



PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed to have Hon. Mr. GERRARD'S reference to another MLA or to a constituency removed from yesterday's Hansard during the debate on Bill (No. 4).

By leave, it was agreed for the House to deal with Second Reading of Bill (No. 208).

Mr. GRAYDON moved:

THAT Bill (No. 208) – The Remembrance Day Awareness Act and Amendments to The Public Schools Act/Loi sur la sensibilisation au jour du Souvenir et modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Messrs. GRAYDON, PETTERSEN, BRIESE, WHITEHEAD and SCHULER and Hon. Messrs. BJORNSON, GERRARD and RONDEAU 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.

In accordance with Rule 31(9), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Recidivism in Manitoba Resolution will be considered next Thursday, May 24, 2012.

Mr. HELWER moved:

Resolution No. 5: Brandon University 2011 Strike

WHEREAS the Brandon University strike that took place from October 12, 2011 to November 25, 2011 had a negative academic and financial impact on more than 3,000 Brandon University students and their families that will be felt for years to come; and

WHEREAS the Brandon University strike, which lasted 45 days, was the longest university strike in Manitoba's history and was the second strike at Brandon University in the last four academic years; and

WHEREAS throughout the strike the Provincial Government turned its back on more than 3,000 Brandon University students and their families when it chose to support the collective bargaining process at all costs; and

WHEREAS Brandon University students had no control of the future of their academic year and had no input into the actions that led to or took place during the Brandon University strike; and

WHEREAS if the Premier had the best interests of students and their families at heart he would have legislated an end to the strike before students missed more than six weeks of classes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Premier and the Minister of Family Services & Labour to take the requisite measures to ensure no other post secondary students are subject to another strike such as the one that occurred from October 12, 2011 to November 25, 2011 at Brandon University.

And a debate arising,

And Messrs. HELWER, CALDWELL and CULLEN, Hon. Ms. HOWARD, Mrs. ROWAT, Hon. Ms. SELBY, Mr. MAGUIRE and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

(No. 31) – The Bilingual Service Centres Act/Loi sur les centres de services bilingues

(Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX)

(No. 33) – The Election Financing Act and Elections Amendment Act/Loi sur le financement des élections et Loi modifiant la Loi électorale

(Hon. Ms. HOWARD)

(No. 215) – The Results-Based Budgeting Act/Loi sur la budgétisation axée sur les résultants (Mrs. STEFANSON)

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. GRAYDON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the appropriate Provincial Government departments to consider working with all stakeholders to develop a strategy to swiftly address the serious challenges posed by limited cellular phone service in southeastern Manitoba in order to ensure that people and property can be better protected in the future. (W. Sawatzky, C. Hébert, G. Laurie and others)

Mr. GOERTZEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Health to ensure additional personal care homes and long-term care space are made available in the City of Steinbach on a priority basis. (D. Boychuk, V. Robertson, J. Robertson and others)

Hon. Ms. ALLAN presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2012-2013 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Education.

(Sessional Paper No. 45)

Hon. Mr. RONDEAU presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2012-2013 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Healthy Living, Seniors and Consumer Affairs.

(Sessional Paper No. 46)

Hon. Mr. BJORNSON presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2012-2013 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Entrepreneurship, Training and Trade.

(Sessional Paper No. 47)

Hon. Mr. ROBINSON, the Minister of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs, made a statement to congratulate Dallas and Brandon Courchene and Vince O'Laney of Sagkeeng's Finest for taking the top prize at the first-ever Canada's Got Talent competition.

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

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mr. GAUDREAU, Mrs. DRIEDGER, Hon. Ms. MELNICK, Mrs. ROWAT and Ms. CROTHERS made Members' Statements.

The House resolved into Committee of Supply. The Proceedings were interrupted at 5:00 p.m. with the understanding that the Committee of Supply would resume Friday, May 18, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

The House then adjourned at 12:31 p.m. Friday, May 18, 2012 until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 22, 2012.

Hon. Daryl REID, Speaker.