



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 35

FOURTH SESSION, FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were read a First Time and had their purposes outlined:

(No. 230) – The Spirit Bear Day Act/Loi sur la Journée de l'ourson Spirit Bear
(Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas))

(No. 231) – The Indigenous Representation and Related Amendments Act/Loi sur la représentation autochtone et modifications connexes
(Hon. Mr. FLETCHER)

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON, Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) and Messrs. WISHART, SWAN and EWASKO made Members' Statements.

Following Oral Questions, Madam Speaker made the following ruling:

On Friday, March 15, 2019, the Honourable Member for Point Douglas raised a matter of privilege regarding the impact of electoral financing legislation on the general public, which she contended violated the privileges of the House. At the conclusion of her remarks, she moved “THAT this matter be referred to an all-party committee immediately.” The Honourable Government House Leader also offered advice to the Chair. I took the matter under advisement in order to consult the procedural authorities.

I thank both Honourable Members for their contributions to the matter of privilege.

In raising privilege, Members must satisfy two conditions in order for the matter to be ruled in order as a prima facie case of privilege. It needs to be demonstrated that the issue was raised at the earliest opportunity, and also that sufficient evidence has been provided to demonstrate that the privileges of the House have been breached, in order for the matter to be put to the House.

The Honourable Member for Point Douglas asserted that she was raising the matter at the earliest opportunity as she needed to consult authorities regarding the legislation however given that the Bill in question she was referring to was introduced in the House on March 7, 2019 this does not fulfill the criteria of raising the issue at the earliest opportunity.

On the second issue of whether a prima facie case of privilege was demonstrated, the issue raised does not qualify as a breach of the privileges of the House. Potential impacts of legislation on the general public does not breach the privileges of the House as parliamentary privilege does not apply to the general public. In addition, disagreement by Members with proposed legislation does not fulfill the criteria of a breach of privilege, rather it is an issue of a difference of opinion and beliefs. There will be opportunities for Members to debate the merits of the legislation when it comes forward for debate at the various legislative stages and to explore these differences of opinion and beliefs in greater detail.

I must therefore rule with the greatest of respect that the matter raised does not fulfill the criteria of a prima facie case of privilege.

From her decision, Ms. FONTAINE appealed to the House,

And the Question being put, "Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained?"

It was agreed to, on the following division:

YEA

BINDLE	LAMOUREUX
CLARKE	MARTIN
COX	MAYER
CURRY	MICHALESKI
EICHLER	MICKLEFIELD
EWASKO	MORLEY-LECOMTE
FIELDING	NESBITT
FRIESEN	PEDERSEN
GERRARD	PIWNIUK
GOERTZEN	REYES
GRAYDON	SMITH (Southdale)
GUILLEMARD	SMOOK
HELWER	SQUIRES
ISLEIFSON	STEFANSON
JOHNSON	TEITSMA
JOHNSTON	WHARTON
KLASSEN	WISHART
LAGASSÉ	WOWCHUK
LAGIMODIERE	YAKIMOSKI 39
LAMONT	

NAY

ALLUM	MALOWAY
ALTEMEYER	MARCELINO (Logan)
FONTAINE	SMITH (Point Douglas)
KINEW	SWAN
LINDSEY	WIEBE 10

The following petitions were presented and read:

Ms. KLASSEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce.

Mr. GRAYDON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to amend *The Official Time Act* to abolish daylight saving time in Manitoba effective November 4, 2019, resulting in Manitoba remaining on Central Standard Time (CST) throughout the year and in perpetuity. (B. Rodewald, P. Gregoire, S. Blundell and others)

Ms. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce.

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce. (A. Hart, J. Crane, P. Hart and others)

Mr. LAMONT – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce. (K. Palmer, E Agosti, L. Onigbinde and others)

Mr. ALLUM – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce. (M. Baker, E. Crawford, N. Douglas and others)

Mr. ALTEMEYER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce. (A. Quintos, M. Macatula, H. Wen and others)

Ms. FONTAINE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce. (R. Bidder, T. Guthridge, L. Allan and others)

Mr. LINDSEY – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reinstate obstetric delivery services at Flin Flon General Hospital and work with the Government of Saskatchewan, and the Federal Government, to ensure obstetric services continue to be available on a regional basis. (M. Gordon, C. Wally, G. Pruden and others)

Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce.

Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Provincial Government consider establishing a cross-departmental team to provide leadership on a culturally appropriate, coordinated response to the growing addictions crisis in our province that includes an aggressive, wide-spread education campaign on the dangers of using methamphetamine and opiates along with addictions education for front-line medical staff in health care facilities, to consider providing additional addictions services in Brandon and Western Manitoba across the continuum of care including acute response, detoxification, long-term rehabilitation, transitional housing, and support for managing co-occurring disorders, to request that the Minister of Health, Seniors and Active Living consider establishing a publicly available inventory of all addictions facilities in Manitoba and to consider providing supports for the families of people struggling with addiction including counseling, patient navigation and advocacy, and direct access to free naloxone. (J. Campbell, S. Bana, K. Brooks and others)

Mr. SWAN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce. (T. Bujak, T. Campbell, C. Miller and others)

Mr. WIEBE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce.

The House resolving into Committee of Supply.

Mr. PIWNIUK, Chairperson of the Committee of Supply, presented the Report of the Proceedings of the Committee of April 8, 2019 as follows:

IN THE COMMITTEE

The following Resolutions were adopted:

Monday, April 8, 2019

RESOLVED that for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, 75% of the total amount authorized for operating expenditures for the 2019-2020 fiscal year by the Appropriation Act for that year that is not an Act for interim supply, may be paid out of the Consolidated Fund and applied to operating expenditures of the public service according to the appropriations set out in Part A of the 2019 Estimates.

RESOLVED that for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, 90% of the total amount authorized for capital investments for the 2019-2020 fiscal year by the Appropriation Act for that year that is not an Act for interim supply, may be paid out of the Consolidated Fund and applied to capital investments according to the appropriations set out in Part B of the 2019 Estimates.

Resolutions were reported and the Report was received.

Hon. Mr. FIELDING moved:

THAT there be granted to Her Majesty on account of Certain Expenditures of the Public Service for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2021 out of the Consolidated Fund, 75% of the total amount authorized for operating expenditures for the 2019-2020 fiscal year by the Appropriation Act for that year that is not an Act for interim supply, to be voted as set out in Part A (Operating Expenditure), and 90% of the total amount authorized for capital investments for the 2019-2020 fiscal year by the Appropriation Act for that year that is not an Act for interim supply, to be voted as set out in Part B (Capital Investment) of the 2019 Estimates.

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

On motion of Hon. Mr. FIELDING, Bill (No. 30) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2020/Loi de 2020 portant affectation anticipée de crédits, was read a First Time and ordered for Second Reading immediately.

Hon. Mr. FIELDING moved:

THAT Bill (No. 30) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2020/Loi de 2020 portant affectation anticipée de crédits, be now read a Second Time, and be referred to Committee of the Whole.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. FIELDING having spoken,

And Mr. WIEBE and Hon. Mr. GERRARD questioned the Minister,

The Question Period was allowed to remain open.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 9, 2019.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.