



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 57

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 Prioritize MMIWG2S* by Implementing the National Inquiry’s Calls for Justice” will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members’ Business.

Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) moved:

THAT Bill (No. 204) – The Drivers and Vehicles Amendment Act (Licence Plates for MMIWG2S Awareness)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les conducteurs et les véhicules (plaques d’immatriculation pour la sensibilisation aux femmes, aux filles et aux personnes bispirituelles autochtones disparues et assassinées), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) having spoken,

And Mr. BUSHIE having questioned the Member,

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.

MLA ASAGWARA moved:

THAT Bill (No. 226) – The Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le dépistage systématique des déficiences auditives chez les nouveau-nés, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And MLA ASAGWARA having spoken,

Thursday, May 18, 2023

And Messrs. SCHULER, SALA and GUENTER and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. SCHULER and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

In accordance with Rule 25, the debate was interrupted at 10:55 a.m. to put the Second Reading question on Selected Bill (No. 226).

And the Question being put. It was agreed to, on the following division:

YEA

ALTOMARE	MALOWAY
ASAGWARA	MARCELINO
BRAR	MARTIN
BUSHIE	MICHALESKI
COX	MORLEY-LECOMTE
EICHLER	MOSES
FONTAINE	NAYLOR
GERRARD	REYES
GUENTER	SANDHU
GUILLEMARD	SCHULER
JOHNSON	SMITH (Lagimodière)
JOHNSTON	SMOOK
KLEIN	SQUIRES
LAGASSÉ	TEITSMA
LAGIMODIERE	WHARTON
LAMOUREUX	WIEBE
LINDSEY	WISHART.....34

NAY

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Ms. NAYLOR moved:

Resolution No. 16: Condemning the Provincial Government for Failing to Uphold the Right to Housing for All Manitobans

WHEREAS Canada has recognized the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Article 25(1) which includes housing as part of the right to an acceptable standard of living; and

WHEREAS Canada has also recognized the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Article 11(1) that declares housing as part of the right to an “adequate standard of living,” and calls on governments to “take appropriate steps to ensure the realization of this right”; and

WHEREAS housing is a basic necessity required for survival, and the Canadian National Housing Strategy Act calls housing “essential to the inherent dignity and well-being of the person and to building sustainable and inclusive communities”; and

WHEREAS other jurisdictions have put forward legislation that would affirm the human right to housing, such as Ontario, which proposed establishing an Independent Housing Commissioner and a Housing Inequities and Disparity Working Group to study “housing on the basis of it being a human right for individuals and groups”; and

WHEREAS access to affordable housing contributes to achieving beneficial social, economic, health, and environmental outcomes; and

WHEREAS many Manitobans face homelessness or housing instability, and according to the 2022 Winnipeg Street Census there were more than 1,200 people experiencing homelessness in Winnipeg, including more than 100 who were unsheltered; and

WHEREAS End Homelessness Winnipeg estimates that experiencing homelessness cuts 7-10 years off a person’s lifespan; and

WHEREAS this situation has been made worse by the Provincial Government’s failure to build any new units of social and affordable housing, instead selling off hundreds of social housing units; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has further hurt renters in Manitoba by allowing for massive above guideline rent increases, including approving 100% of above guideline rent increases in 2019-2020, resulting in some renters paying up to 30-50% more in housing costs, and hiking taxes on renters by cutting the renters’ tax credit; and

WHEREAS provincial goals, timelines and initiatives relating to housing and homelessness are essential to improving the quality of life for Manitobans, particularly persons in greatest need.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba condemn the Provincial Government for failing to uphold the right to housing for all Manitobans and for selling off hundreds of social housing units, failing to build new units, cutting the repair and maintenance budget by millions of dollars and cutting rent assist.

And a debate arising,

And Ms. NAYLOR having spoken,

And Messrs. MICHALESKI, ALTOMARE and SCHULER, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. GUENTER having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. MICHALESKI and ALTOMARE having spoken,

And Mr. SCHULER speaking at 11:33 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. 244) – The Ducks Unlimited Canada Day Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur la Journée de Canards Illimités Canada (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)

(Mr. WOWCHUK)

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

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

Pursuant to Rule 28(1), Hon. Mr. SMITH (Lagimodière), Ms. NAYLOR, Hon. Mrs. GUILLEMARD and Messrs. WIEBE and LAMONT made Members’ Statements.

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

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.

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.

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.

Due to a procedural irregularity, Madam Speaker sought and received leave to allow the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to again move the Concurrence and Third Reading motion for Bill (No. 21) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code de la route that was previously moved on May 17, 2023. The House also deemed the action to have occurred yesterday.

Mr. WIEBE moved the following Opposition Day Motion:

THAT the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba call on the Provincial Government to condemn Brian Pallister’s health care cuts for the damage caused to Manitoba’s health care system.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. WIEBE, Hon. Ms. SQUIRES, Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas), Hon. Mr. SMITH (Lagimodière), MLA LINDSEY, Hon. Mr. GERRARD, MLA FONTAINE, Hon. Min. KLEIN, Mr. BRAR, Hon. Mr. JOHNSTON, MLA ASAGWARA, Messrs. LAMONT and BUSHIE, Hon. Mr. TEITSMA and MLA MARCELINO having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was negatived, on the following division:

YEA

ALTOMARE	LINDSEY
ASAGWARA	MALOWAY
BRAR	MARCELINO
BUSHIE	MOSES
FONTAINE	NAYLOR
GERRARD	SALA
KINEW	SANDHU
LAMONT	SMITH (Point Douglas)
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NAY

CLARKE	MARTIN
COX	MICHALESKI
EICHLER	MICKLEFIELD
EWASKO	MORLEY-LECOMTE
GOERTZEN	NESBITT
GORDON	PIWNIUK
GUENTER	REYES
GUILLEMARD	SCHULER
HELWER	SMITH (Lagimodière)
ISLEIFSON	SMOOK
JOHNSON	SQUIRES
JOHNSTON	TEITSMA
KHAN	WHARTON
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The House then adjourned at 5:04 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 23, 2023.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.