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# **Votes and Proceedings**

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# Procès-verbaux

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2<sup>e</sup> session 38<sup>e</sup> législature PRAYERS
10:00 A.M.
PRIÈRES
10 H

Mr. Hampton moved,

Second Reading of Bill 126, An Act to provide for a Job Protection Commissioner.

A debate arising, at 11:00 a.m., further proceedings were reserved until 12:00 noon.

Mrs. Van Bommel moved.

M. Hampton propose,

Deuxième lecture du projet de loi 126, Loi prévoyant la nomination d'un commissaire à la protection des emplois.

À 11 h, la suite du débat est réservée jusqu'à midi.

Ensuite, M<sup>me</sup> Van Bommel propose,

That, in the opinion of this House, our farmers and the agri-food industry play a vital role in the Ontario economy and this Assembly reaffirms its strong and unwavering support for the supply management system that helps stabilize incomes for Ontario farm families and ensures a stable supply of Ontario-produced food for families around the world to enjoy.

The question having been put on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 126, An Act to provide for a Job Protection Commissioner, it was declared carried and the Bill was accordingly read the second time and Ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Social Policy.

The question having been put on Mrs. Van Bommel's Resolution Number 59, it was carried on the following division:-

La motion portant deuxième lecture du projet de loi 126, Loi prévoyant la nomination d'un commissaire à la protection des emplois, mise aux voix, est déclarée adoptée et le projet de loi est en conséquence lu une deuxième fois et renvoyé au Comité permanent de la Politique Sociale.

La motion, mise aux voix, sur la résolution numéro 59 de M<sup>me</sup> Van Bommel est adoptée par le vote suivant:-

## AYES / POUR - 51

Arnott	Hardeman	Marchese	Prue	Smitherman
Arthurs	Horwath	Martel	Qaadri	Sterling
Balkissoon	Hoy	McMeekin	Racco	Tabuns
Barrett	Hudak	McNeely	Ramal	Tascona
Brownell	Klees	Miller	Rinaldi	Tory
Bryant	Kormos	Milloy	Ruprecht	Van Bommel
Chudleigh	Lalonde	Mitchell	Sandals	Wilkinson
Delaney	Leal	Mossop	Savoline	Wilson
Dombrowsky	Levac	Munro	Scott	Yakabuski
Ferreira	MacLeod	Ouellette	Smith	Zimmer
Fonseca				

NAYS / CONTRE - 0

1:30 P.M.

The Speaker delivered the following ruling:-

Yesterday, the Member for Erie-Lincoln raised a point of order concerning the language contained in a certain petition. The Government House Leader and the Chief Government Whip also spoke to the point of order.

Having carefully reviewed the petition in question, I can only concur with the Member for Erie-Lincoln that it is not temperate in its language and not respectful in its request.

This petition is not unique, in the sense that other petitions have been used recently as attacks on other Members, as I might add, have various Members' Statements.

The general tone and tenor of debate and language in the House – most recently exemplified by the petition challenged yesterday by the Member for Erie-Lincoln – causes me great concern, and I have addressed this several times.

All of these tactics, in combination, represent an erosion and a lowering of the Legislative Assembly for the expediency of partisan gain. I am not suggesting that the Assembly is not a partisan forum – it most certainly is – but I am suggesting that legitimate partisan interplay needs to come about in a manner that is respectful of the dignity of this place and that accords to each Member the respect that is owed by virtue of his or her membership here.

With respect to the specific petition at issue, it is my decision that it is not acceptable for presentation in the House and will not be accepted. Going forward, I have asked the Table to be especially vigilant of all petitions, having regard for my general level of concern about decorum and temperance in language.

During "Petitions", we in effect allow the public to come directly into this place in order to make a respectful request. The House does not dignify itself if it receives a petition attacking one of its own Members, nor does the Member presenting it serve the greater interests of this institution.

### REPORTS BY COMMITTEES

Mr. Berardinetti from the Standing Committee on Justice Policy presented the Committee's Report which was read as follows and adopted:-

Your Committee begs to report the following Bill as amended:-

Bill 165, An Act to establish and provide for the office of the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth.

Ordered for Third Reading.

# INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced and read the first time:-

Bill 220, An Act to proclaim Lincoln Alexander Day. Ms. Mossop.

Bill 221, An Act to amend the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997 with respect to firefighters and certain related occupations. Hon. Mr. Peters.

# RAPPORTS DES COMITÉS

M. Berardinetti du Comité permanent de la justice présente le rapport du comité qui est lu comme suit et adopté:-

Votre comité propose qu'il soit permis de faire rapport sur le projet de loi suivant avec des amendements:-

Projet de loi 165, Loi visant à créer la charge d'intervenant provincial en faveur des enfants et des jeunes et à y pourvoir.

Ordonné pour la troisième lecture.

# DÉPÔT DES PROJETS DE LOI

Les projets de loi suivants sont présentés et lus une première fois:-

Projet de loi 220, Loi proclamant le Jour de Lincoln Alexander. M<sup>me</sup> Mossop.

Projet de loi 221, Loi modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la sécurité professionnelle et l'assurance contre les accidents du travail à l'égard des pompiers et de certaines professions connexes. L'hon. M. Peters.

With unanimous consent, the following Bill was read the second time:-

Avec le consentement unanime, le projet de loi suivant est lu une deuxième fois:-

Bill 221, An Act to amend the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997 with respect to firefighters and certain related occupations.

Ordered for Third Reading.

With unanimous consent, the following Bill was read the third time and was passed:-

Bill 221, An Act to amend the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997 with respect to firefighters and certain related occupations.

Projet de loi 221, Loi modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la sécurité professionnelle et l'assurance contre les accidents du travail à l'égard des pompiers et de certaines professions connexes.

Ordonné pour la troisième lecture.

Avec le consentement unanime, le projet de loi suivant est lu une troisième fois et adopté:-

Projet de loi 221, Loi modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la sécurité professionnelle et l'assurance contre les accidents du travail à l'égard des pompiers et de certaines professions connexes.

### **PETITIONS**

# **PÉTITIONS**

Petition relating to supporting the Regulation of Zoos Act (Sessional Paper No. P-264) Mr. Leal.

Petition relating to providing the required \$1.4 million in new funding to Stevenson Memorial Hospital (Sessional Paper No. P-288) Mr. Wilson.

Petitions relating to a bill entitled An Act to proclaim Pope John Paul II Day (Sessional Paper No. P-307) Mr. Berardinetti, Mr. Klees, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Yakabuski.

Petitions relating to social services agencies serving cities within the 905 Belt (Sessional Paper No. P-315) Mr. Arthurs and Mr. Flynn.

Petition relating to extending full collective bargaining rights to part-time college workers (Sessional Paper No. P-318) Mr. Ferreira.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY

Debate was resumed on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 218. An Act to amend the Election Act and the Election Finances Act and make related amendments to other Acts.

After some time, Mr. Prue moved the adjournment of the House, which motion was lost on the following division:-

AYES - 9 NAYS - 29

The debate continued and, after some time, Mr. Prue moved the adjournment of the debate, which motion was lost on the following division:-

AYES - 6 NAYS - 26

The debate continued and, after some time, Mr. Wilson moved the adjournment of the debate, which motion was lost on the following division:-

AYES - 3 NAYS - 17

# ORDRE DU JOUR

Le débat reprend sur la motion portant deuxième lecture du proiet de loi 218. Loi modifiant la Loi électorale et la Loi sur le financement des élections et apportant des modifications connexes à d'autres lois.

Après quelque temps, M. Prue propose l'ajournement des débats de l'Assemblée et cette motion est rejetée par le vote suivant:-

Pour - 9 Contre - 29

Le débat se poursuit et après quelque temps, M. Prue propose l'ajournement du débat et cette motion est rejetée par le vote suivant:-

Pour - 6 Contre - 26

Le débat se poursuit et après quelque temps, M. Wilson propose l'ajournement du débat et cette motion est rejetée par le vote suivant:-

Pour - 3 Contre - 17

The House then adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

À 18 h 25, la chambre a ensuite ajourné ses travaux.

le président

### MIKE BROWN

Speaker

# PETITION TABLED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 38(a)

Petition relating to passing Bill 67, the Organ and Tissue Donation Mandatory Declaration Act, 2006 (Sessional Paper No. P-142) Mr. Klees.

Petition relating to requesting the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities to work with the Canadian Business College to create part-time education programs at post secondary level (Sessional Paper No. P-320) Mr. Berardinetti.

# SESSIONAL PAPERS PRESENTED PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 39(a)

DOCUMENTS PARLEMENTAIRES DEPOSES CONFORMEMENT A L'ARTICLE 39 a) DU REGLEMENT

#### COMPENDIA:

Bill 221, An Act to amend the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997 with respect to firefighters and certain related occupations (Sessional Paper No. 449).

# **RESPONSES TO PETITIONS**

# **RÉPONSES AUX PÉTITIONS**

Petition relating to ensuring the re-development of Highway 26 is completed immediately (Sessional Paper No. P-12):

(Tabled November 23, 2006) Mr. Wilson.

Petition relating to faith-based schools in Ontario (Sessional Paper No. P-151):

(Tabled November 30, 2006) Mr. Chudleigh.

(Tabled November 30, 2006) Mr. Hardeman.

(Tabled December 4, 14 and 21, 2006) Mr. Klees.

(Tabled November 30, 2006) Mr. Wilson.

(Tabled December 21, 2006) Mr. Yakabuski.

Petition relating to supporting the Fair Access to Regulated Professions Act, 2006 (Sessional Paper No. P-202):

(Tabled December 5, 6, 11 and 13, 2006) Mr. Delaney.

(Tabled November 30 and December 13, 2006) Mr. Flynn.

(Tabled November 30, 2006) Mr. Kular.

(Tabled December 6 and 13, 2006) Mr. Leal.

(Tabled November 27, 2006) Mr. Mauro.

(Tabled December 18, 2006) Mr. Ruprecht.

(Tabled November 28, 2006) Mrs. Sandals.

(Tabled December 7, 2006) Mr. Sergio.

(Tabled December 7, 2006) Mrs. Van Bommel.

(Tabled November 29, 2006) Mr. Wilkinson.

(Tabled November 28, 2006) Mr. Zimmer.

Petition relating to supporting the Ombudsman having the power to probe decisions and investigate complaints concerning the Children's Aid Societies (Sessional Paper No. P-211):

(Tabled November 30, December 7, 14 and 19, 2006) Ms. Horwath.

Petition relating to approving the extension of Highway 417 through Arnprior to Renfrew (Sessional Paper No. P-225):

(Tabled November 29 and December 5, 2006) Mr. Yakabuski.

Petition relating to amending the Ontario Pension Benefits Act to give seniors the option of transferring locked-in pension funds into an R.R.S.P. at the age of 55 (Sessional Paper No. P-238):

(Tabled December 4 and 11, 2006) Ms. Horwath.

Petition relating to stopping tuition fee hikes and improving access and quality in Post-Secondary education (Sessional Paper No. P-241):

(Tabled December 6 and 11, 2006) Mr. Bisson.

(Tabled December 6, 2006) Ms. Martel.

Petition relating to instructing the Thames Valley District School Board to adjust boundaries (Sessional Paper No. P-242):

(Tabled October 26, 2006) Mrs. Van Bommel.

Petition relating to extending the disabled person parking permit program (Sessional Paper No. P-246): (Tabled November 14, 2006) Mr. O'Toole.

Petition relating to withdrawing the proposed Long-Term Care Homes Act or removing the offending sections (Sessional Paper No. P-248):

(Tabled December 21, 2006) Mrs. Munro.

(Tabled December 20, 2006) Mr. Murdoch.

(Tabled November 16, 2006) Ms. Scott.

Petition relating to protecting and enhancing the learning environment of Ontario's students (Sessional Paper No. P-249):

(Tabled November 21, 2006) Mr. Berardinetti.

Petition relating to ensuring that the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board continues with plans to build a new Grade 7 to 12 school to serve the Longfields and Davidson Heights communities (Sessional Paper No. P-254):

(Tabled November 27, 28, 29, 30; December 5, 6, 7, 11 and 14, 2006) Ms. MacLeod.

Petition relating to continuing to permit the use of the pedestrian walkway over Mary Lake dam indefinitely (Sessional Paper No. P-255):

(Tabled November 27, 28; December 5, 6, 7, 11, 13, 18, 19, 20 and 21, 2006) Mr. Miller.

Petition relating to the proposed Long-Term Care Homes Act (Sessional Paper No. P-256):

(Tabled November 28, 2006) Mr. Hardeman and Mr. Murdoch.

(Tabled November 29, 2006) Mr. Martiniuk and Mrs. Munro.

(Tabled December 4, 2006) Mr. Ouellette.

Petition relating to discouraging Torontonians from travelling to CCP for organ transplants (Sessional Paper No. P-260):

(Tabled November 30, 2006) Mr. Fonseca.

Petition relating to increasing funding for the 70 percent solution for care and care providers (Sessional Paper No. P-261):

(Tabled December 5, 2006) Mr. Leal.

Petition relating to re-establishing education services for rural students (Sessional Paper No. P-266): (Tabled December 11, 2006) Mr. Mauro.

Petition relating to withdrawing the Long-Term Care Homes Act (Sessional Paper No. P-268): (Tabled December 13, 2006) Mr. Martiniuk.

Petition relating to ensuring that new provincial monies received by the TTC go towards addressing transit shortcomings in Scarborough (Sessional Paper No. P-270):

(Tabled December 14 and 21, 2006) Mr. Berardinetti.

Petition relating to returning the "cost to operator" provision thereby guaranteeing affordable access to medication for all patients (Sessional Paper No. P-272):

(Tabled December 14, 2006) Mr. Miller.

Petition relating to finding a constructive resolution to the funding disagreement of Regency Manor, Port Hope (Sessional Paper No. P-273):

(Tabled December 14, 2006) Mr. Rinaldi.

Petition relating to increasing funding for the Ontario Focused Intervention Partnership (Sessional Paper No. P-275):

(Tabled December 18, 2006) Mr. Ruprecht.

Petition relating to setting up a collection program for empty pop cans and tetra packs (Sessional Paper No. P-276):

(Tabled December 19, 2006) Mr. Ruprecht.

Petition relating to supporting adult literacy initiatives (Sessional Paper No. P-278):

(Tabled December 19, 2006) Mr. Sergio.

Petition relating to allocating funding for affordable and supportive housing in Ontario's 2007 provincial budget and re-assume financial responsibility for the cost and repair of the current social housing stock (Sessional Paper No. P-283):

(Tabled March 20, 2007) Mr. Ferreira and Mr. Klees.

(Tabled March 29, 2007) Mr. O'Toole and Mr. Wilson.

(Tabled March 26, 2007) Mr. Zimmer.

Petition relating to increasing the Ontario Disability Support Program payments on an annual basis to ensure it covers the cost of living increase incurred by ODSP recipients (Sessional Paper No. P-284):

(Tabled March 20, 2007) Mr. Hardeman.

Petition relating to Shehrazad Non-Profit Housing Inc. (Sessional Paper No. P-291):

(Tabled March 22, 2007) Mr. Milloy