



PRAYERS

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

By leave, it was agreed that there will be one Private Member's Business period for the duration of two hours on Thursday, March 24, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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

THAT Bill (No. 201) – The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Assemblée législative, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF, adjourned.

Hon. Mr. GERRARD moved:

THAT Bill (No. 202) – The Health Services Amendment and Health Services Insurance Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services de santé et la Loi sur l'assurance-maladie, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. DEWAR, adjourned.

By leave, Mr. MURRAY moved:

Resolution No. 1: Dr. Jaroslaw Barwinsky

WHEREAS Dr. Jaroslaw Barwinsky is a distinguished surgeon and a leader in the area of cardiac surgery; and

WHEREAS he graduated in 1955 from the University of Manitoba with the degree of Doctor of Medicine and obtained his Diploma of Surgery from the University of Manitoba in 1959; and

WHEREAS he joined the surgical staff at the St. Boniface General Hospital in 1961, and was appointed Director of the Surgical Research Laboratory, a position that he held for over 14 years; and

WHEREAS during this time he conducted research relevant to the innovative science and technology needed for cardiac surgery; and

WHEREAS he was instrumental in the introduction of several cardiac surgical procedures in Winnipeg, including the procedure to install pacemakers, heart valves and coronary bypass grafts, all of which have been beneficial to over tens of thousands of individuals in Manitoba and abroad, by improving their quality and duration of life; and

WHEREAS he set a record of personally performing over 5500 surgical operations; and

WHEREAS he served as the Head and Program Director of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery with the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Manitoba; and

WHEREAS he played a significant role in organizing the Canadian Society of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgeons, now known as the Canadian Society of Cardiac Surgeons, and was instrumental in fundraising to assist in establishing the Association of Cardiac Surgeons of Ukraine in 1993; and

WHEREAS he was granted the status of Senior Member of the Canadian Medical Society, Lifetime Member of the Canadian Cardiovascular Society, Professor Emeritus with the University of Manitoba and Distinguished Alumni Award from the Alumni Association of the University of Manitoba; and

WHEREAS he served on the Board of Directors of the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, and has been Vice-President of the Taras Shevchenko Foundation of Canada, President of the Catholic Physicians Guild and President of the Canada Ukraine Foundation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba acknowledge the tremendous contributions made by Dr. Barwinsky to the health of Manitoban and Canadian citizens, and for his service to the community and contribution to the field of medical science.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. MURRAY, Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK, Mrs. STEFANSON, Mr. MARTINDALE, Mrs. DRIEDGER, Hon. Messrs. SALE and GERRARD, Messrs. REIMER and DERKACH having spoken,

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

By leave, Mr. KOZENIOWSKI moved:

Resolution No. 2: Celebration of the 60th Anniversary of VE-Day

WHEREAS World War II was declared on September 3, 1939 by Britain and France against Germany after they invaded Poland; and

WHEREAS the war eventually encompassed Europe, Asia, Africa, and the far-flung islands of the Pacific as well; and

WHEREAS the war was the greatest and most destructive war in history which strained the economic capabilities of major nations and left many countries on the edge of collapse; and

WHEREAS more than an estimated 17 million members of the armed forces of the various belligerents perished during the conflict; and

WHEREAS in the six years of conflict, Canada enlisted more than one million men and women in the armed forces with over 55,000 wounded and 45,000 giving their lives in the cause of peace and freedom; and

WHEREAS on May 7, 1945 Germany surrendered and May 8th was declared V-E day (Victory in Europe).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, in celebration of the 60th anniversary of VE-Day, express on behalf of all Manitobans, our deepest sympathies and thanks for the sacrifices of those Canadians who joined the forces and those that supported the war effort on home base; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly call on all generations and governments to be involved in the ongoing struggle for world peace and social justice.

By leave, it was agreed that consideration of this resolution would be deferred until a later date.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mrs. ROWAT – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Premier to consider ensuring that acute care and emergency services are available to the residents of Rivers and surrounding areas in their local hospital and to live up to his promise to not close the Rivers Hospital and to request that the Minister of Health consider developing a long term solution to the chronic shortages of frontline healthcare professionals in rural Manitoba. (T. Veitch, K. Davis, M. Weir and others)

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Provincial Government to consider providing East St. Paul with local ambulance service which would service both East and West St. Paul and to consider improving the way that ambulance service is supplied to all Manitoba's by utilizing technologies such as GPS in conjunction with a Medical Transportation Co-ordination Center (MTCC) which will ensure that patients receive the nearest ambulance in the least amount of time and to consider ensuring that appropriate funding is provided to maintain superior response times and sustainable services. (R. Rehbein, L. Rehbein, T. Rehbein and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Provincial Government to consider adopting generally accepted accounting principles in reporting Manitoba's budgetary numbers. (A. Bergado, A. Hipolito, J. Castillo and others)

Mr. GOERTZEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Family Services and Housing consider changes to the departmental policy that pays family members a reduced amount of money for room and board when they care for their special-needs dependants at home versus the amount paid to a non-parental care provider outside the family home and to consider examining on a case-by-case basis the merits of paying family members to care for special-needs dependants at home versus paying to institutionalize them. (S. Hiebert, T. Hiebert, E. Sung and others)

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. (J. Elliot, H. Edwards, B. Edwards and others)

Hon. Ms. ALLAN presented:

Annual Report of the Manitoba Labour Board for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004.

(Sessional Paper No. 43)

On motion of Hon. Mr. SELINGER, Bill (No. 20) – The Life Leases Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les baux viagers, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. JHA and CUMMINGS, Ms. BRICK, Messrs. PENNER and SCHELLENBERG made Members' Statements.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed to have two sections of Committee of Supply to meet in Room 254 to consider the estimates of Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives and in Room 255 to consider the estimates of Labour and Immigration, concurrently with the House.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed that the quorum requirements in the House and in Committee of Supply be waived and that any recorded votes arising be deferred for the afternoon of Thursday, March 24, 2005.

By leave, it was agreed that the House and Committee of Supply would adjourn at 4:30 p.m. for Thursday, March 24, 2005.

Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK moved:

THAT Bill (No. 13) – The Milk Prices Review Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le contrôle du prix du lait, was read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK, Messrs. DYCK, PENNER, LAMOUREUX, SCHULER, GOERTZEN, CUMMINGS and EICHLER having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

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

Hon. Ms. ALLAN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 14) – The Electricians' Licence Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le permis d'électricien, was read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. ALLAN having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. SCHULER, adjourned.

Hon. Ms. ALLAN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 23) – The Workplace Safety and Health Amendment Act (Needles in Medical Workplaces)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la sécurité et l'hygiène du travail (aiguilles utilisées en milieu médical), was read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. ALLAN having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. SCHULER, adjourned.

Hon. Ms. ALLAN presented:

Message from His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 23).

(Sessional Paper No. 44)

Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS moved:

THAT Bill (No. 16) – The Wildlife Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la conservation de la faune, was read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS, Messrs. CUMMINGS, DERKACH and PENNER having spoken,

The debate was allowed to remain open.

The House then adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 11, 2005.

Hon. George HICKES, Speaker.