



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 35

SECOND 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. 216).

Mr. ALLUM moved:

THAT Bill (No. 216) – The Financial Administration Amendment Act (Economic Indicators)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la gestion des finances publiques (indicateurs économiques), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. ALLUM having spoken,

And Mr. JOHNSON, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Messrs. SWAN, HELWER, WIEBE and LAGASSÉ having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. FRIESEN, Messrs. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) and JOHNSON, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. SWAN having spoken,

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

Mr. KINEW moved:

Resolution No. 9: Keeping Post-Secondary Education Affordable for Students and Families

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has lifted the cap on post-secondary tuition hikes which limited tuition increases to the rate of inflation, allowing tuition to be raised by five percent plus inflation and deregulated course fees; and

WHEREAS universities in Winnipeg and Brandon are preparing to raise tuition at the maximum rate, meaning thousands more dollars in tuition and course fees for students over a four year degree; and

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WHEREAS university tuition must be affordable and accessible to all students and parents; and

WHEREAS a tuition hike will hit low-income students and families the hardest, and some students in Manitoba are already using extra supports like food banks to afford their education; and

WHEREAS tuition is the number one barrier to post-secondary education and Manitoba should continue to have the third lowest tuition fees in Canada; and

WHEREAS maintaining the cap on tuition fees will ensure that Manitoba universities can continue to attract students from all socio-economic backgrounds and allow everyone in the province to access education; and

WHEREAS the Premier has frozen wages for public sector workers at the same time he opened the door to tuition hikes, making it harder for students to access post-secondary education and find good paying jobs thereafter; and

WHEREAS the Premier introduced legislation to lift the tuition cap without consulting with students or their families, despite meeting with student leadership several times.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to withdraw Bill 31 and maintain the cap on tuition fees so they rise by only the level of inflation and education remains affordable for every student and family in Manitoba.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. KINEW having spoken,

And Messrs. JOHNSTON and ALLUM, Mrs. GUILLEMARD, Ms. KLASSEN, Ms. LATHLIN, Mr. NESBITT and Hon. Mr. FLETCHER having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. JOHNSTON, ALLUM and MARTIN and Ms. KLASSEN having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. SMOOK, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development, presented its Third Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings:

Your Committee met on April 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- **Bill (No. 10)** – The Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology
- **Bill (No. 12)** – The Teachers' Pensions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la pension de retraite des enseignants

Committee Membership

- Ms. FONTAINE
- Mr. ISLEIFSON
- Mr. JOHNSTON (St. James)
- Mr. KINEW
- Ms. KLASSEN
- Ms. LATHLIN
- Mr. MICHALESKI
- Hon. Mr. SCHULER
- Mr. SMOOK (*Chairperson*)
- Hon. Mr. WISHART
- Mr. WOWCHUK

Your Committee elected Mr. ISLEIFSON as the Vice-Chairperson.

Bills Considered and Reported

- **Bill (No. 10)** – The Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 12)** – The Teachers' Pensions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la pension de retraite des enseignants

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. SMOOK, the Report of the Committee was received.

Mr. PIWNIUK, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Justice, presented its First Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings:

Your Committee met on April 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 254 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- **Bill (No. 15)** – The Department of Justice Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le ministère de la Justice
- **Bill (No. 17)** – The Court Security Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la sécurité dans les tribunaux

Committee Membership

- Mr. ALLUM
- Mr. BINDLE
- Hon. Mr. CULLEN
- Mr. CURRY
- Ms. LAMOUREUX
- Mr. MARCELINO
- Mr. PIWNIUK
- Mr. REYES
- Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON
- Mr. SWAN
- Mr. WHARTON

Your Committee elected Mr. PIWNIUK as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected Mr. BINDLE as the Vice-Chairperson.

Bills Considered and Reported

- **Bill (No. 15)** – The Department of Justice Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le ministère de la Justice

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 17)** – The Court Security Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la sécurité dans les tribunaux

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. PIWNIUK, the Report of the Committee was received.

Madam Speaker presented:

Auditor General – Management of MRI Services dated April, 2017.

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Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Mr. SWAN, Hon. Mrs. COX, Hon. Mr. WISHART, Ms. LAMOUREUX and Mr. TEITSMA made Members' Statements.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. ALTEMEYER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30. (W. Semere, A. Raesu, N. Semere and others)

Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30.

Mr. SWAN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30.

Mr. KINEW – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to recognize the need for excellent recreation facilities in all Manitoba schools, to reverse this regressive cut and to provide Kelvin High School with the funding necessary to complete a new gymnasium and wellness centre. (L. Bedard, V. Lopez, N. Hamidi and others)

Mr. LINDSEY – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30.

Mr. ALLUM – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30. (K. Gill, P. Gill, J. Singh and others)

Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30.

Ms. LATHLIN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30.

Mr. MALOWAY – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30.

Mr. SARAN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30.

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – That the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reverse its decision and to provide the remainder of the funding needed to build the new Kelvin High School gymnasium as soon as possible. (T. Christianson, M. Finley, K. Stewart and others)

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 29) – The Health Sector Bargaining Unit Review Act/Loi sur la restructuration des unités de négociation dans le secteur de la santé, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

(Recommended by His Honour, the Administrator)

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN having spoken,

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

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. WIEBE and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. MALOWAY, adjourned.

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN presented:

Message from His Honour, the Administrator recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 29).

(Sessional Paper No. 26)

Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON moved:

THAT Bill (No. 25) –The Cannabis Harm Prevention Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur la réduction des méfaits du cannabis (modification de diverses dispositions législatives), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON having spoken,

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

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. SWAN and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. MALOWAY, adjourned.

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Hon. Mr. FRIESEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 28) – The Public Services Sustainability Act/Loi sur la viabilité des services publics, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

(Recommended by His Honour, the Administrator)

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. FRIESEN having spoken,

And Mr. ALLUM, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. LINDSEY having questioned the Minister,

The Question Period was allowed to remain open.

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN presented:

Message from His Honour, the Administrator recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 28).

(Sessional Paper No. 27)

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 10, 2017.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.