



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 60

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

By leave, it was agreed for the House to deal with Second Reading of Bill (No. 228).

Ms. FONTAINE moved:

THAT Bill (No. 228) – The Animal Shelter and Rescue Awareness Day Act/Loi sur la Journée de sensibilisation aux refuges et aux établissements de secours pour animaux, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Ms. FONTAINE having spoken,

And Mr. SMITH (Southdale), Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) and Messrs. MICHALESKI, GRAYDON and MICKLEFIELD having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. SMITH (Southdale) and MICHALESKI and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

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

During the debate, Mr. LINDSEY rose on a point of order regarding the relevancy of the comments spoken by the Honourable Member for Southdale,

And Hon. Mr. MICKLEFIELD having spoken to the point of order,

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker ruled that there was a point of order.

Subsequently during the debate, Mr. LINDSEY rose on a point of order regarding the relevancy of the comments spoken by the Honourable Member for Southdale,

And Hon. Mr. MICKLEFIELD having spoken to the point of order,

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker ruled that there was a point of order.

By leave the House resumed the Debate on the Proposed Resolution of Mr. ALLUM:

Resolution No. 3: Restore Public Transit Funding for Municipalities

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has ended a decades long funding agreement with municipalities to pay for half of operating funds for public transit services; and

WHEREAS this cut to transit was buried in a massive omnibus bill which also included an across the board cancellation of growth funding formulas for municipalities; and

WHEREAS the in year transit cut has forced the City of Winnipeg to consider increasing fares by up to 25 cents, which would put an undue burden on transit users, especially low income families, seniors, students and newcomers; and

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has also been forced to consider service cuts to a transit system that users report as already overcrowded and infrequent because of this Province's cut; and

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has warned that reduction in service could mean laying off up to 120 transit drivers, and cancelling service on nearly 60 routes; and

WHEREAS cuts to transit presents barriers for Manitobans commuting to work or school, looking for jobs or trying to access health care; and

WHEREAS many Manitobans are concerned that the Provincial Government's cut will discourage commuters from choosing public transit over fossil-fuel burning cars; and

WHEREAS a commitment to transit would bolster Winnipeg's economic competitiveness and help attract new and vibrant business to the market; and

WHEREAS the Premier has failed on his election promise to protect the front line services that are relied upon by Manitobans.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government be urged to immediately reverse its decision to cancel the public transit funding agreement with the City of Winnipeg and commit to long term, predictable, growth oriented funding for municipalities.

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. SMITH (Southdale), Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas), Mr. JOHNSTON and Hon. Messrs. GERRARD and PEDERSEN having spoken,

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

Thursday, June 7, 2018

During the debate, Mr. MICKLEFIELD rose on a point of order regarding the relevancy of the comments spoken by the Honourable Member for Point Douglas,

And Ms. FONTAINE having spoken to the point of order,

WHEREUPON the Deputy Speaker ruled that there was a point of order.

In accordance with Rule 33(8), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Protecting and Promoting French Language Services Resolution will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Mr. HELWER, Ms. FONTAINE, Mrs. MAYER, Ms. KLASSEN and Mr. TEITSMA made Members' Statements.

Following Oral Questions, Ms. KLASSEN rose on a Matter of Privilege regarding comments made by the Honourable Member for Morris during Members' Statements on June 6, 2018, suggesting that they amounted to a personal attack on the Member and were intimidating and inappropriate and moved:

THAT this matter be referred to a Committee of this Legislature.

And Messrs. KINEW and MARTIN, Hon. Mr. FLETCHER and Mr. SARAN having spoken.

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker informed the House she would take the matter under advisement.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Premier of Manitoba and the Minister of Justice to immediately call a Public Inquiry into the systems that had a role in the life and death of Tina Fontaine as well as the function of the administration of justice after her death and that the terms of reference of a Public Inquiry be developed jointly with the caregivers of Tina Fontaine and/or the agent appointed by them. (B. Harrison, G. Dowder, S. Insire and others)

Ms. KLASSEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to immediately begin implementation of plans to convert systems and forms to be more inclusive of Two-Spirit and other non-binary individuals, whether it be to include a third gender option, or no requirement for gender on forms, unless medically or statistically necessary, including health cards, and birth certificates; to immediately instruct the Manitoba Public Insurance corporation to offer a third gender option, or no gender requirement for licenses or any other form of provincial identification; to instruct Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living to offer the option of Manitoba Health Cards with no gender in order to reduce the anxieties of transgender and non-binary persons accessing the healthcare system as a first step; and to consider revisiting legislation that may need updating to meet the needs of its citizens in this regard. (L. Watson, J. Brown, J. Luschinski and others)

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to take the necessary steps to ensure that the Vimy Arena site is not used for an addiction treatment facility and to take the necessary steps to ensure the preservation of public land along Sturgeon Creek for the purposes of park land and recreational activities for public use (including being an important component of the Sturgeon Creek Greenway Trail and the Sturgeon Creek ecosystem) under the current designation of PR2 for the 255 Hamilton Avenue location at the Vimy Arena site, and to maintain the land to continue to be designated for Parks and Recreation Active Neighbourhood/Community. (H. Wiebe, C. McQuarrie, R. Sitwell and others)

Ms. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to immediately begin implementation of plans to convert systems and forms to be more inclusive of Two-Spirit and other non-binary individuals, whether it be to include a third gender option, or no requirement for gender on forms, unless medically or statistically necessary, including health cards, and birth certificates; to immediately instruct the Manitoba Public Insurance corporation to offer a third gender option, or no gender requirement for licenses or any other form of provincial identification; to instruct Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living to offer the option of Manitoba Health Cards with no gender in order to reduce the anxieties of transgender and non-binary persons accessing the healthcare system as a first step; and to consider revisiting legislation that may need updating to meet the needs of its citizens in this regard.

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to immediately begin implementation of plans to convert systems and forms to be more inclusive of Two-Spirit and other non-binary individuals, whether it be to include a third gender option, or no requirement for gender on forms, unless medically or statistically necessary, including health cards, and birth certificates; to immediately instruct the Manitoba Public Insurance corporation to offer a third gender option, or no gender requirement for licenses or any other form of provincial identification; to instruct Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living to offer the option of Manitoba Health Cards with no gender in order to reduce the anxieties of transgender and non-binary persons accessing the healthcare system as a first step; and to consider revisiting legislation that may need updating to meet the needs of its citizens in this regard. (R. Papadopoulos, M. Oliver, D. Kuryk and others)

Ms. FONTAINE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Premier of Manitoba and the Minister of Justice to immediately call a Public Inquiry into the systems that had a role in the life and death of Tina Fontaine as well as the function of the administration of justice after her death and that the terms of reference of a Public Inquiry be developed jointly with the caregivers of Tina Fontaine and/or the agent appointed by them.

Hon. Ms. SQUIRES moved:

THAT Bill (No. 29) – The Wildlife Amendment Act (Safe Hunting and Shared Management)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la conservation de la faune (pratiques de chasse sécuritaires et gestion intégrée de la faune), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. SQUIRES having spoken,

And Mr. ALTEMEYER and Hon. Mr. GERRARD, having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. KINEW having spoken,

And Mr. KINEW moved an amendment 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. 29) – The Wildlife Amendment Act (Safe Hunting and Shared Management)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la conservation de la faune (pratiques de chasse sécuritaires et gestion intégrée de la faune), because Bill (No. 29) fails to institute the principles necessary for a system of co-management for safe hunting in Manitoba.

WHEREUPON the Acting Deputy Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Ms. FONTAINE, Mr. WOWCHUK and Ms. KLASSEN having spoken,

And Mr. SWAN speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, June 11, 2018.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.