



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 53

FOURTH SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

The Deputy Clerk formally advised the Assembly that the Speaker was unavoidably absent and called upon the Deputy Speaker to take the Chair pursuant to the Statutes. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. ALTOMARE moved:

THAT Bill (No. 235) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Nutrition Programs)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (programmes d'alimentation), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. ALTOMARE having spoken,

And Mr. GUENTER, Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas), Ms. LAMOUREUX and Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. EWASKO, Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas), Hon. Mrs. GUILLEMARD and Ms. LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And Mr. GUENTER speaking at 11:00 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

In accordance with Rule 33(8), the Acting Opposition House Leader announced that the Private Members' Resolution titled "Calling on the Provincial Government to Immediately Increase Minimum Wage to \$15/hour" will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

Ms. NAYLOR moved:

Resolution No. 16: Calling on the Provincial Government to Invest in Public Healthcare Nurses

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has tripled spending on private for profit agency nurses since 2017; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government's spending on private agency nurses is projected to reach \$40 million a year in 2021; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government was heavily reliant on private agency nurses before the pandemic; and

WHEREAS this large amount of spending on private for-profit nurses threatens the ability of the public healthcare system to attract and retain nurses; and

WHEREAS 2,400 nursing positions across the province are currently vacant; and

WHEREAS in the last few years the Provincial Government has cut nurses, which has weakened Manitoba's ability to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS this Provincial Government's cuts and lack of respect for nurses has caused many to leave for other provinces or to leave the profession altogether; and

WHEREAS this Provincial Government has mismanaged the COVID-19 pandemic response, resulting in nurses having to work many hours of mandatory overtime; and

WHEREAS nurses across the province have been forced to work nearly one million hours of overtime in 2021 alone; and

WHEREAS many nurses have been directed not to take vacation over the summer due to this Provincial Government's COVID-19 mismanagement and understaffing; and

WHEREAS the millions of dollars spent on private agency nurses could instead be spent on hiring more nurses in the public system.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to increase investment in public healthcare nurses rather than private for profit agencies.

And a debate arising,

And Ms. NAYLOR having spoken,

And Mr. TEITSMA, MLA ASAGWARA, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Messrs. MICHALESKI and ISLEIFSON having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. TEITSMA, MLA ASAGWARA and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

And Mr. ISLEIFSON speaking at 12:00 p.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. 239) – The Ecological Reserves Amendment Act (Ecological Corridors)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les réserves écologiques (corridors écologiques)

(Hon. Mr. GERRARD)

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

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

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Hon. Mr. SMITH (Lagimodière), Ms. NAYLOR and Messrs. SCHULER, WIEBE and LAMONT made Members' Statements.

During Oral Questions, Madam Speaker interjected and requested that the words "deliberately misleading" spoken by the Minister of Finance be withdrawn.

WHEREUPON Hon. Mr. FRIESEN withdrew their remarks.

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

MLA ASAGWARA – To urge the Minister of Justice to amend the necessary legislation to allow for a mature minor the autonomous right to access mental health services and provide adequate informed consent on their own behalf to proceed with therapeutic services.

Mr. WIEBE – 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.

Mr. ALTOMARE – To request the Minister of Labour, Consumer Protection and Government Services to consider granting the auditorium to the JRL by March 1st, 2023; to request the Minister of Education to recognize the value that JRL provides to the student population of EHS as well as the communities of Village de St Pierre Jolys and the RM De Salaberry; to request the Minister of Education and the Minister of Francophone Affairs to recognize that an MOU between the RRVSD and JRL is morally, financially and culturally beneficial; to request the Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage to recognize the heritage potential of this important building and its status in the community; and to request the Minister of Sport Culture and Heritage to prevent any renovations to the auditorium that would destroy and devalue the architectural integrity of the building. [English version of a bilingual Petition]

MLA LINDSEY – To urge the Minister of Infrastructure to adopt the new proposed speed reductions on Provincial Road 392 set forth above.

Mr. MALOWAY – To urge the Provincial Government to bring Consumer Protection legislation requiring scrap metal recyclers to keep proper records so only legitimate sales are allowed and criminals can be caught.

Mr. SALA – De demander au ministre du Travail, de la Protection des consommateurs et des Services gouvernementaux d'envisager de concéder l'auditorium à la BRJ d'ici le 1^{er} mars 2023; demander au ministre de l'Éducation de reconnaître la valeur que la BRJ apporte à la population étudiante de l'EHS ainsi qu'aux communautés du Village de St Pierre Jolys et de la MR de Salaberry; demander au ministre de l'Éducation et au ministre des Affaires francophones de reconnaître qu'un protocole d'entente entre le RRVSD et JRL est mutuellement bénéfique, financièrement et culturellement; demander au ministre des Sports, de la Culture et du Patrimoine de reconnaître le potentiel patrimonial de cet important bâtiment et son statut au sein de la communauté; et demander au ministre des Sports, de la Culture et du Patrimoine d'empêcher toute rénovation de l'auditorium qui détruirait et dévaloriserait l'intégrité architecturale du bâtiment. [French version of a bilingual petition]

MLA MARCELINO – De demander au ministre du Travail, de la Protection des consommateurs et des Services gouvernementaux d'envisager de concéder l'auditorium à la BRJ d'ici le 1^{er} mars 2023; demander au ministre de l'Éducation de reconnaître la valeur que la BRJ apporte à la population étudiante de l'EHS ainsi qu'aux communautés du Village de St Pierre Jolys et de la MR de Salaberry; demander au ministre de l'Éducation et au ministre des Affaires francophones de reconnaître qu'un protocole d'entente entre le RRVSD et JRL est mutuellement bénéfique, financièrement et culturellement; demander au ministre des Sports, de la Culture et du Patrimoine de reconnaître le potentiel patrimonial de cet important bâtiment et son statut au sein de la communauté; et demander au ministre des Sports, de la Culture et du Patrimoine d'empêcher toute rénovation de l'auditorium qui détruirait et dévaloriserait l'intégrité architecturale du bâtiment. [French version of a bilingual Petition]

By leave, it was agreed to waive Rules 138(4), 138(12) and 138(13) for Bill (No. 228) – The Eating Disorders Awareness Week Act/Loi sur la Semaine de sensibilisation aux troubles de l'alimentation to allow debate at Concurrence and Third Reading during Private Members' Business on Thursday, May 26, 2022.

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN presented:

Revised Sequence for consideration of the Estimates by the Committee of Supply, both in the Chamber and outside the Chamber for May 20th, 2022, only.

(Sessional Paper No. 65)

The House resolved into Committee of the Whole.

Bill (No. 39) – The Appropriation Act, 2022 (School Tax Rebate)/Loi de 2022 portant affectation de crédits (remboursement de taxes scolaires), was considered in Committee of the Whole and reported without amendment. An amendment to Clause 2 was moved and defeated on a counted vote (32-17).

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 39) – The Appropriation Act, 2022 (School Tax Rebate)/Loi de 2022 portant affectation de crédits (remboursement de taxes scolaires), reported from the Committee of the Whole, be concurred in and be now read a Third Time and passed.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. FRIESEN and Messrs. WASYLIW and LAMONT having spoken,

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

YEA

CLARKE	MICHALESKI
COX	MICKLEFIELD
CULLEN	MORLEY-LECOMTE
EICHLER	NESBITT
EWASKO	PEDERSEN
FIELDING	PIWNIUK
FRIESEN	REYES
GOERTZEN	SCHULER
GUENTER	SMITH (Lagimodière)
GUILLEMARD	SMOOK
HELWER	SQUIRES
ISLEIFSON	STEFANSON
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SMITH (Point Douglas)
WASYLIW
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Her Honour Janice FILMON, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Manitoba, having entered the House at 4:28 p.m., and being seated on the Throne:

Madam Speaker addressed Her Honour in the following words:

Your Honour:

At this sitting, the Legislative Assembly has passed a certain Bill that I ask Your Honour to give assent to.

(No. 39) – The Appropriation Act, 2022 (School Tax Rebate)/Loi de 2022 portant affectation de crédits (remboursement de taxes scolaires)

To this Bill the Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly as follows:

"In Her Majesty's name, Her Honour assents to this Bill".

At 4:30 p.m., Her Honour was then pleased to retire.

The House then recessed at 4:33 p.m. with the understanding that the Committee of Supply would meet on Friday, May 20, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. as per a House Leader agreement in accordance with subrule 4(5).

The House then adjourned at 12:30 p.m. Friday, May 20, 2022 until 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 24, 2022.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.