

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 37

FOURTH SESSION, THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER 10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

WHEREAS nearly 300 workers at the Tembec paper mill in Powerview-Pine Falls lost their jobs when workers were locked out on August 31^{st} , 2009; and

WHEREAS the community of Powerview-Pine Falls and the entire Eastern region of the Province have been greatly impacted by this closure; and

WHEREAS in late 2009 Tembec put the plant up for sale, and a senior executive from Tembec has publicly stated that the plant will be closed if a buyer is not found; and

WHEREAS the Sagkeeng First Nation and former Tembec workers have expressed an interest in a purchase of the plant; and

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has provided \$1 million to establish a Community Adjustment Committee, with representation from the Province of Manitoba, RM of Alexander, the Town of Powerview-Pine Falls, Sagkeeng First Nation, papermill employees and community economic agencies; and

WHEREAS the Community Adjustment Committee has supported efforts to determine the viability of a mill purchase and other economic opportunities in the region; and

WHEREAS fifteen years ago the Government of Manitoba provided a \$30 million provincial loan to the employees who purchased the mill; and

WHEREAS the Government of Manitoba should do what it can to protect jobs in Powerview-Pine Falls, and to assist the workers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider providing a Manitoba Industrial Opportunities Program loan if a viable proposal to purchase the mill comes forward from a purchaser who has the financial means to purchase and operate the mill, but needs loan assistance.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. HAWRANIK, Hon. Ms. HOWARD, Mr. CULLEN, Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX, Messrs. PEDERSEN and LAMOUREUX having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK, Bill (No. 31) – The Budget Implementation and Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2010/Loi d'exécution du budget de 2010 et modifiant diverses dispositions législatives en matière de fiscalité, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

The following petitions were presented and read:

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. (C. Glover, M. Mulligan, F. Lesawich and others)

Mr. McFadyen – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Provincial Government consider immediately providing Revlimid as a choice to patients with Multiple Myeloma and their health care providers in Manitoba through public funding. (D. Votto, D. Amey, J. Premak and others)

Mr. DERKACH – 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. (S. Glenn, K. Wozney, D. Drul and others)

Mrs. STEFANSON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Provincial Government consider immediately providing Revlimid as a choice to patients with Multiple Myeloma and their health care providers in Manitoba through public funding. (C. Sarna, L. Wozny, L. Koscielny 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. (J. Carriere, M. Blazenko, D. Mills 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. (E. Cook, O. Fouillard, N. Newlove 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. (N. Waagenaar, M. Fleury, A. Wheeler and others)

Hon. Mr. BLAIKIE presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2010-2011 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Conservation.

(Sessional Paper No. 45)

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2010-2011 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Sustainable Development Innovations Fund.

(Sessional Paper No. 46)

Hon. Mr. ROBINSON presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2010-2011 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Aboriginal & Northern Affairs.

(Sessional Paper No. 47)

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Ms. BRICK. Mrs. DRIEDGER, Ms. KORZENIOWSKI, Mrs. ROWAT, and Mr. WIEBE made Members' Statements.
By unanimous consent, the sequence for consideration of estimates, as outlined in Sessional Paper No. 20 tabled on April 13, 2010, was further amended in order that the estimates of Labour and Immigration be considered in Room 255 with the understanding that Infrastructure and Transportation will resume on Monday, May 3, 2010.
The House resolved into Committee of Supply. The Proceedings, by leave, were temporarily interrupted to permit Mr. Speaker to resume the Chair.
By unanimous consent, the sequence for consideration of estimates, as outlined in Sessional Paper No. 20 tabled on April 13, 2010, was further amended in order that the estimates of Culture, Heritage and Tourism be considered in the Chamber prior to Innovation, Energy and Mines.
And the House continuing in Committee of Supply. The Proceedings were interrupted at 5:00 p.m. with the understanding that the Committee of Supply would resume Friday, April 30, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.
The House then adjourned at 12:31 p.m. Friday, April 30, 2010 until 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 3, 2010.
Hon. George HICKES, Speaker.