



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 21

FOURTH SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

MLA MARCELINO moved:

THAT Bill (No. 222) – The Pay Transparency Act/Loi sur la transparence salariale, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And MLA MARCELINO having spoken,

And Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE, Ms. NAYLOR, Ms. LAMOUREUX and Messrs. PEDERSEN, BRAR, GUENTER and LAMONT having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Ms. SQUIRES, Ms. NAYLOR, Mr. PEDERSEN, Ms. LAMOUREUX and Mr. MOSES having spoken,

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

Mr. ALTOMARE moved:

Resolution No. 4: Calling on the Provincial Government to Immediately End Patient Transfers

WHEREAS the Provincial Government cut 124 hospital beds in the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority and 18 ICU beds before the pandemic; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government failed to adequately invest and build capacity within the healthcare system during the pandemic, leading to a record number of patient transfers; and

WHEREAS nearly 300 Manitobans requiring healthcare have been moved from their community and transferred far from home, sometimes hundreds of kilometres away; and

WHEREAS the families impacted by the transfers have been pleading for an end to this policy as their loved ones, many of them seniors, were moved far from their home communities, sometimes with little warning; and

WHEREAS patient transfers are disruptive for both patients and their families, leaving patients at risk for mental and physical distress; and

WHEREAS rapid deterioration of patients requiring critical care is not uncommon and transporting sick patients adds another layer of risk; and

WHEREAS when the current Premier was serving as the Minister of Health, she transferred 57 patients out of province and as Premier, continues to transfers many Manitobans hundreds of kilometres away from their families, communities and systems of support; and

WHEREAS Clarke Gehman died from contracting COVID-19 after being transferred twice from Winnipeg to Russell to Reston; and

WHEREAS separating Manitobans who require healthcare from their families during a time of distress is unacceptable and the Provincial Government needs to invest in a healthcare system that is able to care for all Manitobans close to home; and

WHEREAS the pain families are feeling is a direct result of the Provincial Government cutting investments to the healthcare system before the pandemic; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has no intention to stop the practice of transferring patients as David Matear, Shared Health system co-lead, stated “I don’t think that in principle that process will go away.”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to immediately end the current practice of patient transfers to ensure patients receive the care they deserve close to home.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. ALTOMARE having spoken,

And Mr. MARTIN, MLA LINDSEY, Mr. WOWCHUK, Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Messrs. ISLEIFSON and SANDHU, Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE and Mr. MOSES having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

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And Messrs. MARTIN, SALA and WOWCHUK and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

(No. 19) – The Beneficiary Designation (Retirement, Savings and Other Plans) Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la désignation de bénéficiaires (régimes de retraite, d'épargne et autres)
(Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN)

Hon. Mr. CULLEN presented:

Communities Economic Development Fund, Quarterly Report, Nine Months, April 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

(Sessional Paper No. 10)

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Hon. Mr. HELWER, Messrs. ALTOMARE, EICHLER and BRAR and Ms. LAMOUREUX made Members' Statements.

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

Mr. KINEW – To urge the Provincial Government to provide the services of two nurses to restore essential medical foot care treatment to the City of Thompson effective April 1, 2022.

Mr. BRAR – To urge the Provincial Government to provide the services of two nurses to restore essential medical foot care treatment to the City of Thompson effective April 1, 2022.

Mr. BUSHIE – To urge the Provincial Government to provide the services of two nurses to restore essential medical foot care treatment to the City of Thompson effective April 1, 2022.

Mr. WIEBE – To urge the Minister of Infrastructure to leave residents access to the Perimeter Highway at least every two miles along its length, especially at intersections such as Sturgeon Road which are vital to local businesses; and to listen to the needs and the opinions of the local residents and business owners who took the time to complete the Perimeter Safety Survey, while working with engineers and the technicians to ensure their concerns are addressed.

Mr. MOSES – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately provide comprehensive and free healthcare coverage to all residents of Manitoba regardless of immigration status, including refugee claimants, migrant workers, international students, dependent children of temporary residents, and undocumented residents; to urge the Minister of Health and Seniors Care to undertake a multilingual communication campaign to provide information on expanded coverage to all affected residents; to inform all healthcare institutions and providers of expanded coverage for those without health insurance and the details on how necessary policy and protocol changes will be implemented; and to create and enforce strict confidentiality policies and provide staff with training to protect the safety of residents with precarious immigration status and ensure they can access health care without jeopardizing their ability to remain in Canada.

MLA LINDSEY – To urge the Provincial Government to provide the services of two nurses to restore essential medical foot care treatment to the City of Thompson effective April 1, 2022.

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 public hearings and participant funding and; to urge the Provincial Government 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 demand Dynacare maintain all the phlebotomy (blood sample) sites existing prior to the Covid-19 public health emergency, and allow all Manitobans to get their blood and urine tests done when visiting their doctor, thereby facilitating local access to blood testing services.

Ms. NAYLOR – To urge the Provincial Government to provide the services of two nurses to restore essential medical foot care treatment to the City of Thompson effective April 1, 2022.

Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) – To urge the Provincial Government to provide the services of two nurses to restore essential medical foot care treatment to the City of Thompson effective April 1, 2022.

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 9) – The Scrap Metal Act/Loi sur la ferraille, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN having spoken,

And Mr. MALOWAY and Hon. Mr. GERRARD questioned the Minister,

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And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. MALOWAY and SMOOK, MLA LINDSEY, Messrs. LAMONT, WIEBE and BUSHIE and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

In accordance with Rule 33(8), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Private Members' Resolution titled "Calling on the Provincial Government to Improve Adult Education" will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

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

THAT Bill (No. 12) – The Peak of the Market Reorganization Act/Loi sur la réorganisation de Peak of the Market, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. JOHNSON having spoken,

The Question Period was allowed to remain open.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, March, 14 2022.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.