



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 35

FOURTH 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. 217) and to have the Second Reading motion introduced without a seconder.

Hon. Mr. GERRARD moved:

THAT Bill (No. 217) – The Phosphorus Curtailment Act (Municipal Act Amended and City of Winnipeg Charter Amended)/Loi sur la réduction du phosphore (modification de la Loi sur les municipalités et de la Charte de la ville de Winnipeg), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Messrs. NEVAKSHONOFF and LAMOUREUX, Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK and Mr. MAGUIRE having spoken,

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

Ms. KORZENIOWSKI moved:

Resolution No. 4: Canadian Rangers Program

WHEREAS the Canadian Rangers program for part-time army reservists forms the nucleus of Armed Forces support in northern Manitoba, providing essential relief during search and rescue missions, flood or fire evacuations and major air disasters, performing border surveillance, sovereignty patrols and safety inspections in the region; and

WHEREAS there are currently over 170 Canadian Rangers stationed across seven communities in northern Manitoba, with new recruits signing up every year; and

WHEREAS there are active detachments at Shamattawa First Nation, Northlands First Nation, St. Theresa Point First Nation, Lynn Lake, Snow Lake, Gillam and Churchill ranging from 10 or more members to 40 at Lac Brochet and roughly 30 at St. Theresa Point, Gillam and Lynn Lake; and

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WHEREAS reservists on duty earn salaries and are often able to rent snowmobiles, boats, all-terrain vehicles and other equipment, contributing to the local economy; and

WHEREAS as in just one recent example, some 15 Ranger reservists played key roles in the rescue of a surveyor lost some thirty kilometres north of Lac Brochet in September of 2009; and

WHEREAS the Rangers also serve as role models in their communities through the Junior Canadian Rangers program, a practical youth program that strives to promote traditional cultures and lifestyles, provides recreational opportunities and strengthens communities through a variety of structured activities to young people in remote and isolated communities; and

WHEREAS there are other remote northern communities who would like to have a Ranger detachment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to recognize the important contribution of the Canadian Rangers program to northern Manitoba, delivering relief and improving security in our illustrious northern frontier;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to applaud the Canadian Rangers currently serving in northern Manitoba for their unwavering dedication; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly endorse the Rangers Program and encourage the Canadian Armed Forces to support an additional detachment in northern Manitoba; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Federal Minister of Defense.

And a debate arising,

And Ms. KORZENIOWSKI, Messrs. FAURSCHOU, JENNISSEN, MAGUIRE, WHITEHEAD and LAMOUREUX having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were severally read a First Time and had their purposes outlined:

(No. 28) – The Drivers and Vehicles Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les conducteurs et les véhicules

(Hon. Mr. SWAN)

(No. 29) – The Advanced Education Administration Act and Amendments to The Council on Post-Secondary Education Act and The Education Administration Act/Loi sur l'administration de l'enseignement postsecondaire et modifications concernant la Loi sur le Conseil de l'enseignement postsecondaire et la Loi sur l'administration scolaire

(Hon. Ms. MCGIFFORD)

(No. 221) – The Domestic Violence Death Review Committee Act/Loi sur le comité d'examen des décès liés à la violence familiale

(Mrs. DRIEDGER)

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. MAGUIRE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Conservation to consider immediately placing the recent changes to the Onsite Wastewater Management System (OWMS) Regulation under *The Environment Act* on hold until such time that a review can take place to ensure that they are based on sound science and to consider implementing the prohibition on wastewater ejector systems on a case-by-case basis as determined by environmental need in ecologically sensitive areas and to consider offering financial incentives to help affected Manitoba property owners adapt to these regulatory changes. (R. Henuset, J. Williamson, D. Cook 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. (V. Bonyai, J. Chernyk, L. Seib and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to consider how important it is to have a medical clinic located in the Weston/Brooklands area. (D. Blackburn, M. Bittern, A. W. Pruden and others)

Mr. EICHLER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Conservation to consider immediately placing the recent changes to the Onsite Wastewater Management System (OWMS) Regulation under *The Environment Act* on hold until such time that a review can take place to ensure that they are based on sound science and to consider implementing the prohibition on wastewater ejector systems on a case-by-case basis as determined by environmental need in ecologically sensitive areas and to consider offering financial incentives to help affected Manitoba property owners adapt to these regulatory changes. (M. Janzen, G. Penner, M. Green and others)

Mr. BOROTSIK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Education Citizenship and Youth consider removing education funding by school tax or education levies from all property in Manitoba, including commercial property and consider finding a more equitable method of funding education such as general revenue following the Constitutional funding of education by the Province of Manitoba. (V. Hunter, J. Garsom, W. Williamson and others)

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the appropriate ministers of the Provincial Government to consider outlining to Parks Canada the importance that a viable recreational facility in the Mount Agassiz area would play in the local and provincial economies and to consider working with all stakeholders, including Parks Canada, to help develop a plan for a viable, multi-season recreation facility in the Mount Agassiz area. (K. Gilmore, N. Lesanich, E. Taylor and others)

Mr. PEDERSEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to consider proceeding with the cheaper, shorter and more logical east side route, subject to necessary regulatory approvals, to save ratepayers hundreds of millions of dollars during these challenging economic times. (P. Saunders, E. Cummer, R. Cummer and others)

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Hon. Ms. HOWARD presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2010-2011 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Labour and Immigration.

(Sessional Paper No. 38)

Annual Report of The Workers Compensation Board for the year ending December 31, 2009.

(Sessional Paper No. 39)

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2010-2011 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Innovation, Energy and Mines.

(Sessional Paper No. 40)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. BRIESE, WHITEHEAD, FAURSCHOU, JENNISSEN and LAMOUREUX made Members' Statements.

In accordance with Rule 31(8), the Deputy Government House Leader announced that the International Nurse Recruitment Resolution will be considered next Tuesday, May 4, 2010.

The House resolved into Committee of Supply.

The House then adjourned at 5:01 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, 2010.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.