

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Mr. PEDERSEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 207) – 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, Mr. GOERTZEN, Ms. BLADY, Mr. EWASKO and Ms. WIGHT having spoken,

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

Mr. ALTEMEYER moved:

Resolution No. 7: Nick Ternette

WHEREAS Nick Ternette was a political activist, journalist and volunteer widely known throughout Manitoba for dedicating over 40 years to being an advocate for social justice, participatory democracy and human rights; and

WHEREAS Nick Ternette spoke strongly for the people of Manitoba by making countless presentations at committee meetings both at the Legislature and at City Hall; and

WHEREAS during his lifetime he was also a candidate for office in 20 municipal and provincial elections; and

WHEREAS even after facing a series of health problems, including cancer, major surgery and five operations resulting in the amputation of his legs, he continued to fight for issues important to all people in this province, ranging from accessibility to poverty to environmental protection.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba acknowledge and celebrate the tremendous contributions that Nick Ternette made to Manitoba by passionately and tenaciously advocating for many diverse communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba offer our deepest condolences to his loving wife Emily, daughter Tegan and six grandchildren, as well as to all the loved ones of this strong, dedicated and outspoken political advocate: Nick Ternette.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. ALTEMEYER, Mrs. ROWAT, Hon. Ms. HOWARD and Messrs. GOERTZEN, GAUDREAU and ALLUM having spoken,

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

In accordance with Rule 31(8), the Government House Leader announced that the United Nations World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development Resolution will be considered next Tuesday, May 21, 2013.

The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Proposed Motion of Mr. DEWAR:

WHEREAS when faced with a potential cancer diagnosis, families want the fastest possible access to testing and treatment; and

WHEREAS wait times for radiation therapy grew to be dangerously long at six weeks in 1999, with up to an 18 week wait for prostate cancers; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has worked hard with CancerCare Manitoba and other partners to dramatically reduce the wait time for radiation therapy to an average of one week or less, the lowest in Canada, and over the same period Manitoba has also seen dramatic improvements in cancer survival rates; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has introduced the most comprehensive plan in Canada to reduce wait times from the moment a patient's doctor first suspects cancer to when treatment begins, including the testing, referrals, diagnosis and treatment planning in between; and

WHEREAS this plan includes upgrading the 16 rural chemotherapy sites into CancerCare Hubs, like the one in Morden-Winkler, with Brandon, Selkirk, Steinbach and Thompson to follow over the next year; and

WHEREAS the new rural CancerCare Hubs will complement other elements of the Provincial Government's cancer fighting plan, which includes cancer prevention strategies, covering the costs of cancer treatment and drugs, more advanced testing, after hours care and other supports for cancer patients thereby helping to both prevent cancer and catch it earlier.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly commend those health care professionals who deliver cancer services across the province to ensure that Manitobans affected by cancer have the best possible chance of beating the disease; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Provincial Government to continue investing in strategies that support cancer patients and their families, including the Provincial Government's commitment to ensuring Manitoba families have the fastest access in the country to world class cancer testing, diagnostics and treatment.

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. GOERTZEN and CULLEN having spoken,

And Mrs. ROWAT speaking at 12:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in her name.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mrs. ROWAT – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Local Government afford local governments the respect they deserve and reverse his decision to force municipalities with fewer than 1,000 constituents to amalgamate. (B. Morris, J. Piwniuk, D. Piwniuk and others)

Mr. HELWER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (M. Kaatz, J. Boychuk, L. Schewe and others)

Mr. GOERTZEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (S. Manchulenko, L. Zurba, B. Zurba and others)

Mr. WISHART – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the appropriate Ministers of the Provincial Government consider repairing St. Ambroise Provincial Park and its access points to their preflood conditions so the park can be re-opened for the 2013 season or earlier if possible. (R. Courcelles, T. Lambert, P. Hunrick and others)

Mr. EWASKO – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (C. Wojcik, A. Wojcik, S. Balcsok and others)

Mr. PEDERSEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Local Government afford local governments the respect they deserve and reverse his decision to force municipalities with fewer than 1,000 constituents to amalgamate. (A. McKenzie, L. Reid, B. Bohm and others)

Mr. GRAYDON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (S. Boyle, C. Ursell, F. Foy and others)

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (W. Tully, C. Small, D. Kennedy and others)

Mrs. MITCHELSON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (A. Bruinooge, K. Bruinooge, D. Daudrich and others)

Mr. SMOOK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (C. Thiessen, P. Penner, W. Doomernik and others)

Mr. CULLEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (G. Jefferies, T. Jonsson, H. Russell and others)

Mr. EICHLER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (G. J. Purdy, V. Hotel, R. Sarahs and others)

Mr. FRIESEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Local Government afford local governments the respect they deserve and reverse his decision to force municipalities with fewer than 1,000 constituents to amalgamate. (B. Burkitt, N. Turnbull, T. Bisschop and others)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. EICHLER, CALDWELL, BRIESE, MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) and HELWER made Members' Statements.

In accordance to Rule 28(3), the Government House Leader announced that an Opposition Day Motion will be considered on Wednesday, May 15, 2013.

The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS:

THAT Bill (No. 20) – The Manitoba Building and Renewal Funding and Fiscal Management Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur le financement du renouvellement des infrastructures et la gestion financière (modification de diverses dispositions législatives), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the proposed amendment moved by Mrs. DRIEDGER as follows:

THAT the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word "THAT" and substituting the following:

This House declines to give Second Reading to Bill (No. 20) – The Manitoba Building and Renewal Funding and Fiscal Management Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur le financement du renouvellement des infrastructures et la gestion financière (modification de diverses dispositions législatives), because this House has not received satisfactory evidence or assurances that an increase in the retail sales tax was either considered or recommended at the government's pre-budget consultation meetings.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Messrs. GRAYDON, CULLEN, WISHART and GOERTZEN, Mrs. STEFANSON, Mrs. ROWAT and Mr. HELWER having spoken,

And the Question being put on the amendment. It was negatived, on the following division:

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| MARCELINO (Logan) MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) MELNICK NEVAKSHONOFF OSWALD ROBINSON RONDEAU SARAN SELBY SELINGER STRUTHERS SWAN WHITEHEAD WIEBE WIGHT |
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The debate was allowed to remain open.

The House then adjourned at 5:01 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, 2013.

Hon. Daryl REID, Speaker.