



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 54

FOURTH SESSION, FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Mrs. GUILLEMARD moved:

THAT Bill (No. 240) – The Elections Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi électorale, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. GUILLEMARD having spoken,

And Ms. FONTAINE, Messrs. TEITSMA, LAMONT and ISLEIFSON having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Ms. FONTAINE, Messrs. LAMONT, TEITSMA and SWAN and Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) having spoken,

In accordance with sub-rule 24(1), the debate was interrupted to put the Second Reading Question on Selected Bill (No. 240).

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. GRAYDON moved:

Resolution No. 12: Removing Educational Land Tax on Farm and Agricultural Land

WHEREAS agriculture is at the heart of Manitoba's economy; and

WHEREAS the value of agricultural land in parts of the province has increased drastically in recent years, yet the provincial rebate has not been indexed in any form to match these increases in property value, thereby asymmetrically increasing the educational tax burden on farmers; and

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WHEREAS the rising cost of agricultural land in this province means that farmers are paying far more than their fair share of education taxes; and

WHEREAS the Progressive Conservative Party of Manitoba, through a resolution that was passed by its membership, called on the province to eliminate school taxes on agricultural land; and

WHEREAS large corporations in this province who build massive development projects such as Investor's Group Field, Bell MTS Place and True North Square are not required to pay education taxes; and

WHEREAS the current Minister of Agriculture, the Member for Lakeside, the current Minister for Growth, Enterprise and Trade, the Member for Midland, and the current Minister of Justice, the Member for Spruce Woods, are all on the record of being in favour eliminating school tax on agricultural land; and

WHEREAS fairness when it comes to taxation is paramount, as everyone benefits from a well informed population and a well funded education system.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to take immediate steps to remove the education tax on agricultural land.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. GRAYDON having spoken,

And Mr. WIEBE, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Messrs. MICHALESKI, WISHART and MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park), Hon. Messrs. EICHLER and GERRARD and Messrs. MICHALESKI and WISHART having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Mr. LINDSEY, Bill (No. 235) – The Emergency Medical Response and Stretcher Transportation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les interventions médicales d'urgence et le transport pour personnes sur civière, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN presented:

Annual Reports of the Manitoba Adult Literacy Strategy and the Adult Learning Centres for the year ending June 30, 2018.

(Sessional Paper No. 41)

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Mr. NESBITT, Ms. KLASSEN, Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE, Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) and Mr. MARTIN made Members' Statements.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. GRAYDON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to amend *The Official Time Act* to abolish daylight saving time in Manitoba effective November 4, 2019, resulting in Manitoba remaining on Central Standard Time (CST) throughout the year and in perpetuity. (C. Dueck, B. McKenham, M. Wall and others)

Ms. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce.

Mr. ALTEMEYER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce. (L. Gilmour, K. Beck, M. Oprea and others)

Mr. LINDSEY – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce. (T. Blask, M. Studeale, D. Thompson and others)

Ms. FONTAINE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce. (J. Caron, A. Carers, M. Armstrong and others)

Mr. ALLUM – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce. (A. Santa, E. Bella, M. Rylinn and others)

Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce.

Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce.

Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce.

Mr. SWAN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce. (J. Adam, M. Adam, R. Kliever and others)

Mr. WIEBE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government reverse cuts and closures that negatively impact patients' ability to access timely, quality health care and to make real investments in Manitoba's public health care system that will improve the timeliness and quality of care for patients by increasing the number of beds across the system, and recruiting and retaining an adequate number of nurses and other health professionals to meet Manitoba's needs. (G. Delbridge, A. McCherry, D. Daley and others)

In accordance with Rule 33(7), the Government House Leader announced that the Filipino Heritage Month Resolution will be considered on the next Tuesday of Private Members' Business.

Hon. Mr. FIELDING moved:

THAT Bill (No. 31) – The Tobacco Tax Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi de la taxe sur le tabac 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. FIELDING having spoken,

And Messrs. SWAN and LAMONT having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. SWAN and LAMONT, Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) 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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Hon. Mr. FIELDING presented:

Message from Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 31).

(Sessional Paper No. 42)

The House then adjourned at 4:59 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 22, 2019.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.