



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 30

FIFTH SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

In accordance with Rule 34(8), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Private Members' Resolution titled "Calling on the Provincial Government to Listen to Doctors and Stop the Cuts at the Grace Hospital" will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

Mr. BUSHIE moved:

THAT Bill (No. 203) – The Orange Shirt Day Statutory Holiday Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi désignant la Journée du chandail orange à titre de jour férié (modification de diverses lois), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. BUSHIE having spoken,

And Mr. HELWER, MLA MARCELINO, Ms. LAMOUREUX and Messrs. PEDERSEN, MICHALESKI and MARTIN having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. HELWER, MLA MARCELINO, Mr. PEDERSEN, Ms. LAMOUREUX and MLA FONTAINE 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.

Mr. ALTOMARE moved:

Resolution No. 5: Calling on the Provincial Government to Stop Underfunding Education

WHEREAS adequately funded education supports the development of Manitoba's children and has the potential to break cycles of poverty, close the gap in social inequality and create a more inclusive society; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government under this Premier has acted just like Brian Pallister by inadequately funding education, which negatively impacts Manitoba's students; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has consistently underspent its budgets for education and strategic education infrastructure investments by millions of dollars, nearing \$220 million in the 2021-2022 year alone; and

WHEREAS rising costs, increased enrollment and inadequate funding have forced school divisions such as Brandon School Division, Seven Oaks, Pembina Trails and more to cut programs which the most vulnerable students and families rely upon such as all-day kindergarten, speech-language pathology, psychology and reading recovery; and

WHEREAS school divisions across the province have had to cut staff positions including teachers, education assistants, librarians and more because of the Provincial Government's underfunding of education, which has increased class sizes and reduced the amount of direct engagement educators have with children; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government's reduced its share of funding education from 62.4% to 56.4% while attempting to undermine education with Bill 64, a bill that was seconded by the Premier; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government previously promised to implement a new education funding model by 2023-2024 but has instead delayed it to 2024-2025 in order to hide its reduction in funding until after the next election.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba condemn the Provincial Government for its failure to properly fund schools, teachers and communities and urge the Provincial Government to stop underfunding education, and to release its hidden education funding model.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. ALTOMARE having spoken,

And Mr. GUENTER, MLA ASAGWARA, Messrs. MARTIN and SANDHU and Ms. LAMOUREUX having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. EWASKO, MLA ASAGWARA, Mr. GUENTER and Ms. LAMOUREUX having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were read a First Time and had their purposes outlined:

(No. 229) – The Farmers' Markets Week Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur la Semaine des marchés fermiers (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)

(Mr. WISHART)

(No. 230) – The Municipal Councils and School Boards Elections Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les élections municipales et scolaires

(Mr. ISLEIFSON)

(No. 219) – The Consumer Protection Amendment and Farm Machinery and Equipment Amendment Act (Right to Repair — Vehicles and Other Equipment)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection du consommateur et la Loi sur les machines et le matériel agricoles (droit de réparer les véhicules et le matériel)

(Mr. MALOWAY)

Hon. Min. KLEIN presented:

Annual Report of the Manitoba Hazardous Waste Management Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022.

(Sessional Paper No. 37)

Hon. Min. KLEIN presented:

Annual Report of the Manitoba Climate and Green Plan for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021.

(Sessional Paper No. 38)

Hon. Ms. SQUIRES, the Minister of Families, made a statement regarding Manitoba Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

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

Pursuant to Rule 28(1), Hon. Mr. KHAN, Ms. NAYLOR, Hon. Ms. SQUIRES, Mr. SANDHU and Ms. LAMOUREUX made Members' Statements.

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

Mr. ALTOMARE – To urge the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to consult with noise specialists and other experts to help determine the most effective way to reduce the traffic noise and to commit to meaningful action to address resident concern; and to help address this issue with a noise barrier wall along residential portions of the South Perimeter from St. Anne’s Road to St. Mary’s Road and for River Park South residents.

Ms. LATHLIN – To urge the Minister of Infrastructure to complete an assessment of PR 224 and implement the appropriate repairs using public funds as quickly as possible.

Mr. MALOWAY – To urge the Provincial Government to adopt Right to Repair legislation requiring manufacturers of electronic devices and appliances, including washing machines and fridges, and farm machinery to make information, parts and tools necessary for repairs available to consumers and independent repair shops.

MLA MARCELINO – To urge the Provincial Government to take steps to implement Punjabi bilingual programs in public schools similar to existing bilingual programs and take steps to implement Punjabi language instruction in other levels of education in Manitoba.

Mr. SALA – To urge the Provincial Government to take steps to implement Punjabi bilingual programs in public schools similar to existing bilingual programs and take steps to implement Punjabi language instruction in other levels of education in Manitoba.

Ms. LAMOUREUX – To urge the Provincial Government to change the requirements for accessing Community Living and disABILITY Services so that these requirements are based on the needs of individuals with specific or nonspecific disabilities, including executive function or a combination of disabilities, rather than solely on the basis of their IQ.

Mr. SANDHU – To urge the Provincial Government to take steps to implement Punjabi bilingual programs in public schools similar to existing bilingual programs and take steps to implement Punjabi language instruction in other levels of education in Manitoba.

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

THAT Bill (No. 14) – The Budget Implementation and Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2023/Loi d’exécution du budget de 2023 et modifiant diverses dispositions législatives en matière de fiscalité, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And MLA LINDSEY, Mr. WASYLIW, Ms. NAYLOR and Mr. ALTOMARE having spoken,

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

Thursday, March 16, 2023

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 20, 2023.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.