



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 55

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The Clerk formally advised the Assembly that the Speaker was unavoidably absent and called upon the Deputy Speaker to take the Chair pursuant to the Statutes. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Immediately following the Prayer, Ms. FONTAINE rose on a Matter of Privilege alleging that the Main Estimates Supplement books tabled on April 22, 2021 provides inadequate information and does not contain any detailed financial or relevant program information, making it difficult for Members to provide scrutiny of Government expenditures and moved the following motion:

THAT this House order the Government to immediately provide a supplement to the main estimates of expenditure for each Government department to the Legislature, containing the information about the operations of the department, government entity or program required by Treasury Board, including expenditure and staffing summaries by program area and appropriation combined with a five-year historical comparison of department spending and staffing.

And Hon. Messrs. GOERTZEN and GERRARD having spoken,

WHEREUPON Mr. Deputy Speaker informed the House he would take the matter under advisement.

The following Bill was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined:

(No. 72) – The Disability Support Act and Amendments to The Manitoba Assistance Act/Loi sur le soutien pour personne handicapée et modifiant la Loi sur les allocations d'aide du Manitoba
(Hon. Ms. SQUIRES)

Hon. Mr. JOHNSON, the Minister of Municipal Relations, made a statement regarding the Community Foundation Movement in Manitoba (100th Anniversary of Winnipeg Foundation).

Mr. WIEBE commented on the statement.

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Hon. Mrs. COX, the Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage, made a statement regarding the Chernobyl Disaster Anniversary.

Mr. BRAR and, by leave, Hon. Mr. GERRARD commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Hon. Ms. SQUIRES, Ms. FONTAINE, Messrs. MICHALESKI, WASYLIW and MARTIN made Members' Statements.

The following petitions were presented and read to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba:

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – To urge the Provincial Government to undertake a combined review of the Vivian Sand Facility processing plant and the mining/extraction portion of the operation as a Class 3 development with a review by Manitoba's Clean Environment Commission to include the public hearings and participant funding; and to halt all activity at the mine and plant until the Clean Environment Commission's review is completed and the project proposal has been thoroughly evaluated.

Mr. MALOWAY – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately contact all home and property owners in Manitoba with lead water pipes connecting to the City watermain line, and provide full financial support to them for lead water pipe replacement so that their exposure to lead levels is reduced, their health is better, and costs to our provincial health care system are also reduced.

Mr. WASYLIW – To urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

By leave, it was agreed to correct an error by having the written submission to Bill 45, registered under the name of Katinka Stecina at the April 14, 2021 meeting of the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development, removed from both the Committee Report and Hansard transcript for that meeting.

The House resumed the debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. FIELDING:

THAT Bill (No. 71) – The Education Property Tax Reduction Act (Property Tax and Insulation Assistance Act and Income Tax Act Amended)/Loi sur la réduction de l'impôt foncier pour l'éducation (modification de la Loi sur l'aide en matière de taxes foncières et d'isolation thermique des résidences et de la Loi de l'impôt sur le revenu), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the Proposed Motion of Ms. FONTAINE in amendment as follows:

THAT the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word "THAT" and substituting the following:

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this House declines to give Second Reading to Bill (No. 71) – The Education Property Tax Reduction Act (Property Tax and Insulation Assistance Act and Income Tax Act Amended), because this Bill fails to ensure an equitable distribution across income groups and makes life less affordable for renters in Manitoba.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Mr. SALA, Ms. LAMOUREUX, Ms. MARCELINO, Ms. ADAMS and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

And Ms. NAYLOR speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

Doyle PIWNIUK,
Deputy Speaker.