



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 72

SECOND SESSION, FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

By leave, it was agreed for the House to deal with Private Members' Resolutions (Nos. 23 and 24).

Hon. Mr. GERRARD moved:

Resolution No. 23: Dwarfism Awareness

WHEREAS October is Dwarfism Awareness Month in many countries of the world and is dedicated to increasing public knowledge, creating positive awareness, changing negative misconceptions and increasing opportunities for people born with dwarfism; and

WHEREAS today, various Little People organizations exist worldwide, including Little People of Manitoba (LPM) because of the parent organization Little People of America (LPA) formed in 1957 by people like actor Billy Barty and his commitment to inclusiveness and his dedication to our community; and

WHEREAS the first LPA meeting was monumental for a group of people who were severely mislabeled and misunderstood by society and the LPM is a non-profit, registered charity, dedicated to creating awareness about prominent issues and providing social support for people with dwarfism; and

WHEREAS it is the mission of LPM to create awareness and to educate the general public about dwarfism; to promote a positive image of people of short stature; to provide social, emotional and educational support to people of short stature and their families; to encourage life-long acquaintanceship; and to enhance life opportunities for all little persons in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS in declaring October 25 as Dwarfism Awareness Day, LPM hopes to raise awareness that "People with dwarfism are no different than any other person. We may just need a well-placed stool."; and

WHEREAS established in Winnipeg in 1981, LPM is part of a worldwide network of Little People organizations with membership consisting of persons of short stature, as well as families and friends from different genders, ethnicities, socio-economic status and sexual orientations; and

WHEREAS approximately one in 40,000 people are born with dwarfism, eighty percent of them have average height parents and siblings who have a 50-50 chance of passing the dwarfism gene on to their child; and

WHEREAS it does not generally affect cognitive abilities, there are over 200 distinct forms of dwarfism and skeletal dysplasia which affect bone growth resulting in a typical height range of 2'8" to 4'5"; and

WHEREAS in July 2009 the word "midget" was declared inappropriate and offensive and persons born with dwarfism prefer to be referred to by their own name, other acceptable terms are: having dwarfism, short stature, little person, LP, and the medical terminology use of dwarf.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government be urged to increase opportunities and promote awareness for persons with dwarfism and dedicate October 25th annually as Dwarfism Awareness Day.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

And Mrs. MAYER, Messrs. SELINGER and EWASKO and Hon. Mr. FLETCHER having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mrs. MAYER and Messrs. SELINGER and EWASKO having spoken,

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

Mr. SARAN moved:

Resolution No. 24: Establishment of Private Members' Entitlement Equity

WHEREAS all Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) equally perform constituency and provincial services irrespective of their party affiliation; and

WHEREAS the Independent Members' mandates and accountability to their constituents are as equal as those of the Opposition Party Members in the House; and

WHEREAS Independent Members' legislative duties and office management needs are of equal nature and merit not unlike other Members in the House; and

WHEREAS parliamentary privilege entitles Independent Members to equal rights inside and outside the Legislature; and

WHEREAS constituents demand that the Independent Members represent their voice by asking equal number of questions in proportion of the number of Opposition Members; and

WHEREAS constituents demand that the Independent Members be treated equally and equitably, and be entitled to ask equal number of questions in the committees by proportionate distribution of questions among the Opposition Members; and

WHEREAS the Independent Members hold equal right to speak, and submit statements by proportionate distribution of the same between the Opposition Members; and

WHEREAS the Independent Members hold equal right to receive automatic distribution of their entitlements from the Legislative Assembly rather than requesting each time; and

WHEREAS Independent Members should have the right to attend meetings in which Provincial Government and Official Opposition House Leaders meet to discuss Legislative Assembly related issues; and

WHEREAS the Independent Members hold equal entitlement to receive efficient office management services from equal number of staff allocated by proportionate distribution of staff among the Opposition Members.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be urged to take the necessary steps to entitle Independent Members with equal number of questions in the House and committees, statements and speeches, and meetings as well as allocation of equal number of office staff in proportion of the number of Opposition Members.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. SARAN having spoken,

And Messrs. REYES, NESBITT and MICKLEFIELD, Hon. Mr. FLETCHER and Mr. CURRY having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. REYES and SWAN having spoken,

And Hon. Mr. GERRARD speaking at 11:35 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Hon. Ms. SQUIRES presented:

Annual Report of the Department of Sustainable Development for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017.

(Sessional Paper No. 82)

Hon. Mr. SCHULER, the Minister of Infrastructure, made a statement regarding New Cable Ferry.

Mr. LINDSEY and, by leave, Ms. KLASSEN commented on the statement.

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Mr. LAGIMODIERE, Ms. FONTAINE, Hon. Ms. CLARKE, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. MICHALESKI made Members' Statements.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. KINEW – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plan to repeal the annual operating grant for municipal transit agencies and remove section 88(8) of Bill 36, The Budget Implementation and Statutes Amendment Act, 2017. (M. Locke, N. Desrochers, H. Dudenaur and others)

Mr. ALLUM – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plan to repeal the annual operating grant for municipal transit agencies and remove section 88(8) of Bill 36, The Budget Implementation and Statutes Amendment Act, 2017.

Mr. LINDSEY – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to recognize the absolute necessity of maintaining and improving the Northern Patient Transportation Program by continuing to respect Northern Patient Transfer agreements and funding these services in accordance with the needs of northern Manitobans.

Mr. MALOWAY – 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 plan to repeal the annual operating grant for municipal transit agencies and remove section 88(8) of Bill 36, The Budget Implementation and Statutes Amendment Act, 2017.

Mr. SELINGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plan to repeal the annual operating grant for municipal transit agencies and remove section 88(8) of Bill 36, The Budget Implementation and Statutes Amendment Act, 2017. (A. Genaille, T. Keeper, N. Reynolds and others)

Mr. WIEBE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plan to repeal the annual operating grant for municipal transit agencies and remove section 88(8) of Bill 36, The Budget Implementation and Statutes Amendment Act, 2017.

In accordance with Rule 33(11), the Government House Leader announced that the Recognition of Manitoba First Nation Leadership as Governors in their Own Rights Resolution will be considered on the next Tuesday of Private Members' Business.

Mr. KINEW moved the following Opposition Day Motion:

THAT the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to not institute any health care premium in Manitoba.

And a debate arising,

And Messrs. KINEW, LAGIMODIERE, SWAN, HELWER and MARCELINO (Tyndall Park), Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Mr. MICHALESKI, Ms. FONTAINE and Hon. Mr. SCHULER having spoken,

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

YEA

ALLUM	MARCELINO (Logan)
ALTEMEYER	MARCELINO (Tyndall Park)
CLARKE	MARTIN
COX	MAYER
CULLEN	MICHALESKI
CURRY	MICKLEFIELD
EICHLER	MORLEY-LECOMTE
EWASKO	NESBITT
FIELDING	PALLISTER
FLETCHER	PEDERSEN
FONTAINE	PIWNIUK
FRIESEN	REYES
GERRARD	SARAN
GOERTZEN	SCHULER
GRAYDON	SELINGER
GUILLEMARD	SMITH (Point Douglas)
HELWER	SMITH (Southdale)
ISLEIFSON	SMOOK
JOHNSON	SQUIRES
JOHNSTON	STEFANSON
KINEW	SWAN
KLASSEN	TEITSMA
LAGASSÉ	WHARTON
LAGIMODIERE	WIEBE
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The House then adjourned at 4:59 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 25, 2017.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.