

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 17

FIRST SESSION, THIRTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYERS

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

On motion of Mr. DEWAR:

ORDERED that the composition of the Standing Committees be amended as follows:

Law Amendments: Ms. ASPER for Mr. AGLUGUB, Hon. Ms. BARRETT for Hon. Mr. ASHTON.

Rules of the House: Mr. SANTOS for Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF, Mr. SCHELLENBERG for Mr. REID.

Public Accounts: Mr. SANTOS for Hon. Mr. SALE.

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

THAT Bill (No. 5) – The Wildlife Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la conservation de la faune, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. STRUTHERS and NEVAKSHONOFF and Ms. CERILLI having spoken,

And Mr. SCHELLENBERG speaking at 12:00 p.m.

The debate was allowed to remain in his name and, by leave, in the name of Mr. ENNS.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Hon. Ms. BARRETT, the Minister of Labour made a statement recognizing April 28th as the national day of mourning for those who have died in the workplace,

Mr. SCHULER commented on the statement.

Hon. Mr. LATHLIN, the Minister of Conservation made a statement regarding the expansion of Manitoba's protected areas initiative,

Mr. ENNS commented on the statement.

Mr. Speaker presented:

Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer for the year ending December 31, 1998.

(Sessional Paper No. 117)

During Oral Questions, Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH rose on a point of order regarding the orderliness of a question posed by the Honourable Member for Southdale.

And Mr. LAURENDEAU having spoken to the point of order,

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker informed the House he would take the matter under advisement.

Pursuant to Rule 23(1), Ms. ASPER, Messrs. FAURSCHOU, SCHELLENBERG, PENNER (Emerson) and STRUTHERS made Members' Statements.

The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. LATHLIN:

THAT Bill (No. 5) – The Wildlife Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la conservation de la faune, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. SCHELLENBERG and SMITH (Brandon West) having spoken,

The debate was allowed to remain in the name of Mr. ENNS.

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK moved:

THAT Bill (No. 7) – The Protection for Persons in Care Act/Loi sur la protection des personnes recevant des soins, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK and Hon. Ms. MCGIFFORD having spoken,

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

Mr. FAURSCHOU moved:

Resolution No. 2: Graduated Driver's Licenses

WHEREAS graduated licensing is a system for phasing in on-road driving, allowing beginners to get their initial experience under conditions that involve lower risk and introducing them in stages to more complex driving situations; and

WHEREAS six of Canada's ten provinces currently have graduated licenses; and

WHEREAS road crashes remain the leading cause of death for young Manitobans; and

WHEREAS surveys released in Ontario and Nova Scotia showed traffic-related youth fatalities dropped by about one-third with the introduction of graduated driver's licences; and

WHEREAS a poll conducted by IMPACT, the injury prevention centre of the Children's Hospital found more than 80% of Manitobans would support graduated licenses; and

WHEREAS graduated driver's license would limit first-time drivers from driving unsupervised, limit the number of passengers in the vehicle, enforce a zero blood-alcohol level and limit hours of vehicle operation; and

WHEREAS after a specified period of time and the maintenance of a clean driving record, new drivers acquire full vehicle licensing privileges; and

WHEREAS graduating to a full driver's license is a privilege that must be earned and such a system of licensing would encourage novice drivers to take more responsibility for their driving actions resulting in fewer accidents, injuries and deaths.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider the merits of implementing a graduated drivers licensing program, which takes into consideration an applicant's formal driver's education and experience, for motor vehicles in the province of Manitoba.

By unanimous consent, Resolution No. 2 was amended in the second WHEREAS clause by adding "driver's" after "graduated", in the fifth WHEREAS clause by adding "recently" after "conducted" and in the seventh WHEREAS clause, by striking out "specified" and substituting "specific".

And a debate arising,

And Mr. FAURSCHOU, Hon. Mr. ASHTON and Mr. SMITH (Brandon West) having spoken,

And Mr. RONDEAU speaking at 5:05 p.m.

The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

The House then adjourned at 5:05 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 1, 2000.

Hon. George HICKES, Speaker.