



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 33**

**FOURTH SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**

**PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.**

Mr. BRAR moved:

THAT Bill (No. 227) – The Turban Day Act/Loi sur la Journée du turban, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. BRAR having spoken,

And Messrs. KHAN and ALTOMARE, Ms. LAMOUREUX and Messrs. TEITSMA and ISLEIFSON having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. TEITSMA, SANDHU and ISLEIFSON, Ms. LAMOUREUX and Mr. WIEBE having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to, unanimously.

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

Mr. SALA moved:

Resolution No. 10: Calling on the Provincial Government to Stop Raising Hydro Rates

WHEREAS the rising cost of living is making life unaffordable for many Manitobans and making it harder for families to make ends meet; and

WHEREAS in January 2022, Canada's annual inflation rate reached 5.1 per cent, which outpaced wage increases of 2.4 per cent over the same period and was the first time the annual inflation rate exceeded five per cent in more than 30 years, according to Statistics Canada; and

WHEREAS recent studies have shown that more than half (53%) of Canadians say they can't keep up with the cost of living and seven in ten Canadians report being stressed about money as inflation rates continue to grow; and

WHEREAS nearly 40 per cent of parents indicated that they face challenges paying for child care; and

WHEREAS according to Harvest Manitoba, demand for hampers is at an all-time high and continues to break its previous records, with the organization seeing an increase of 30 to 40 per cent of their pre-pandemic volumes and expecting that number to increase with rising fuel prices; and

WHEREAS the interference by both the former Pallister Provincial Government's and the current Provincial Government in Manitoba Hydro has cost ratepayers and led to higher bills for families; and

WHEREAS Manitoba Hydro already increased its rates to 3.6 per cent last December; and

WHEREAS this Provincial Government increased hydro rates at the cabinet table in 2020 and attempted to raise them again at the cabinet table in 2021, for the first time in modern Manitoba history, costing families hundreds of dollars; and

WHEREAS this Provincial Government has introduced a new bill which will allow cabinet to effectively set Hydro rates at the cabinet table and will increase hydro rates by up to 5 per cent every year, which will make life even more expensive for Manitobans.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be urged to call on the Provincial Government to stop its plans to raise hydro rates and to instead make real investments to make life more affordable for seniors and families.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. SALA having spoken,

And Messrs. NESBITT, MOSES and WOWCHUK having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. FRIESEN, Mr. ALTOMARE, Hon. Mr. WHARTON and Mr. LAMONT having spoken,

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

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**1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.**

Prior to Routine Proceedings, Ms. FONTAINE rose on a Matter of Privilege alleging that the Premier breached the Member's right to perform their job as an MLA properly and hold the Government to account by organizing an event outside the House in order to avoid attending Question Period and moved:

THAT the Premier's failure to participate in Question Period be condemned and that the matter be referred to a Standing Committee of this House for review.

And Hon. Messrs. GOERTZEN and GERRARD having spoken.

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

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Madam Speaker presented:

Auditor General's Report – Department of Education and Early Childhood Learning: Leadership of the K-12 Pandemic Response, dated March 2022.

(Sessional Paper No. 20)

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Hon. Mr. SMITH (Lagimodière), the Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage, made a statement regarding Vimy Ridge Day.

Ms. FONTAINE and, by leave, Mr. LAMONT commented on the statement.

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Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Hon. Mr. HELWER, Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas), Hon. Mr. FRIESEN, Ms. LATHLIN and Ms. LAMOUREUX made Members' Statements.

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

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.

MLA ASAGWARA – 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. 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.

Ms. FONTAINE – 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.

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.

Mr. MALOWAY – To urge the Premier to financially assist the City of Winnipeg in her new 2022 provincial budget to build this three-lane bridge in each direction to maintain this vital link between northeast Winnipeg, Transcona and the downtown; and to recommend that the City of Winnipeg keep the old bridge fully open to traffic while the new bridge is under construction; and to consider the feasibility of keeping the old Louise Bridge open for active transportation in the future.

MLA MARCELINO – To urge the Provincial Government to take action to reduce people’s exposure to lead in Winnipeg and to implement the recommendations proposed by the Provincial Government’s independent review, including the creation of an action plan for the Weston neighbourhood, developing a lead awareness, communications and outreach program, requisitioning a more in-depth study and a creating a tracking program for those tested for blood lead levels so that medical professionals can follow up with them.

Ms. NAYLOR – To urge the Provincial Government to support a declaration that the first week in February of each year be known as Eating Disorders Awareness Week.

Mr. WIEBE – 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.

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Hon. Mr. PIWNIUK moved:

THAT Bill (No. 15) – The Drivers and Vehicles Amendment and Highway Traffic Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les conducteurs et les véhicules et le Code de la route, 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. PIWNIUK having spoken,

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

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. WIEBE, ISLEIFSON and SANDHU 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.

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**Thursday, April 7, 2022**

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Hon. Mr. PIWNIUK presented:

Message from His Honour, the Administrator recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 15).

(Sessional Paper No. 21)

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Hon. Ms. SQUIRES moved:

THAT Bill (No. 13) – The Social Services Appeal Board Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Commission d'appel des services sociaux, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. SQUIRES having spoken,

And Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) and Mr. TEITSMA having spoken,

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

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The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 11, 2022.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,  
Speaker.