



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 54

SECOND SESSION, FORTY-FIRST 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. 219).

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

THAT Bill (No. 219) – The Surface Water Management Act (Amendments to Various Acts to Protect Lakes and Wetlands)/Loi sur la gestion des eaux de surface (modification de diverses lois visant la protection des lacs et des terres humides), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. TEITSMA, SWAN and HELWER, Hon. Mrs. COX, Ms. KLASSEN, Hon. Mr. EICHLER and Mr. EWASKO having spoken,

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

In accordance with Rule 33(8), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Mental Health Promotion Tools and Recovery Oriented Framework for Mental Health Resolution will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

Ms. LATHLIN moved:

Resolution No. 15: Recognizing Indigenous Peoples as Founding Nations of Canada

WHEREAS Indigenous peoples of Canada were the first peoples to govern this land, were present for thousands of years prior to Confederation and were self-determining nations with distinct cultures, languages, laws, traditions and unique understanding of the land and environment; and

WHEREAS Indigenous peoples provided land, knowledge, military and other supports to sustain colonial life, were essential to the success of the fur trade which became the backbone of the early Canadian economy and negotiated treaties with the Crown transferring land that have produced immense riches making Canada one of the wealthiest nations in the world; and

WHEREAS the contribution of the British and the French peoples are widely accepted and recognized as foundational to the existence of Canada and the contributions of the Indigenous nations of peoples are not widely accepted or recognized as such; and

WHEREAS at Confederation in 1867 the British and French languages were constitutionally protected as well as their civil rights, customs, traditions, laws and forms of governance yet Indigenous peoples' languages, civil rights, customs, traditions, laws and forms of governance were not protected; and

WHEREAS non-recognition of Indigenous peoples and control over their lands, culture and languages have contributed to historic injustices including their colonization and dispossession from their lands, loss of Indigenous languages, customs, cultures and civil rights and the loss of their inherent right to self-determination; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government has declared its full support for the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and its intention to fully implement all of the ninety-four Calls to Action in the Truth and Reconciliation Report and the protection of existing Aboriginal and treaty rights is an underlying principle in Canada's Constitution and Charter of Rights and Freedoms; and

WHEREAS recognizing the role of Indigenous nations and peoples as foundational to the existence of Canada is a step towards building a meaningful nation-to-nation relationship and an important step in reconciliation; and

WHEREAS in 2017 Canada will celebrate the 150th anniversary of Confederation for which recognition of the Indigenous peoples as founders of Canada is long overdue.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Federal Government to give formal recognition of Indigenous nations and peoples as founding peoples of Canada and to protect and promote their languages, cultures, history, traditions and laws in ways similar to the government's protection and promotion of the languages, cultures, history, traditions and laws of the British and French founding peoples.

And a debate arising,

And Ms. LATHLIN having spoken,

And Mr. TEITSMA, Ms. FONTAINE, Mr. ISLEIFSON, Ms. KLASSEN and Mr. NESBITT having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. TEITSMA and KINEW, Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) and Ms. KLASSEN having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Mr. SWAN, Bill (No. 224) – The Family Law Reform Act (Putting Children First)/Loi sur la réforme du droit de la famille (mesures pour le mieux-être des enfants), was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

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

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. SWAN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to recognize the need for excellent recreation facilities in all Manitoba schools, to reverse this regressive cut and to provide Kelvin High School with the funding necessary to complete a new gymnasium and wellness centre.

Mr. MALOWAY – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30.

Mr. LINDSEY – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30.

Mr. SARAN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30.

Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30.

Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reverse the decision to close Seven Oaks General Hospital's emergency room so that families and seniors in north Winnipeg and the surrounding areas have timely access to quality health care services. (S. Sidhu, C. Jeet, J. Kau and others)

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

THAT Bill (No. 33) – The Minimum Wage Indexation Act (Employment Standards Code Amended)/Loi sur l'indexation du salaire minimum (modification du Code des normes d'emploi), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. LINDSEY, Ms. LAMOUREUX, Messrs. MALOWAY, JOHNSTON and WIEBE, Mrs. MAYER, Mr. SWAN and Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) having spoken,

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

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON moved:

THAT Bill (No. 4) – The Provincial Court Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Cour provinciale, reported from the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs, be concurred in and be now read a Third Time and passed.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON, Mr. SWAN and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

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

The Bill was accordingly concurred in, read a Third Time and passed.

Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON moved:

THAT Bill (No. 15) – The Department of Justice Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le ministère de la Justice, reported from the Standing Committee on Justice, be concurred in and be now read a Third Time and passed.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON, Mr. SWAN and Ms. LAMOUREUX having spoken,

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

The Bill was accordingly concurred in, read a Third Time and passed.

Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON moved:

THAT Bill (No. 32) – The Statutes Correction and Minor Amendments Act, 2017/Loi corrective de 2017, reported from the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs, be concurred in and be now read a Third Time and passed.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON, Mr. SWAN and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly concurred in, read a Third Time and passed.

Thursday, May 18, 2017

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Friday, May 19, 2017.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.