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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

Thursday, March 9, 2017

*The House met at 1:30 p.m.*

**Madam Speaker:** Good afternoon. Please be seated.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

## Bill 19—The Efficiency Manitoba Act

**Hon. Ron Schuler (Minister of Crown Services):**

Madam Speaker, I move, seconded by the Minister of Sustainable Development (Mrs. Cox), that Bill 19, The Efficiency Manitoba Act, be now read a first time.

*Motion presented.*

**Mr. Schuler:** Madam Speaker, I am pleased to introduce Bill 19, The Efficiency Manitoba Act, which will provide the authority to establish a stand-alone Crown corporation for demand-side management, DSM, in the province of Manitoba.

Demand-side management in this context refers to initiatives that encourage energy conservation and efficiency both for electricity and natural gas.

The overall objectives of this bill are to reduce the impact of future rate increases, the further need for expensive new energy construction, can create new employment and business opportunities, and improve the competitiveness of Manitoba business.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Madam Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion? *[Agreed]*

## Bill 20—The Crown Corporations Governance and Accountability Act

**Hon. Ron Schuler (Minister of Crown Services):**

Madam Speaker, I move, seconded by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Friesen), that Bill 20, The Crown Corporations Governance and Accountability Act, be now read a first time.

*Motion presented.*

**Mr. Schuler:** Madam Speaker, as part of our government's commitment to improving the province of Manitoba, restoring prudent fiscal management and increasing openness and transparency of our Crown corporations, I am pleased to introduce

Bill 20, The Crown Corporations Governance and Accountability Act.

This bill will strengthen the oversight of these entities while respecting the responsibility of the boards and professionals to govern and manage. The new act will improve transparency and clearly define a governance model that will clarify the accountability relationship and understanding of the respective roles of minister, boards, executive offices and officials of our Crown corporations.

This new legislation furthers our government's pledge to eliminate overlap and duplication within government, find efficiencies and savings and allow our Crown corporations to deliver effective essential services to all Manitobans.

**Madam Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion? *[Agreed]*

## Bill 213—The Gift of Life Act (Human Tissue Gift Act Amended)

**Hon. Steven Fletcher (Assiniboia):** I move, seconded by the member from Kewatinook, that Bill 213, The Gift of Life Act (Human Tissue Gift Act Amended); Loi sur le don de la vie (modification de la Loi sur les dons de tissus humains), be now read a first time.

*Motion presented.*

**Mr. Fletcher:** Thank you to the member from Kewatinook.

The bill amends The Human Tissue Gift Act. This bill—at present, the direction for organ donation is assumed only after someone puts their name on the list. This bill changes that so you are assumed to be on the list until your name is removed. It's very easy to remove the name off the list of organ donations, and there is no assumption when it comes to scientific research. This only applies to organs that can be available for donation.

And I'd like to just mention the bipartisan support for this bill and recognize the Manitobans, like the presumed consent association who is with us today in the gallery, for their hard work on this very important issue.

**Madam Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion? *[Agreed]*