

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Mr. PEDERSEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 201) – The Family Maintenance Amendment and Garnishment Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'obligation alimentaire et la Loi sur la saisie-arrêt, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And, Mr. PEDERSEN, Hon. Mr. SWAN, Messrs. GOERTZEN, GAUDREAU and WISHART and Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS having spoken,

And Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) speaking at 11:00 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

Mr. BRIESE moved:

Resolution No. 7: Lack of Transparency on Provincial Park Cottager Service Fees and Rents

WHEREAS Manitoba's provincial parks provide wonderful destinations and retreats for recreation and relaxation; and

WHEREAS Manitoba's provincial parks are an important piece of the province's tourism industry; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has not properly consulted with cottagers and has not justified the increase in the service fees and rents; and

WHEREAS park goers and cottagers alike have witnessed a reduction and worsening of services being provided in the provincial parks; and

WHEREAS the department of Conservation and Water Stewardship has not been transparent on the cost and breakdown of services provided to cottagers; and

WHEREAS some cottagers claim they are witnessing fee and rent increases from 250% to 750%; and

WHEREAS the additional funds gathered from the rent and service fee increase will go directly into general revenue and not specifically back into Park Districts; and

WHEREAS the actions in raising fees and rents represents nothing more than another hidden tax on Manitobans by this Provincial Government.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to acknowledge the failure to properly consult with cottagers and properly disclose how these service fees and rent increases will improve Park Districts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba acknowledge that the arbitrary rent and service fee increases represent nothing more than another hidden tax being imposed on Manitobans to help feed this Provincial Government's spending addiction.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. BRIESE, Hon. Mr. ASHTON, Messrs. EICHLER, PETTERSEN, MARTIN and WIEBE and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

And Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK speaking at 12:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. GAUDREAU and MARTIN, Ms. WIGHT and Messrs. EWASKO and NEVAKSHONOFF made Members' Statements.

In accordance with Rule 31(9), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Reducing Red Tape in Manitoba Resolution will be considered on Thursday, April 10, 2014.

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

The House resolving into Committee of Supply.

Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF, Chairperson of the Committee of Supply, presented the Report of the Proceedings of the Committee of March 27, 2014 as follows:

IN THE COMMITTEE

The following Resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED that a sum not exceeding \$4,231,334,000 being 35% of the total amount to be voted as set forth in Part A (Operating Expenditure) of the Estimates, be granted to Her Majesty for the Fiscal Year ending the 31st day of March, 2015.

RESOLVED that a sum not exceeding \$556,184,000 being 75% of the total amount to be voted as set out in Part B (Capital Investment) of the Estimates, be granted to Her Majesty for the Fiscal Year ending the 31st day of March, 2015.

Resolutions were reported and the Report was received.

Hon. Ms. HOWARD moved:

THAT there be granted to Her Majesty on account of Certain Expenditures of the Public Service for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2015 out of the Consolidated Fund, the sums of \$4,231,334,000 being 35% of the total amount to be voted as set out in Part A (Operating Expenditure) and \$556,184,000 being 75% of the total amount to be voted as set out in Part B (Capital Investment) of the estimates, laid before the House at the present Session of the Legislature.

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

On motion of Hon. Ms. HOWARD, Bill (No. 40) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2014/Loi de 2014 portant affectation anticipée de crédits, was read a First Time and ordered for Second Reading immediately.

Hon. Ms. HOWARD moved:

THAT Bill (No. 40) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2014/Loi de 2014 portant affectation anticipée de crédits, be now read a Second Time, and be referred to Committee of the Whole.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. HOWARD and Messrs. FRIESEN and GOERTZEN having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to Committee of the Whole.

The House resolving into Committee of the Whole.

Bill (No. 40) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2014/Loi de 2014 portant affectation anticipée de crédits was considered in Committee of the Whole and reported without amendment.

Hon. Mr. SWAN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 40) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2014/Loi de 2014 portant affectation anticipée de credits, reported from Committee of the Whole, be concurred in and be now read for a Third Time and passed.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. SWAN, Mr. GOERTZEN and Hon. Ms. HOWARD, having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly concurred in, read a Third Time and passed.

His Honour, Chief Justice CHARTIER, Administrator of the Province of Manitoba, having entered the House at 3:40 p.m., and being seated on the Throne:

Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour in the following words:

Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of Manitoba asks Your Honour to accept the following Bill:

(No. 40) - The Interim Appropriation Act, 2014/Loi de 2014 portant affectation anticipée de credits

To this Bill the Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly as follows:

"In Her Majesty's name, His Honour assents to this Bill."

At 3:43 p.m., His Honour was then pleased to retire.

The House then adjourned at 3:44 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 7, 2014.

Hon. Daryl REID, Speaker.