



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 14

THIRD SESSION, THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYERS

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mrs. TAILLIEU – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Transportation and Government Services consider paving Highway 200 between Highways 205 and 305 to ensure a smooth, safe and uninterrupted use of Highway 200. (L. Preteau, C. Courcelles, A. Desmarais and others)

Mr. REIMER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Health to ensure that his attempts to balance his department's finances are not at the expense of the health and well-being of vulnerable Manitobans suffering from addiction and to consider monitoring the waiting lists for addiction treatment and to consider ensuring that timely treatment for Manitobans with addictions is not compromised by the Provincial Government's decision to cut the AFM's annual budget. (J. Irving, V. Bérubé, J. Diamond and others)

Mr. MAGUIRE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to strongly urge the Minister of Health to consider taking charge and ensuring that he will improve long-term planning efforts to develop a lasting solution to the chronic problem of pediatrician and other specialist shortages in Brandon, and to treat this as the crisis that it is and consider consulting with front-line workers, particularly doctors, to find solutions and to strongly urge the Minister of Health and the Premier of Manitoba to consider ending highway medicine now. (M. Sawyer, J. Mytopher, R. Eslinger)

Ms. KORZENIOWSKI, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs, presented its First Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings:

Your committee met on Wednesday, December 22, 2004 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration:

- Annual Report on the administration of *The Elections Act* and *The Elections Finances Act* for the year ending December 31, 2001
- Annual Report of Elections Manitoba for the year ending December 31, 2002 including the conduct of the Lac du Bonnet by-election dated March 12, 2002
- Annual Report of Elections Manitoba for the year ending December 31, 2003 including the conduct of the 38th Provincial General Election dated June 3, 2003

Committee Membership:

Substitutions received prior to commencement of the December 22, 2004 meeting:

- Hon. Mr. DOER for Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH
- Hon. Mr. ASHTON for Hon. Mr. BJORNSON
- Mr. MURRAY for Mrs. MITCHELSON
- Mr. LOEWEN for Mrs. TAILLIEU
- Mr. CUMMINGS for Mr. GOERTZEN
- Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK for Mr. SANTOS

Substitutions made, by leave, during Committee proceedings:

- Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH for Mr. SCHELLENBERG

Officials Speaking on Record:

- Mr. Richard D. Balasko, Chief Electoral Officer

Reports Considered and Adopted:

Your Committee has considered and adopted the following reports as presented:

- Annual Report on the administration of *The Elections Act* and *The Elections Finances Act* for the year ending December 31, 2001
- Annual Report of Elections Manitoba for the year ending December 31, 2002 including the conduct of the Lac du Bonnet by-election dated March 12, 2002

Reports Considered but not Adopted:

Your Committee has considered the following reports but did not adopt them:

- Annual Report of Elections Manitoba for the year ending December 31, 2003 including the conduct of the 38th Provincial General Election dated June 3, 2003

On motion of Ms. KORZENIOWSKI, the Report of the Committee was received.

Monday, March 7, 2005

Hon. Mr. DOER, the First Minister made a statement regarding the horrific shooting of four Royal Canadian Mounted Police Officers while in the line of duty last Thursday in Alberta.

Mr. MURRAY and, by leave, Hon. Mr. GERRARD commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Hon. Ms ALLAN, Mrs. ROWAT, Ms. KORZENIOWSKI, Mr. SCHULER and Ms. IRVIN-ROSS made Members' Statements.

In accordance with Rule 27, Mr. LAMOUREUX rose on a Grievance.

By leave, prior to Orders of the Day, Mr. DERKACH rose on a Matter of Urgent Public Importance and moved:

THAT in accordance with Rule 36(1) I am hereby filing advance notice with you that today I intend to raise a matter of public importance on the following topic: the hardship being faced by the agriculture industry, rural communities and farm families as a result of the ongoing BSE crisis and the continued closure of the U.S. border to Canadian live cattle.

And Mr. DERKACH, Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH and, by leave, Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken to the urgency of the motion,

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled the motion in order and put the Question, "Shall the debate proceed?" It was agreed to.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. DERKACH, Hon. Mr. DOER, Mr. MURRAY, Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK, Messrs. EICHLER, NEVAKSHONOFF, PENNER and AGLUGUB, Hon. Messrs. GERRARD and STRUTHERS, Mrs. TAILLIEU and Hon. Mr. BJORNSEN and Mrs. ROWAT having spoken,

By leave, during the debate, it was agreed to waive the two-hour time limit as set out in Rule 36(6),

And Hon. Mr. SMITH, Messrs. SCHULER, MAGUIRE and CUMMINGS having spoken.

The debate was then terminated.

Monday, March 7, 2005

By leave, Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK moved:

WHEREAS Manitoba cattle and ruminant producers have been dealing with the effects of a prolonged border closure due to BSE since May 2003; and

WHEREAS the border was set to open to cattle under 30 months, starting on Monday, March 7; and

WHEREAS a United States district court judge has granted a temporary injunction to stop the U.S. government from reopening the border to Canadian cattle which will extend the border closure for an unknown period of time; and

WHEREAS the United States Senate passed a resolution in opposition to the rule submitted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to establish minimal risk regions and resume trade of Canadian cattle under 30 months of age; and

WHEREAS, the BSE crisis has necessitated considerable disaster assistance to cattle and other ruminant producers since the beginning of the BSE crisis; and

WHEREAS, the ruminant industry has been working to find new markets for their animals as well as new opportunities for local processing in order to reposition their industry in the new post-BSE era.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba Government support and work with Manitoba's cattle and ruminant producers throughout the extended border closure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Manitoba Government support and work with Manitoba's cattle and other ruminants industries to find new export markets for their animals as well as enhance their support to domestic efforts to build local slaughter capacity within the province; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba call upon the Federal Government to explore all options that would lead to resumption of trade in ruminant and ruminant products as quickly as possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that until trade resumes, the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba encourage the Federal Government to continue with its Repositioning the Livestock Industry Strategy and move forward immediately on other supports for the industry.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK, Mr. EICHLER and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

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

The House then adjourned at 5:57 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, 2005.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.