



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 65

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. 231).

Mr. MCFADYEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 231) – The Elections Finances Amendment Act (Abolishing the Vote Tax)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le financement des campagnes électorales (abolition de la subvention sur les votes), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And. Mr. MCFADYEN, Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK, Mr. FAURSCHOU, Ms. HOWARD and Mrs. TAILLIEU having spoken,

And Ms. BLADY speaking at 11:00 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in her name.

Mr. MAGUIRE moved:

Resolution No. 19: Supporting a Foreign Trade Zone at CentrePort Canada

WHEREAS the Progressive Conservative Caucus is a longtime supporter of the formation of an inland port; and

WHEREAS CentrePort provides much potential for numerous economic benefits for Manitoba businesses and can position Manitoba as a global trade leader; and

WHEREAS an inland port's long-term viability is based on its ability to facilitate and encourage trade between jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS Manitoba is a trading province and has developed strong economic ties with many countries, especially the United States; and

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WHEREAS Manitoba is strategically positioned to help facilitate global trade and is positioned well within North American transport corridors; and

WHEREAS the North American Mid Continent Corridor and the Asia Pacific Gateway are becoming increasingly important trade corridors in supply systems; and

WHEREAS many established inland ports in the North American Mid Continent Corridor such as Kansas City offer foreign trade zones; and

WHEREAS many companies when choosing where to locate will analyze the geographic position and incentives offered by a jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS foreign trade zones help to facilitate international trade and increase the competitive advantage of an inland port; and

WHEREAS foreign trade zones can increase the manufacturing viability of a jurisdiction increasing economic activity and jobs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to support the establishment of a foreign trade zone at CentrePort Canada.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. MAGUIRE, Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX, Mr. EICHLER, Hon. Ms. ALLAN, Mr. PEDERSEN, Ms. KORZENIOWSKI and Messrs. LAMOUREUX and REID having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

In accordance with Rule 31(9), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Food Needs to Be Convened Resolution will be considered next Thursday, September 24, 2009.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented and read:

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. (T. Genaway, L. Vinet, M. Vinet 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. (R. Spence, K. Houle, J. Flett 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. (N. Rybak, A. Vanhinge, S. Marshall and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Premier and his NDP Government to cooperate in uncovering the truth in why the Government did not act on what it knew and to consider calling a public inquiry on the Crocus Fund Fiasco. (L. Goulet, G. Newbury, R. Roskosz 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. (D. Loughheed, D. Meyers, K. Ogren and others)

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK presented:

Annual Report of the Civil Legal Services for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009.
(Sessional Paper No. 90)

Hon. Mr. ROBINSON presented:

Communities Economic Development Fund, Quarterly Report, Three Months, April 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009.
(Sessional Paper No. 91)

During Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker interjected and requested that the words "Member for foggy bottom" spoken by the Honourable Member for Fort Whyte be withdrawn.

WHEREUPON Mr. MCFADYEN withdrew his remarks.

By leave, Mr. REID, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development, presented its Third Report, which was read as follows:

Meeting:

Your Committee met on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matter under Consideration

- **Bill (No. 217)** – The Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Heritage Act/Loi sur la chasse, la pêche sportive et le piégeage patrimoniaux

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- **Bill (No. 217)** – The Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Heritage Act/Loi sur la chasse, la pêche sportive et le piégeage patrimoniaux

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill, with the following amendment:

THAT Clause 2 of the Bill be replaced with the following:

Aboriginal rights protected

2 This Act is not to be interpreted so as to abrogate or derogate from the aboriginal and treaty rights of the aboriginal peoples of Canada that are recognized and affirmed by section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.

- **Bill (No. 226)** – The Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day Act/Loi sur la Journée de sensibilisation au deuil périnatal

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 238)** – The Service Animals Protection Act/Loi sur la protection des animaux d'assistance

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill, with the following amendment:

THAT the following be added after Clause 3 of the Bill:

Animal obedience training

3.1 If a justice finds a person guilty of an offence under subsection 2(2), the justice may, in a probation order and in addition to any other penalty, prescribe that the person attend animal obedience training with the animal that touched, impeded or interfered with the service animal.

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

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. SARAN, CULLEN, JHA, and MAGUIRE and Ms. MARCELINO made Members' Statements.

Prior to Grievances, Mr. HAWRANIK 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 lockout of workers at Tembec.

And Mr. HAWRANIK, Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK and Mr. LAMOUREUX (by leave) 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 Official Opposition House Leader 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. Ms. ALLAN, Mr. MCFADYEN and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken.

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

Hon. Mr. BJORNSON moved:

THAT Bill (No. 37) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Limited At Large Elections of Trustees)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (modalités d'élection des commissaires dans des circonstances limitées), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. BJORNSON and Mr. LAMOUREUX having spoken,

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

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

THAT Bill (No. 4) – The Community Revitalization Tax Increment Financing Act/Loi sur le financement fiscal de la revitalisation urbaine, 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. DYCK,

And Mrs. STEFANSON, Mr. PEDERSEN, Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Messrs. GRAYDON, FAURSCHOU, CULLEN and MAGUIRE 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 4:59 p.m. until 1:30 p.m., Monday, September 21, 2009.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.