

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Ms. NAYLOR moved:

THAT Bill (No. 203) – The Climate and Green Plan Amendment Act (Improved Climate Change Targets and Enhanced Ministerial Accountability)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le Plan vert et climatique (objectifs en matière de changements climatiques revus à la hausse et responsabilité ministérielle accrue), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

Ms. NAYLOR having spoken,

And Mr. WOWCHUK, Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Mr. LAGASSÉ, MLA ASAGWARA and Mr. SMITH (Lagimodière), having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. WOWCHUK and LAGASSÉ, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Hon. Mrs. GUILLEMARD having spoken,

And Mr. SMITH (Lagimodière) speaking at 11:00 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

Ms. MARCELINO moved:

Resolution No. 3: Standing up for Dauphin by building a rehabilitation and restorative justice facility

WHEREAS the Dauphin and Parkland region and northern communities deserve investment, support, and respect from the Provincial Government; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government must make investments in rural and northern communities to create jobs and ensure their continued growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS the closure of the Dauphin Correctional Centre will result in at least 80 jobs lost, leaving families without employment and income, and taking millions in economic spinoffs out of the Dauphin and Parkland region; and

WHEREAS taking a new approach to the justice system, focused on addressing the root causes of crime and reintegration, will help keep communities safe, successful and create meaningful jobs; and

WHEREAS an investment in the building of a holistic rehabilitation and restorative justice centre, otherwise known as a healing lodge, would provide the necessary supports, like vocational training and mental health and addictions services, for people involved in the justice system to participate as members of the community; and

WHEREAS healing lodges have been proven effective in lowering recidivism rates, increasing cultural awareness, and improving reintegration in communities; and

WHEREAS without any prior consultation with workers, families of people incarcerated, or the Mayor and Council of Dauphin, the Province announced it will close the Dauphin Correctional Centre on May 31st, 2020; and

WHEREAS people currently incarcerated in Dauphin will be sent to other facilities that are already over capacity, putting the correctional staff and people housed in those facilities at greater risk; and

WHEREAS the lack of available and affordable transportation options will make it harder for people incarcerated to maintain regular contact with their families and home communities, an essential process to their rehabilitation and healing.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba condemn the Provincial Government's decision to refuse to build a new centre focused on enhancing community safety and rehabilitation in the city of Dauphin.

And a debate arising,

And Ms. MARCELINO having spoken,

And Mr. NESBITT, Ms. FONTAINE, Mr. EWASKO and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. CULLEN, Ms. FONTAINE, Mr. MICHALESKI and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were read a First Time and had their purposes outlined:

(No. 26) – The Credit Unions and Caisses Populaires Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les caisses populaires et les credit unions

(Hon. Mr. FIELDING)

(No. 27) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Control of Traffic by Flag Persons)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (contrôle de la circulation par des signaleurs)

(Hon. Mr. SCHULER)

Madam Speaker presented:

Auditor General's Report – Follow-up of Recommendations dated March, 2020.

(Sessional Paper No. 15)

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Hon. Mr. SCHULER, Ms. FONTAINE, Messrs. WASYLIW, LAMONT and MICKLEFIELD made Members' Statements.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. BRAR – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Agriculture to reconsider the changes to Crown land leases and instead create an agreeable strategy that satisfies all parties, specifically ranchers; to recognize the value of agriculture in the province of Manitoba and the value Crown land holds to farmers in sustaining their livelihood; and to understand the important role farmers play in the Manitoba economy and to allow them to take part in discussions that directly impact their livelihood.

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase training and staffing requirements for personal care homes in Manitoba to ensure residents receive high quality nutritious food as well as compassionate care.

Hon. Mr. FIELDING moved:

THAT Bill (No. 8) – The Pension Benefits Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les prestations de pension, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. FIELDING having spoken,

And Mr. WASYLIW and Ms. LAMOUREUX having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. WASYLIW, PIWNIUK, BUSHIE and JOHNSTON, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Ms. ADAMS having spoken,

And MLA ASAGWARA speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 9, 2020.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER, Speaker.