



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 63

THIRD SESSION, THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

By leave, it was agreed for the House to deal with Second Reading of Bill (No. 211).

Hon. Mr. GERRARD moved:

THAT Bill (No. 211) – 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 a debate arising,

And Hon. Messrs. GERRARD and CHOMIAK, Mr. LAMOUREUX, Hon. Mr. BJORNSON and Mrs. DRIEDGER having spoken,

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

Ms. KORZENIOWSKI moved:

Resolution No. 18: Reserve Forces Day

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba recognizes the many citizens of this province who are, and have been, members of the Canadian Reserve Forces, and who make a significant continuing contribution to the cultural, social, and economic fabric of the province; and

WHEREAS the dedicated women and men of the Navy, Army, Air and Communications Reserves are integral members of the civilian community and also serve in Canada's Armed Forces on a part-time basis, thereby fulfilling a vital role in the maintenance of Canada's defense commitments; and

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba appreciates the service that reservists provide to those outside Canada through peacekeeping, and other military and humanitarian missions; and

WHEREAS the skills, values and knowledge reservists acquire through their military training make them valued employees and exemplary citizens.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider recognizing the third Saturday in September as “Reserve Forces Day” in Manitoba to acknowledge the important role and value members of the reserve forces have in our province and country.

And a debate arising,

And Ms. KORZENIOWSKI, Mr. CULLEN and Hon. Messrs. BLAIKIE, GERRARD and RONDEAU having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. DYCK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Health to ensure that patients who are awaiting placement in a personal care home are not moved to distant communities and to consider working with the RHA and the community to speed construction and expansion of long term care facilities in the region. (I. Enns, I. Derksen, B. E. Braun and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Premier of Manitoba consider how important it is to have the Seven Oaks Hospital provide full emergency services seven days a week 24 hours a day. (J. Olid, M. Olid, G. Olid and others)

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Health to consider working with the Parkland Regional Health Authority to provide a centrally located ambulance and station in the area of Eddystone, Bacon Ridge and Ebb and Flow First Nation. (L. Malcolm, B. Courchene, E. Bear and others)

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Health to consider rethinking her refusal to allow an ophthalmologist to practice in Swan River and to consider working with the community to provide this service without further delay. (P. Hunt, J. Cober, D. Anderson and others)

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Transportation consider the immediate twinning of the PTH #15 Floodway Bridge for the safety of the citizens of Manitoba. (A. Michaels, D. Ratnor, P. Hrychuk and others)

Mr. HAWRANIK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Health to ensure that patients who are awaiting placement in a personal care home are not moved to distant communities and to consider working with the RHA and the community to speed construction and expansion of long-term care facilities in Lac du Bonnet. (E. Chapman, D. Kettles, C. Hiebert and others)

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Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mrs. DRIEDGER, Messrs. WHITEHEAD, GOERTZEN, JENNISSEN and DYCK made Members' Statements.

Prior to Grievances, Mr. LAMOUREUX rose on a Matter of Urgent Public Importance and moved:

THAT in accordance with Rule 36(1), the ordinary business of the House be set aside to discuss a Matter of Urgent Public Importance, namely, the recent announcement that Greyhound Canada is cancelling all passenger service in Manitoba causing undue hardship to many residents who rely on bus service for medical appointments and to move about the Province safely and affordable.

And Messrs. LAMOUREUX and MAGUIRE and Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK having spoken to the urgency of the motion,

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled as follows:

I thank the Honourable Members for their advice to the Chair on whether the motion proposed by the Honourable Member for Inkster should be debated today. The notice required by Rule 36(1) was provided. Under our Rules and Practices, the subject matter requiring urgent consideration must be so pressing that the public interest will suffer if the matter is not given immediate attention. There must also be no other reasonable opportunities to raise the matter.

I have listened very carefully to the arguments put forward, however I was not persuaded that the ordinary business of the house should be set aside to deal with this issue today. Although this is an issue that some Members may have a concern about, I do not believe that the public interest will be harmed if the business of the house is not set aside to debate the motion today.

Additionally, I would like to note that other avenues exist for Members to raise this issue, including Question Period, Members' Statements and Grievances.

Therefore, with the greatest of respect, I must rule that this matter does not meet the criteria set by our Rules and Precedents and I rule the motion out of order as a Matter of Urgent Public Importance.

However, despite the procedural shortcomings, there does appear to be a willingness to debate the issue. I shall then put the Question to the House shall the debate proceed?

Mr. Speaker then put the Question, "Shall the debate proceed?" It was agreed to.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX, Messrs. GOERTZEN and JENNISSEN, Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK, Messrs. GRAYDON, WHITEHEAD, EICHLER, CULLEN and LAMOUREUX having spoken.

The debate was terminated in accordance with Rule 36(6).

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

In accordance with Rule 31(8), the Government House Leader announced that the All-Aboard Resolution will be considered next Tuesday, September 22, 2009.

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

THAT Bill (No. 31) – The Manitoba Floodway Authority Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Commission du canal de dérivation du Manitoba, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. MAGUIRE and CULLEN having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to, on division.

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

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 16, 2009.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.