



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 19

SECOND SESSION, FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

In accordance with Rule 33(8), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Support for Refugees and Newcomers Resolution will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

By leave, it was agreed for the House to deal with Second Reading of Bill (No. 207).

Mr. WIEBE moved:

THAT Bill (No. 207) – The Public Health Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la santé publique, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. WIEBE having spoken,

And Messrs. MARTIN, ALLUM and BINDLE, Ms. KLASSEN and Messrs. ISLEIFSON, HELWER, JOHNSTON and YAKIMOSKI having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. NESBITT and SWAN, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Messrs. ALLUM and MALOWAY having spoken,

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

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ALLUM
ALTEMEYER
FONTAINE
GERRARD
KINEW
KLASSEN
LAMOUREUX
LATHLIN

LINDSEY
MALOWAY
MARCELINO (Logan)
SARAN
SELINGER
SWAN
WIEBE 15

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CULLEN
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FIELDING
FLETCHER
GOERTZEN
GRAYDON
GUILLEMARD
HELWER
ISLEIFSON
JOHNSON
JOHNSTON
LAGASSÉ

LAGIMODIERE
MARTIN
MAYER
MICHALESKI
MICKLEFIELD
MORLEY-LECOMTE
NESBITT
PEDERSEN
PIWNIUK
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Mr. LINDSEY moved:

Resolution No. 1: Port of Churchill

WHEREAS the Port of Churchill for 85 years has served prairie grain producers and northern Manitoba; and

WHEREAS the Port of Churchill is Canada's only arctic deep sea port, and the town's largest employer, providing work for roughly 10 percent of the population; and

WHEREAS the port and rail line are vital to ensure the long term operation and viability of the community of Churchill as well as northern communities along the Hudson Bay Rail Line, and is an important strategic asset for Canada; and

WHEREAS the Port of Churchill and rail line was bought by the American company Omnitrac when it was privatized in 1997; and

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WHEREAS in 2012, the Federal Government led by then Prime Minister Harper dismantled the Canadian Wheat Board, cutting off critical grain supply to the port; and

WHEREAS the owners of the port, Omnitrax, have unilaterally, without notice, shut down the grain handling facility, laid off over a hundred workers and cut back rail freight service putting the future of the port and communities along the rail line in jeopardy; and

WHEREAS service to the various communities, including First Nations communities, along the Bay Line has been cut in half, reducing shipments of essential items like fresh food which has significantly decreased their accessibility and increased their costs as a result; and

WHEREAS all the communities along the Bay Line from OCN to Churchill and the Arctic Circle have formed a coalition called the Northern Delegation dedicated to save the Port of Churchill and Hudson Bay Rail Line; and

WHEREAS at its 2016 annual convention, the Association of Manitoba Municipalities passed an emergency resolution calling upon the Provincial and Federal Governments to work together with the Northern Delegation and the current owner OmniTRAX to ensure that the port reopens in time for the grain shipping season, in summer 2017.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to take action to make revitalizing the Port of Churchill and Hudson Bay Rail Line the number one priority of the its Northern Economic Development Strategy Task Force and to set up meetings with the Federal Government, the current owner of both the Port of Churchill and Hudson Bay Rail Line, the Town of Churchill and First Nations communities to ensure an orderly ownership transfer at the earliest opportunity.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. LINDSEY having spoken,

And Hon. Mr. FLETCHER, Mr. WOWCHUK, Hon. Mr. CULLEN, Ms. LATHLIN, Messrs. KINEW and LAGIMODIERE, Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE and Ms. KLASSEN having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. CULLEN, Ms. LATHLIN, Mr. BINDLE and Ms. KLASSEN having spoken,

And Mr. JOHNSON speaking at 12:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Prior to Introduction of Bills, Ms. KLASSEN rose on a Matter of Privilege regarding the use of language spoken by the Member for Tyndall Park in the House on March 1, 2017 and moved:

THAT this Matter be brought before a committee of the Legislature to achieve a resolution.

And Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) having voluntarily apologized to the House,

And Mr. MALOWAY and Hon. Mr. MICKLEFIELD having spoken,

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker noted that she had cautioned members when the language was used yesterday, thanked the Member for the apology, and declared the matter resolved.

On motion of Hon. Mr. FIELDING, Bill (No. 9) – The Advocate for Children and Youth Act/Loi sur le protecteur des enfants et des jeunes, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Mr. TEITSMA, Ms. LATHLIN, Hon. Mr. SCHULER, Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE and Hon. Mr. GERRARD made Members' Statements.

The following petition was presented and read:

Mr. MALOWAY – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government do all that is possible to prevent the Bell takeover of MTS and preserve a more competitive cell phone market so that cellular bills for Manitobans do not increase unnecessarily.

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN moved:

WHEREAS health care is the single largest budget item for provinces and territories, each of whom is responsible for the delivery of quality health services for Canadians; and

WHEREAS provinces pay more than 75 per cent of health care costs and the Federal Government continues to reduce growth in health care funding; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government's unilateral approach and refusal to engage in a discussion around the importance of a long term and sustainable partnership on health care funding should be of concern to every Manitoban; and

WHEREAS Manitoba is facing a challenging fiscal situation and the Federal Government's decision to reduce health care funding by more than \$1 billion over the next 10 years is going to put additional strain on the ability to provide services to Manitobans; and

WHEREAS federal funding is essential in order to address the increasing costs associated with the health care needs of the province's growing and aging population.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be urged to reiterate the position of other governments representing 90 percent of Canada's population, that is, before any further discussion takes place on a renewed Health Accord, the First Ministers request a meeting with the Prime Minister regarding the need for long term, sustainable and flexible funding for the healthcare system and that if this is not accomplished, any proposed reduction in healthcare funding be delayed until 2018/19.

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And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN, Messrs. WIEBE and LAGIMODIERE, Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Mr. LAGASSÉ, Ms. FONTAINE and Ms. LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 6, 2017.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.