



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 41

FIFTH SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Ms. LATHLIN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 210) – The Employment Standards Code Amendment Act (Leave for Miscarriage or Stillbirth)/Loi modifiant le Code des normes d'emploi (congé en cas de fausse couche ou de mortinaissance), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Ms. LATHLIN having spoken,

And Mr. ISLEIFSON, MLA FONTAINE and Ms. LAMOUREUX having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. ISLEIFSON having spoken,

In accordance with Rule 25, the debate was interrupted at 10:28 a.m. to put the Second Reading Question on Selected Bill (No. 210).

And the Question being put in accordance with sub-rule 24(7) at 11:55 a.m. It was agreed to, on the following division:

YEA

ALTOMARE	LATHLIN
ASAGWARA	LINDSEY
BRAR	MALOWAY
BUSHIE	MARCELINO
CLARKE	MARTIN
COX	MICHALESKI
CULLEN	MORLEY-LECOMTE
EICHLER	MOSES
FONTAINE	NAYLOR
GERRARD	NESBITT
GOERTZEN	PEDERSEN
GORDON	REDHEAD
GUILLEMARD	REYES
HELWER	SALA
ISLEIFSON	SANDHU
JOHNSON	SMITH (Lagimodière)
KHAN	SMOOK
KINEW	TEITSMA
KLEIN	WASYLIW
LAGASSÉ	WIEBE
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The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

MLA FONTAINE moved:

THAT Bill (No. 218) – An Act Respecting the Title "Associate Judge" (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur la désignation de juge puîné (modification de diverses lois), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And MLA FONTAINE having spoken,

And Mr. ISLEIFSON and MLA ASAGWARA having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN 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. MALOWAY moved:

Resolution No. 10: Condemning the Provincial Government for Breaking its Promises to Seniors on Personal Care Home Beds

WHEREAS Manitoba seniors deserve to age with dignity and respect that should include access to high quality, long term care services when they need them in their local community; and

WHEREAS the need for personal care home beds in the province is a critical issue, particularly in light of the aging population and the increasing demand for long term care services; and

WHEREAS families are struggling to find appropriate care for their loved ones and many seniors are forced to live in substandard conditions, waiting months or even years for a spot in a facility; and

WHEREAS a lack of personal care home beds has had detrimental impacts on the health of many seniors who have had to be transferred far from their home communities and families, particularly in northern Manitoba; and

WHEREAS the current Provincial Government pledged in the 2016 campaign that it would build 1,200 new personal care home beds; and

WHEREAS since that time it has closed personal care home beds and cancelled projects for additional beds in Lac du Bonnet and Winnipeg such that there are now 216 fewer personal care home beds in Manitoba than in 2016; and

WHEREAS this situation is unacceptable, and this Provincial Government must take responsibility for its failure to deliver on its promises.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba condemn the Provincial Government for breaking its promise to build 1,200 new personal care home beds and its refusal to invest in the long term care needs of Manitoba seniors and their families.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. MALOWAY having spoken,

And Mr. HELWER, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Messrs. REDHEAD, PEDERSEN and MICHALESKI having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. HELWER and ALTOMARE and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

And Mr. PEDERSEN speaking at 11:55 a.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. 236) – The Public Expression Protection Act/Loi sur la protection de l'expression quant aux questions d'intérêt public

(Mr. LAMONT)

Hon. Mr. KHAN, the Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage, made a statement recognizing Vaisakhi Day.

Mr. BRAR and, by leave, Ms. LAMOUREUX commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Rule 28(1), Hon. Mr. JOHNSON, Messrs. BRAR, SMOOK, and MOSES and Ms. LAMOUREUX made Members' Statements.

Following Oral Questions, Hon. Mr. KHAN rose on a Matter of Privilege regarding an incident that occurred today during an event held in the Rotunda. The Minister alleged that during the event, the Honourable Member for Fort Rouge attempted to intimidate him physically and verbally, including several profane comments. The Minister then concluded his remarks and moved:

THAT this matter be immediately referred to a permanent Standing Committee of this House for investigation.

And Mr. KINEW having voluntarily apologized while also disputing some of the facts of the incident,

And Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken.

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

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

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 work with municipalities to establish a province wide tax rebate or other incentive program to encourage residents and businesses to purchase approved home and business security protection systems.

Mr. ALTOMARE – 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.

MLA ASAGWARA – 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.

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – To urge the Provincial Government to provide online resources for children and adults with learning disabilities and IQs above 75 including: online videos featuring individuals with learning disabilities explaining their situation in a strength-based way to help create awareness; a centralized listing of all resources for those with learning disabilities, including relevant support systems for family, schools, educational and employment institutions; and a free online webinar series and resources to enable individuals with learning disabilities to access government supports; to provide additional resources to ensure that the present two year wait time list for assessments for learning disabilities is reduced to less than one month; to partner with organizations to provide supports for individual and/or group supports for those with learning disabilities who are transitioning to adulthood; to improve funding for Community Living Disability Services (CLDS) and other organizations which could provide supports for those with learning disabilities in order to reduce wait times; to recognize that individuals with learning disabilities with a normal or high IQ have great potential for working provided they have adequate supports, and to set up initiatives to help these individuals get and keep jobs; and to mandate that all teachers must take courses on learning disabilities during their post-secondary education to better understand and educate in order to end the discrimination they often experience in the classroom.

In accordance with Rule 34(8), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Private Members' Resolution titled "Calling on the Provincial Government to Fairly Negotiate with Allied Health Professionals" will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

Hon. Mr. NESBITT moved:

THAT Bill (No. 8) – The Off-Road Trails Safety and Maintenance Act/Loi sur la sécurité et l'entretien des sentiers pour véhicules à caractère non routier, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

(Recommended by Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. NESBITT having spoken,

And MLA LINDSEY and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And MLA LINDSEY 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.

Hon. Mr. NESBITT presented:

Message from Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 8).

(Sessional Paper No. 54)

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 15) – The Court of King's Bench Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Cour du Banc du Roi, 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 the debate continuing,

And Mr. WIEBE and Ms. LAMOUREUX 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.

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 19) – The Provincial Offences Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les infractions provinciales, 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. WIEBE and Ms. LAMOUREUX having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

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And Mr. WIEBE and Ms. LAMOUREUX 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.

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 12) – The Minor Amendments and Corrections Act, 2023/Loi corrective de 2023, 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 the debate continuing,

And Mr. WIEBE 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.

Hon. Mr. PIWNIUK moved:

THAT Bill (No. 22) – The Emergency Measures Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les mesures d'urgence, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. PIWNIUK having spoken,

And Mr. BUSHIE having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. BUSHIE and LAMONT 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.

The House then adjourned at 4:39 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 17, 2023.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.