



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 22

FIRST SESSION, THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Hon. Mr. GERRARD moved:

THAT Bill (No. 208) – The Elections Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi électorale, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Messrs. SWAN, DERKACH, MARTINDALE and LAMOUREUX, Ms. MARCELINO and Mr. FAURSCHOU having spoken,

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

Mr. MAGUIRE moved:

Resolution No. 7: TILMA and Benefits for Inter-Provincial Trade of Meat and Meat Products

WHEREAS the governments of British Columbia and Alberta have entered into the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA) to reduce barriers to trade; and

WHEREAS there are inter-provincial barriers to trade that are limiting the ability of many Manitoba businesses and workers to enjoy the benefits of increased trade with other provinces, including the lucrative markets of British Columbia and Alberta; and

WHEREAS increased trade with British Columbia and Alberta would provide a benefit to the provincial economy, and our businesses and workers; and

WHEREAS certain sectors such as the meat and meat products sector currently face exceptional challenges related to trade; and

WHEREAS Manitoba's meat and meat products sector deserves access to as many available markets as possible for their products, as a means of compensating for the NDP's shortcomings related to this sector; and

WHEREAS federally inspected meat and meat products can be traded within and across provincial borders; and

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WHEREAS provincially inspected meat plants can only sell products within the Province of Manitoba; and

WHEREAS the restrictions on the sale of meat products in Manitoba is only one of the many examples of how inter-provincial trade barriers are costing Manitoba's businesses and workers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider joining TILMA to encourage increased trade opportunities for all businesses in Manitoba, including the producers of meat and meat products.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. MAGUIRE, Hon. Mr. RONDEAU, Mr. EICHLER, Hon. Ms. MELNICK, Messrs. NEVAKSHONOFF and DERKACH having spoken,

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

In accordance with Rule 31(9), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Age of Protection Resolution will be considered next Thursday, October 22, 2007.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed that the Private Members' Resolution previously announced pursuant to Rule 31(9) be withdrawn for next Thursday, October 22, 2007.

In accordance with Rule 31(9), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Agricultural Input Costs Resolution will be considered next Thursday, October 22, 2007.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. HAWRANIK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Ministers of Conservation and Justice to consider taking timely steps to resolve the blockade and to restore cottage and home owners' access to their property and to request the Minister of Conservation to consider paying compensation to cottage and home owners who suffer property damage as a result of being unable to access their property due to the blockade. (B. Goertzen, L. Goertzen, I. Saber and others)

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Health to consider the feasibility of a joint health centre, including an emergency room, to service Neepawa, Minnedosa and the surrounding area and to consider sustaining health care services in this area by working with local physicians and the Assiniboine Regional Health Authority on this initiative. (D. Kasprick, E. Kasprick, J. Birch and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Premier and his Government to recognize and acknowledge how important immigration is to our province by improving and strengthening the Provincial Nominee Program. (R. Reyes, A. Gonzales, J. Alfonso and others)

Mr. MARTINDALE, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development, presented its First Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings:

Your Committee met on Wednesday, October 17, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- **Bill (No. 3)** – The Healthy Child Manitoba Act/Loi sur la stratégie « Enfants en santé Manitoba »
- **Bill (No. 13)** – The Organic Agricultural Products Act/Loi sur les produits agricoles biologiques
- **Bill (No. 16)** – The Statutory Holidays Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur les jours fériés (modification de diverses dispositions législatives)
- **Bill (No. 18)** – The Forest Health Protection Act/Loi sur la protection de la santé des forêts

Committee Membership

Committee Membership for the meeting:

- Hon. Ms. ALLAN
- Ms. BRAUN
- Mr. DEWAR
- Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS
- Mr. MARTINDALE
- Mr. SWAN
- Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS
- Mr. EICHLER
- Mr. FAURSCHOU
- Mr. GOERTZEN
- Mrs. TAILLIEU

Your Committee elected Mr. MARTINDALE as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected Ms. BRAUN as the Vice-Chairperson.

Public Presentations

Your Committee heard five presentations on Bill (No. 3) – The Healthy Child Manitoba Act/Loi sur la stratégie « Enfants en santé Manitoba », from:

Dr. Fraser Mustard	Founders Network
Doraine Wachniak	Private Citizen
Trish Ward	Child Coalitions
Strini Reddy	Early Childhood Development Advisory Committee
Mark Gray	Manitoba Institute of Child Health

Your Committee heard one presentation on Bill (No. 13) – The Organic Agricultural Products Act/Loi sur les produits agricoles biologiques, from:

Mel Groening	Private Citizen
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Your Committee heard one presentation on Bill (No. 16) – The Statutory Holidays Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur les jours fériés (modification de diverses dispositions législatives), from:

Shannon Martin	Canadian Federation of Independent Business
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Written Submissions

Your Committee received one written submission, by leave, on Bill (No. 3) The Healthy Child Manitoba Act/Loi sur la stratégie « Enfants en santé Manitoba », from:

Dr. Fraser Mustard	Founders Network
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Bills Considered and Reported

- **Bill (No. 3)** – The Healthy Child Manitoba Act/Loi sur la stratégie « Enfants en santé Manitoba »

Your committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 13)** – The Organic Agricultural Products Act/Loi sur les produits agricoles biologiques

Your committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 16)** – The Statutory Holidays Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur les jours fériés (modification de diverses dispositions législatives)

Your committee agreed to report this Bill with the following amendments.

THAT Clause 1 of the Bill be amended by replacing the proposed clause (a.1) with the following:

(a.1) Louis Riel Day (the third Monday in February);

THAT the proposed item 2.1, as set out in Clause 2 of the Bill, be amended by striking out everything after "February," and substituting "to be known as "Louis Riel Day"."

THAT Clause 3 of the Bill be amended by striking out "the third Monday in February," and substituting "Louis Riel Day (the third Monday in February),".

- **Bill (No. 18)** – The Forest Health Protection Act/Loi sur la protection de la santé des forêts

Your committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. MARTINDALE, the Report of the Committee was received.

Hon. Ms. MELNICK presented:

Annual Report of the Conservation Districts of Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007. (Sessional Paper No. 105)

Annual Report of The Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007. (Sessional Paper No. 106)

Hon. Mr. SELINGER presented:

Annual Report of the Special Operating Agencies Financing Authority for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007. (Sessional Paper No. 107)

Actuarial Report of the Public Service Group Insurance Fund for the period ending December 31, 2006. (Sessional Paper No. 108)

Return pursuant to section 20 of The Public Officers Act dated October 18, 2007. (Sessional Paper No. 109)

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Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mr. ALTEMEYER Mrs. MITCHELSON, Ms. BLADY, Mrs. ROWAT and Mr. SARAN made Members' Statements.

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

The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH:

THAT Bill (No. 21) – The Housing and Renewal Corporation Amendment Act (Fund for Housing Revitalization)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d'habitation et de rénovation (fonds destiné à la revitalisation des logements), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And leave having been denied to have the matter remain in the name of Mr. FAURSCHOU,

And Messrs. LAMOUREUX and MCFADYEN, Mrs. MITCHELSON, Mrs. TAILLIEU, Messrs. BOROTSIK, DERKACH, CALDWELL and FAURSCHOU (by leave) 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.

The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. OSWALD:

THAT Bill (No. 22) – The Medical Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi médicale, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And leave having been denied to have the matter remain in the name of Mr. HAWRANIK,

And Messrs. GOERTZEN and LAMOUREUX 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.

The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. SELINGER:

THAT Bill (No. 7) – The Insurance Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les assurances, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

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And Mr. FAURSCHOU 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.

The House then adjourned at 4:58 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, October 22, 2007.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.