

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

By leave, it was agreed for the House to deal with Concurrence and Third Reading of Bill (No. 300) and Second Reading of Bill (No. 207).

Mr. SWAN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 300) – The Mount Carmel Clinic Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la « Mount Carmel Clinic », reported from the Standing Committee on Justice, be concurred in and be now read a Third Time and passed.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. SWAN, Ms. HOWARD, Mr. GOERTZEN and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly concurred in, read a Third Time and passed.

Mrs. STEFANSON moved:

THAT Bill (No. 207) – The Participation of Manitoba in the New West Partnership Act/Loi sur la participation du Manitoba au nouveau partenariat de l'Ouest, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. STEFANSON having spoken,

And Hon. Mr. ALLUM and Messrs. SWAN, GAUDREAU and ALTEMEYER having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Ms. WIGHT and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

And Hon. Mr. ALLUM speaking at 11:00 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

Ms. HOWARD moved:

Resolution No. 3: Protecting Strong Public Health Care

WHEREAS public, universal, high quality health care is a top priority for Manitoba families and the Provincial Government will continue to invest in protecting and improving frontline services; and

WHEREAS the Throne Speech shared many smart, strategic and forward thinking investments as it was grounded in the values and priorities of Manitobans to improve the care, health and well being of Manitoba families; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is investing in health care by building more health facilities, hiring and training more doctors, nurses, paramedics and other frontline professionals; enhancing the Emergency Medical Services system, including moving towards reduced ambulance fees; and investing in initiatives like QuickCare clinics that help provide more options and better access to care for Manitobans; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is investing in unique new programs that will provide better parenting support, youth mental health services, addiction supports, home care for seniors and CancerCare support from the moment of diagnosis, all through treatment; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government will continue to invest in health care supports in the North, including making it easier to access healthy foods; and

WHEREAS the Leader of the Official Opposition wants to impose dangerous cuts that would threaten services on which Manitobans rely and would transform the provincial system into American style, two-tier health care where the wealthy can pay to jump to the front of the line; and

WHEREAS even after stating that two-tier healthcare is "a better way to do things," the Leader of the Official Opposition didn't offer any vision for home care, personal care homes, family doctors or nurse practitioners.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba commend doctors, nurses, paramedics and other crucial front line workers who provide top quality care for Manitobans and deserve support; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to continue to invest in its vision for even stronger public, universal, high quality health care for all Manitobans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to continue to reject the calls of the Leader of the Official Opposition to privatize health care that would endanger the health of all Manitobans.

And a debate arising,

And Ms. HOWARD, Mrs. DRIEDGER, Ms. LATHLIN and Messrs. GRAYDON, GAUDREAU and SMOOK having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mr. FRIESEN, Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX, Messrs. SMOOK and SWAN and Mrs. ROWAT made Members' Statements.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge that the Provincial Government improve the safety at the pedestrian corridor at the intersection of PTH# 206 and Cedar Avenue in Oak Bank by considering such steps as highlighting pavement markings to better indicate the location of the shoulders and crosswalk, as well as installing a lighted crosswalk structure. (G. Grycki, D. Saydak, D. Houghton and others)

Mr. PEDERSEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge that the Provincial Government repair and reopen the Provincial Roads 415 and 416 to allow adequate east-west travel in the Interlake. (D. Mosher, B. Griffith, L. Place and others)

Mrs. ROWAT – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to develop and evolve community based brain injury services that include but are not limited to: case management services known also as service navigation; safe and accessible housing in the community; proctor or coach type assistance for community re-integration programs; improved access to community based rehabilitation services; and improved transportation especially for people living in rural Manitoba and to encompass financial and emotional supports for families and other caregivers in the model that is developed. (N. Fort, G. Cockburn, J. Carr and others)

Mrs. MITCHELSON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to develop and evolve community based brain injury services that include but are not limited to: case management services known also as service navigation; safe and accessible housing in the community; proctor or coach type assistance for community re-integration programs; improved access to community based rehabilitation services; and improved transportation especially for people living in rural Manitoba and to encompass financial and emotional supports for families and other caregivers in the model that is developed. (G. Blakely, B. Leys, S. Phillips and others)

Mr. EWASKO – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to consider collaborating with other levels of government to research the economic benefits and construction costs of a marina in Lac du Bonnet. (M. Kucel, J. Bass, J. Charko and others)

Mr. PIWNIUK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister responsible for Manitoba Hydro to immediately provide a written explanation to all Members of the Legislative Assembly regarding what criteria were used and the reasons for selecting the preferred routing for the Minnesota-Manitoba Transmission Line including whether or not this routing represented the least intrusive option to residents of Tache, Springfield, St. Anne, Stuartburn, Piney and La Broquerie. (R. Berard, M. Regehr, T. Mavic and others)

Mr. SMOOK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister responsible for Manitoba Hydro to immediately provide a written explanation to all Members of the Legislative Assembly regarding what criteria were used and the reasons for selecting the preferred routing for the Minnesota-Manitoba Transmission Line including whether or not this routing represented the least intrusive option to residents of Tache, Springfield, St. Anne, Stuartburn, Piney and La Broquerie. (R. Loran, E. Bunquin, C. Rowan and others)

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Ministers of Family Services, Education and Advanced Learning, and Health consider making funding available to address the current waiting list for ABA Services. (R. Postlethwaite, H. Cameron, R. Sandu and others)

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government keep its promise to the people to Manitoba and immediately bring forward the completed budget they are withholding from public scrutiny. (C. Vandale, M. Langrell, M. Langrell and others)

Mr. MARTIN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to develop and evolve community based brain injury services that include but are not limited to: case management services known also as service navigation; safe and accessible housing in the community; proctor or coach type assistance for community re-integration programs; improved access to community based rehabilitation services; and improved transportation especially for people living in rural Manitoba and to encompass financial and emotional supports for families and other caregivers in the model that is developed. (B. Blakely, B. Comba, L. Campbell and others)

Mr. CULLEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government keep its promise to the people to Manitoba and immediately bring forward the completed budget they are withholding from public scrutiny. (G. Jefferies, K. Dowd, V. Morris and others)

Hon. Mr. ROBINSON moved:

THAT Bill (No. 18) – The Path to Reconciliation Act/Loi sur la réconciliation, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

(Recommended by His Honour, the Administrator)

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. ROBINSON having spoken,

And Mr. BRIESE and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. BRIESE, Hon. Mr. ASHTON, Mr. WISHART, Ms. LATHLIN, Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Hon. Ms. BLADY, Mrs. ROWAT and Messrs. PIWNIUK and GOERTZEN 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. Mr. ROBINSON presented:

Message from His Honour, the Administrator recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 18).

(Sessional Paper No. 15)

In accordance with Rule 31(8), the Government House Leader announced that the Advancing Gender Equality and Women's Rights Resolution will be considered next Tuesday, March 8, 2016.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, 2016.

Hon. Daryl REID, Speaker.