



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 46

SECOND SESSION, FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

In accordance with Rule 33(8), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Extension of Care Resolution will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

By leave, it was agreed for the House to deal with Second Reading of Bill (No. 220).

Mr. ALTEMEYER moved:

THAT Bill (No. 220) – The Environmental Rights Act/Loi sur les droits environnementaux, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. ALTEMEYER having spoken,

And Messrs. JOHNSON, SWAN and SMITH, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. WOWCHUK having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mrs. COX, Messrs. SWAN and JOHNSON, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. SELINGER having spoken,

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

Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) moved:

Resolution No. 11: Provincial Government's Plan to Shutter Three Winnipeg Emergency Rooms Will Undermine Patient Care and Hurt Families and Seniors

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has announced the closures of three emergency rooms (ER) in Winnipeg at Concordia Hospital, Seven Oaks Hospital and Victoria Hospital, as well as an urgent care centre at Misericordia Health Centre; and

WHEREAS this announcement means the Provincial Government has broken its promise to Manitobans to protect the front-line services families and seniors count on; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government failed to make any new investments in the remaining emergency rooms, personal care homes or homecare and these closures will force more patients into fewer hospitals and place additional burdens on doctors and nurses; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government failed to provide any details to Manitobans about the ER closures, including savings incurred, capital costs or how many front-line jobs will be cut, despite knowing much of this information since announcing the initiative; and

WHEREAS these ER cuts come on the heels of other closures and cancelled plans across Winnipeg, including a QuickCare Clinic, CancerCare Manitoba, ACCESS Centres, personal care homes, a new facility for Pan Am Clinic and the Concordia Wellness Centre; and

WHEREAS the ER closures have left families and seniors in many parts of Winnipeg without any point of contact with front-line emergency healthcare services and will result in them having to travel twenty minutes or more to access emergency healthcare; and

WHEREAS these cuts will place a heavy burden on the many seniors who visit the emergency rooms frequently, especially for those who are unable to drive or are low-income; and

WHEREAS Winnipeg has one of the fastest growing population rates in Canada and the Provincial Government's plan fails to meet the demands of growing populations, especially seniors, across north and south Winnipeg; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government failed to consult with families and seniors in northeast Winnipeg before closing their emergency rooms or to consult with health officials and healthcare workers at Concordia to discuss how the ER closure would impact patient care in advance of the announcement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba acknowledge that the Provincial Government's plan to cut three emergency rooms and an urgent care centre in Winnipeg will undermine the healthcare system and increase demand in existing hospitals without additional investments.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) having spoken,

And Messrs. LAGIMODIERE, WIEBE, MARTIN, NESBITT and REYES having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. LAGIMODIERE, ALLUM, and MARTIN, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. MALOWAY having spoken,

And Mr. NESBITT speaking at 11:55 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

In accordance with sub-rule 24(2), the debate was interrupted to put the Second Reading Question on Selected Bill (No. 218).

The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Proposed Motion of Mr. WHARTON:

THAT Bill (No. 218) – The Red Tape Reduction Day Act/Loi sur la Journée de la réduction du fardeau administratif, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the Question being put. It was agreed to, on the following division:

YEA

BINDLE	MARTIN
CLARKE	MICHALESKI
COX	MICKLEFIELD
CULLEN	MORLEY-LECOMTE
CURRY	NESBITT
EICHLER	PALLISTER
EWASKO	PEDERSEN
FIELDING	PIWNIUK
FRIESEN	REYES
GOERTZEN	SCHULER
GRAYDON	SMITH
GUILLEMARD	SMOOK
HELWER	SQUIRES
ISLEIFSON	STEFANSON
JOHNSON	TEITSMA
JOHNSTON	WHARTON
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LATHLIN
LINDSEY

MALOWAY
MARCELINO (Logan)
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The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Prior to Introduction of Bills, Mr. MALOWAY rose on a point of order asking the Premier to table a document he had quoted during Oral Question on Wednesday, April 26, 2017.

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

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

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2017-2018 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Finance.
(Sessional Paper No. 39)

Hon. Ms. CLARKE presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2017-2018 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Indigenous and Municipal Relations.
(Sessional Paper No. 40)

Hon. Ms. SQUIRES presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2017-2018 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Sport, Culture and Heritage.
(Sessional Paper No. 41)

Hon. Mr. CULLEN, the Minister of Growth, Enterprise and Trade, made a statement recognizing April 28th as the National Day of Mourning for those who have died in the workplace.

Mr. LINDSEY and, by leave, Ms. LAMOUREUX commented on the statement.

Thursday, April 27, 2017

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Messrs. SMITH, EWASKO and WIEBE, Ms. LAMOUREUX and Mr. PIWNIUK made Members' Statements.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. WIEBE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reverse the decision to close Concordia Hospital's emergency room so that families and seniors in northeast Winnipeg and the surrounding areas have timely access to quality health care services.

Mr. SWAN – 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.

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. SELINGER – 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.

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.

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

The House resolved into Committee of Supply.

The House then adjourned at 5:02 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 8, 2017.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.