

## PRAYER

## 10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Hon. Mr. GERRARD moved:

THAT Bill (No. 202) – The Health Services Amendment and Health Services Insurance Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services de santé et la Loi sur l'assurance-maladie, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Mr. DEWAR, Mrs. STEFANSON, Hon. Mr. SWAN and Mr. LAMOUREUX having spoken,

During the debate, Mr. Speaker interjected and requested that the words "having the guts" spoken by the Honourable Member for Inkster be withdrawn.

WHEREUPON Mr. LAMOUREUX withdrew and concluded his remarks.

And Mr. MARTINDALE having spoken,

And Ms. HOWARD speaking at 11:00 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in her name.

Mr. MARTINDALE moved:

Resolution No. 3: Trafficking in Human Beings

WHEREAS all people and persons irrespective of differences possess a fundamental right to selfdetermination and this right and the exercise of it are essential to any democratic society; and

WHEREAS slavery, torture, and imprisonment are perhaps the most heinous violation of this fundamental right; and

WHEREAS over ninety-five per cent of people who are trafficked are women and children and approximately eighty per cent of victims are trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation where class, race, and gender oppression come together to create the worst possible exploitation; and WHEREAS many of the women being trafficked are from Eastern Europe; and

WHEREAS many of the women lured into the global sex trade experience dire poverty in their countries of origin and are attracted by the prospect of a well-paid job as a domestic servant, waitress, or factory worker in industrialized countries; and

WHEREAS upon arrival at their destination these women are stripped of their material belongings, their passports and identification documents are stolen, and they are immediately exploited by being forced to work as prostitutes in brothels, massage parlours, or in private homes, all under deplorable conditions; and

WHEREAS HIV/ AIDS, venereal diseases, unwanted pregnancies, drug addiction, physical and psychological trauma, and the daily ravaging of their person by so-called "clients" are all the consequences of the forced confinement and torture of these women and children; and

WHEREAS, in Canada, human trafficking is covered by a wide range of Criminal Code offences including kidnapping, forcible confinement, extortion, assault, sexual assault, prostitution-related offences and organized crime offences, as well as a new human trafficking offence in the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act that attracts severe penalties of up to life imprisonment and/or a one million dollar fine; and

WHEREAS this traffic in women and children is a global issue that transcends national boundaries and necessitates a coordinated response on the part of the world's governments in terms of monitoring, investigating and prosecuting of this type of criminal activity in order to end this brutal exploitation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Federal Government to work with all interested parties, be it government, non-governmental, business, or otherwise, in order to develop an international strategy to collectively combat this phenomenon of international exploitation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly urge the Provincial Government to consider working in concert with other jurisdictions in order to raise the profile of this issue.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. MARTINDALE, Mrs. DRIEDGER, Ms. SELBY, Mr. SCHULER, Ms. MARCELINO and Mr. LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

## 1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK, Bill (No. 26) – The Legal Profession Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la profession d'avocat, was read a First Time.

On motion of Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Bill (No. 228) – The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reporting Act/Loi sur l'obligation de faire rapport des émissions de gaz à effet de serre, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mrs. STEFANSON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Water Stewardship to consider placing a moratorium on the harvesting of any species of fish on Lake Dauphin and its tributaries for the period April 1<sup>st</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup> annually and to consider doing regular studies of fish stocks on Lake Dauphin to help gauge the health of the fishery and to consider determining any steps needed to protect or to enhance those stocks. (T. Urbanovitch, P. Podworny, G. Livingston and others)

Mrs. TAILLIEU – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to consider making the completion of the dividing of the Trans Canada Highway in Headingley in 2008 an urgent Provincial Government priority and to consider evaluating whether any other steps can be taken to improve motorist safety while the dividing of the Trans Canada Highway in Headingley is being completed. (L. Sykes, S. Sykes, J. Newton and others)

Mr. MAGUIRE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Health to consider taking serious action to fill the nursing vacancies at personal care homes in the Town of Virden and to consider reopening the beds that have been closed as a result of this nursing shortage and to consider prioritizing the needs of those seniors that have been moved out of their community by committing to move those individuals back into Virden as soon as beds become available. (E. Clark, D. Forster, D. Noble and others)

Mr. DYCK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Health to strongly consider giving priority for funding to develop and staff a new 100 bed long-term-care facility so that clients are not exposed to unsafe conditions and so that Boundary Trails Health Centre beds remain available for acute care patients instead of waiting placement clients. (I. Hildebrand, T. Klassen, K. Hildebrand and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to consider establishing a 90 day guarantee for processing an application for a minimum of 80% of applicants that have family living in Manitoba and to consider removing the use of the restrictive job list when dealing with the family sponsor stream. (A. Castro, D. Abarientos, A. Kalaw and others)

Mrs. DRIEDGER– Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Family Services and Housing to consider addressing the shortage of Early Childhood Educators by enabling child care centres to provide competitive wages and benefits; and to consider adequately planning for the future child care needs of growing communities, and to consider making the development of a sustainable and accessible child care system a priority; and to consider the development of a governance body that would provide direction and support to the volunteer boards of child care centres and to consider the development of regionalized central wait lists for child care; and to encourage all Members of the Legislative Assembly to consider becoming more closely involved with the operations of the licensed daycare facilities in their constituencies. (L. Manson, S. Charney, L. Rumak and others)

Mr. GOERTZEN– Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to consider approving the installation of an illuminated crosswalk at the intersection of Provincial Highway 206 and Centre Avenue. (D. Young, T. Rogalsky, A. Henry and others)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mr. CULLEN, Hon. Ms. ALLAN, Mrs. ROWAT, Messrs. JENNISSEN and LAMOUREUX made Members' Statements.

In accordance with Rule 31(8), the Government House Leader announced that the Condemnation of Holocaust Denial Resolution will be considered next Tuesday, April 29, 2008.

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

THAT Bill (No. 3) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code de la route, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And leave having been denied to have the matter remain in the name of Mrs. ROWAT,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

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

THAT Bill (No. 4) – The Provincial Court Amendment Act (Family Mediators and Evaluators)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Cour provinciale (médiateurs et enquêteurs familiaux), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And leave having been denied to have the matter remain in the name of Mr. DYCK,

And Messrs. HAWRANIK and LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

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

THAT Bill (No. 5) – The Witness Security Act/Loi sur la sécurité des témoins, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. HAWRANIK and LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

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

THAT Bill (No. 7) – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act (Child Pornography Reporting)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services à l'enfant et à la famille (obligation de signaler la pornographie juvénile), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. BRIESE having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. MELNICK:

THAT Bill (No. 8) – The Phosphorus Reduction Act (Water Protection Act Amended)/Loi sur la réduction du phosphore (modification de la Loi sur la protection des eaux), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And leave having been denied to have the matter remain in the name of Mr. HAWRANIK,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

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

THAT Bill (No. 10) – The Legislative Library Act/Loi sur la Bibliothèque de l'Assemblée législative, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And leave having been denied to have the matter remain in the name of Mr. HAWRANIK,

And Mrs. ROWAT and Mr. LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

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

THAT Bill (No. 12) – The Securities Transfer Act/Loi sur le transfert des valeurs mobilières, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And leave having been denied to have the matter remain in the name of Mr. DYCK,

And Messrs. HAWRANIK, FAURSCHOU and LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK moved:

THAT Bill (No. 20) – The Gunshot and Stab Wounds Mandatory Reporting Act/Loi sur la déclaration obligatoire des blessures par balle et par arme blanche, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK, Messrs. HAWRANIK and LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. OSWALD:

THAT Bill (No. 9) – The Protection for Persons in Care Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la 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 the debate continuing,

And leave having been denied to have the matter remain in the name of Mr. HAWRANIK,

And Messrs. GOERTZEN and LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. OSWALD:

THAT Bill (No. 11) – The Optometry Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'optométrie, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And leave having been denied to have the matter remain in the name of Mr. HAWRANIK,

And Messrs. GOERTZEN and LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

Hon. Ms. OSWALD moved:

THAT Bill (No. 18) – The Testing of Bodily Fluids and Disclosure Act/Loi sur l'analyse de fluides corporels et la communication des résultats d'analyse, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. OSWALD having spoken,

By leave, it was agreed to allow Mr. LAMOUREUX to question the Honourable Minister of Health,

And Messrs. GOERTZEN and LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, 2008.

Hon. George HICKES, Speaker.