

PRAYER

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Hon. Mr. FIELDING, Bill (No. 2) – The Public Services Sustainability Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la viabilité des services publics, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN presented:

Annual Report of Brandon University for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019.

(Sessional Paper No. 47)

Annual Report of the University of Winnipeg Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ending March 31, 2019.

(Sessional Paper No. 48)

Annual Report of the University College of the North (including Financial Statements) for the year ending March 31, 2019.

(Sessional Paper No. 49)

Hon. Mr. FIELDING presented:

Annual Report of the Materials Distribution Agency for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019. (Sessional Paper No. 50)

Annual Report of the Manitoba Financial Services Agency for the fiscal year ending March 31,

2019.

(Sessional Paper No. 51)

Madam Speaker presented:

Standing Committee membership composition pursuant to sub-rule 83(1)(d).

(Sessional Paper No. 52)

Hon. Mr. PEDERSEN, the Minister of Growth, Enterprise and Trade, made a statement regarding Fire Prevention Week.

Mr. MOSES and, by leave, Mr. LAMONT commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Hon. Mr. WHARTON, Messrs. SANDHU and TEITSMA, Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) and Mr. NESBITT made Members' Statements.

Prior to Grievances, Mr. LAMONT rose on a Matter of Urgent Public Importance and moved:

THAT in accordance with Rule 38(1), the ordinary business of the House be set aside to discuss a Matter of Urgent Public Importance, namely, the need for urgent attention to the changes in regulations related to Crown Lands Leasing Agreement as the changes may have a devastating impact on the livelihoods of hundreds of farmers so that they may not be able to operate predictably and sustainably.

And Mr. LAMONT, Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN and Ms. FONTAINE having spoken to the urgency of the motion,

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker ruled as follows:

I thank the Honourable Members for their advice to the Chair on the motion proposed by the Honourable Member for St. Boniface for a Matter of Urgent Public Importance. The 90 minute notice required prior to the start of Routine Proceedings by Rule 38(1) was provided, and I thank the Honourable Member for that.

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. Although the subject of regulations and crown lands leasing agreements and the impact on farmers are important issues for our society, I do not believe the public interest will suffer if the issue is not debated today. I would also note that there are other opportunities where this issue can be raised, such as during Oral Questions, Members' Statements, Grievances or the consideration of the Agriculture Estimates.

Therefore with the greatest of respect, I rule this motion out of order as a Matter of Urgent Public Importance.

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN presented:

Revised sequence for consideration of the Estimates by the Committee of Supply.

(Sessional Paper No. 53)

The House resolving into Committee of Supply.

The House then adjourned at 6:01 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 8, 2019.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER, Speaker.