mr. GRAYDON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Family Services and Labour consider making funding available to address the current waiting list for ABA Services. (E. Larsen, J. Anderson, C. Torres and others)

Mr. GOERTZEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (M. Taillieu, M. Richards, K. Lee and others)

Mr. EWASKO – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation recognize that Cape Coppermine Road can no longer adequately serve both area residents and tourists and as such consider making improvements to the road to reflect its current use. (R. Herlick, G. Herlick, G. Peselcvitch and others)

Mrs. ROWAT – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Education consider making funding available to eliminate the current waiting list for ABA school age services and fund ABA Services for individuals diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. (A. Urasy, T. Jenner, D. Scabo and others)

Hon. Mr. RONDEAU presented:

The Liquor Control Commission, Quarterly Report, Three Months, April 1 to June 30, 2013.
(Sessional Paper No. 95)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Ms. WIGHT, Mrs. ROWAT, Ms. BRAUN and Messrs. GOERTZEN and NEVAKSHONOFF made Members' Statements.

In accordance with Rule 31(9), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Enhancing Respect for Manitobans Resolution will be considered next Thursday, August 29, 2013.

The Order of the Day having been read for consideration of Report Stage Amendment of Bill (No. 20) – The Manitoba Building and Renewal Funding and Fiscal Management Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur le financement du renouvellement des infrastructures et la gestion financière (modification de diverses dispositions législatives), reported from the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development:

Mrs. DRIEDGER moved:

THAT Bill 20 be amended by adding the following after Clause 2(2):

2(2.1) The following is added after section 1.2 and before the centred heading that follows it:

Study of impact of increased sales tax on retail sales

1.3(1) Within one year after this section is enacted, the minister must cause an independent study to be conducted for the purpose of determining the impact of the increase in the general sales tax rate on retail sales in the province.

Tabling study in Assembly

1.3(2) The minister must table a copy of the study in the Assembly within 15 days after receiving it if the Assembly is sitting or, if it is not, within 15 days after the next sitting begins.

Publishing study on government website

1.3(3) The minister must publish the study on a government website.

And a debate arising,

Mrs. DRIEDGER, Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS and Messrs. FRIESEN and EWASKO having spoken,

And the Question being put on the amendment. It was negated, on division.

Mrs. DRIEDGER then moved:

THAT Bill 20 be amended in Clause 3 as follows:

*(a) in the proposed subsection 67.3(1) of **The Financial Administration Act**, in the part before clause (a), by striking out "Within six months after" and substituting "After";*

*(b) by replacing the proposed subsection 67.3(2) of **The Financial Administration Act** with the following:*

Report to be tabled

67.3(2) The Minister of Finance must table a copy of the report referred to in subsection (1) in the Assembly within three months after the end of the fiscal year.

And a debate arising,

Mrs. DRIEDGER and Mr. EICHLER having spoken,

And the Question being put on the amendment. It was negated, on division.

Mrs. DRIEDGER then moved:

*THAT Bill 20 be amended in Clause 3 by adding the following after the proposed subsection 67.3(4) of **The Financial Administration Act**:*

Projects listed in budget

67.3(5) In the annual budget presented to the Legislative Assembly, the Minister of Finance must list the projects to be funded by the increase in the general sales tax rate to 8%, and specify the amount to be given to each project.

And a debate arising,

Mrs. DRIEDGER and Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS having spoken,

And the Question being put on the amendment. It was negated, on division.

Mrs. DRIEDGER then moved:

*THAT Bill 20 be amended in Clause 3 by adding the following after proposed subsection 67.3(4) of **The Financial Administration Act**:*

Annual audit

67.3(5) The Minister of Finance must cause an independent audit to be conducted annually of the projects that are funded by the increase in the general sales tax rate to 8%, and the audit must include the costs associated with those projects.

Tabling audit in Assembly

67.3(6) The minister must table a copy of the audit in the Assembly within 15 days after receiving it if the Assembly is sitting or, if it is not, within 15 days after the next sitting begins.

And a debate arising,

Mrs. DRIEDGER having spoken,

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

YEA

BRIESE	HELWER
CULLEN	MITCHELSON
DRIEDGER	PALLISTER
EICHLER	PEDERSEN
EWASKO	ROWAT
FRIESEN	SCHULER
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ALTEMEYER	MALOWAY
BJORNSON	MARCELINO (Logan)
BLADY	MARCELINO (Tyndall Park)
BRAUN	MELNICK
CALDWELL	NEVAKSHONOFF
CHIEF	OSWALD
CHOMIAK	PETTERSEN
CROTHERS	ROBINSON
DEWAR	RONDEAU
GAUDREAU	SARAN
HOWARD	SELINGER
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The House then adjourned at 5:02 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, August 26, 2013.

Hon. Daryl REID,
Speaker.