

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 41

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

PRAYER 10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

By leave, Mr. KINEW moved:

THAT Bill (No. 226) – The Vital Statistics Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les statistiques de l'état civil, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. KINEW having spoken,

And Hon. Mrs. Stefanson, Ms. Fontaine, Ms. Morley-Lecomte, Mr. Helwer and Hon. Mr. Fletcher having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON, Ms. FONTAINE, Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE and Ms. LAMOUREUX having spoken,

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

In accordance with Rule 33(8), the Opposition House Leader announced that the "Protect Manitoba Waterways from Transboundary Water Projects" Resolution will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) moved:

Resolution No. 11: Standing Up for Worker Safety

WHEREAS all workers deserve to be healthy and safe in their workplaces and deserve to come home safe from their shift every time; and

WHEREAS there have been several notable tragedies in Manitoba of workers being injured or dying on the job, most recently the death of a northern Manitoban man who died on a Manitoba Hydro construction site in January of 2018; and

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WHEREAS this week workers and families mark the National Day of Mourning in order to commemorate the lives lost and to recommit to ensuring every worker has a safe workplace free from illness and injury; and

WHEREAS this Provincial Government has proposed dismantling the Advisory Council on Workplace Health and Safety in the middle of a mandated five year review of the Workplace Health and Safety Act, undermining the voice of workers and employers; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is reviewing occupational exposure limits for workers, putting the priority of cutting costs ahead of worker safety; and

WHEREAS this Provincial Government has passed legislation which threatens safety regulations that protect workers under the guise of 'red tape' reduction; and

WHEREAS it must be made clear to this Provincial Government that safety regulations are not red tape.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to recognize the importance of ensuring safe workplaces for all workers and commit to making worker safety the first priority always by reversing its proposed cut of the Advisory Council on Workplace Health and Safety.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) having spoken,

And Messrs. LAGASSÉ, LINDSEY, SMITH (Southdale) and CURRY having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing.

And Messrs. LAGASSÉ, LINDSEY and SMITH (Southdale) and Ms. LAMOUREUX having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN presented:

Reply to Written Question (No. 7), asked by Hon. Mr. FLETCHER, on April 4, 2018:

7. Can the Provincial Government provide justification as to why it claims that a carbon tax is necessary, and include in its response detailed revenue projections, spending forecasts, and scientific evidence to demonstrate the Provincial Government's assertion that a carbon tax reduces greenhouse gases?

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Day of Mourning Proclamation.
Mr. LINDSEY and, by leave, Ms. LAMOUREUX commented on the statement.
Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Mrs. GUILLEMARD, Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON, Hon. Mr. WHARTON, Mr. ALTEMEYER and Ms. KLASSEN made Members' Statements.
The following petitions were presented and read:
Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Premier of Manitoba and the Minister of Justice to immediately call a Public Inquiry into the systems that had a role in the life and death of Tina Fontaine as well as the function of the administration of justice after her death and that the terms of reference of a Public Inquiry be developed jointly with the caregivers of Tina Fontaine and/or the agent appointed by them. (K. Dennison, R. McDougall, D. Ramkissoon and others)
Ms. Fontaine – To urge the Premier of Manitoba and the Minister of Justice to immediately call a Public Inquiry into the systems that had a role in the life and death of Tina Fontaine as well as the function of the administration of justice after her death and that the terms of reference of a Public Inquiry be developed jointly with the caregivers of Tina Fontaine and/or the agent appointed by them. (D. Fontaine, A. Hutchison, M. Sally Correia and others)
Mr. SARAN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to request that the City twin Leila Avenue to reduce traffic and commute time for the residents of The Maples and surrounding areas enabling the accessing of timely health services which will contribute to both the economy and society.
The House resolved into Committee of Supply.
The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 7, 2018.
Hon. Myrna Driedger, Speaker.