



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 57

FOURTH SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Ms. NAYLOR moved:

THAT Bill (No. 228) – The Eating Disorders Awareness Week Act/Loi sur la Semaine de sensibilisation aux troubles de l'alimentation, reported from the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development, be concurred in and be now read for a Third Time and passed.

And a debate arising,

And Ms. NAYLOR, Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE and Ms. LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly concurred in, read a Third Time and passed.

Mr. BRAR moved:

THAT Bill (No. 227) – The Turban Day Act/Loi sur la Journée du turban, reported from the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development, be concurred in and be now read for a Third Time and passed.

And a debate arising,

And Messrs. BRAR, ISLEIFSON, SANDHU and KHAN and Ms. LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly concurred in, read a Third Time and passed.

Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) moved:

Resolution No. 18: Calling on the Provincial Government to Immediately Increase Minimum Wage to \$15/hour

WHEREAS Manitoba had one of the highest minimum wages in the country before the current Provincial Government took office; and

WHEREAS Manitoba, as of October 2022, will have the lowest minimum wage in the country; and

WHEREAS no minimum wage workers who work full time should live in poverty; and

WHEREAS many minimum wage workers are forced to work two or more jobs just to make enough money to live; and

WHEREAS currently 31,000 Manitobans of all ages work for minimum wage in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS the current Provincial Government has made it clear it has no plans to increase the minimum wage above a poverty wage; and

WHEREAS the current Provincial Government has demonstrated a lack of commitment to front line workers by indicating that Manitoba having the lowest minimum wage in the country was not an important priority for the government; and

WHEREAS increasing the minimum wage to a living wage would help attract workers to industries that are currently experiencing labour shortages and would ensure no worker who works full time will have to live in poverty; and

WHEREAS the rising cost of living means that the minimum wage loses its purchasing power as the cost of everyday essentials like groceries and gas continue to increase; and

WHEREAS no Manitoban should have to live in poverty, including those who are working full time.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to immediately increase the minimum wage to \$15 dollars an hour and ensure that it becomes a living wage so no Manitoban who works full time lives in poverty.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) having spoken,

And Messrs. TEITSMA, MOSES, KHAN, LAMONT and GUENTER having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. TEITSMA, MLA LINDSEY and Messrs. KHAN and LAMONT having spoken,

And Mr. GUENTER speaking at 11:47 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Prior to Routine Proceedings, Ms. FONTAINE rose on a Matter of Privilege alleging that the Minister responsible for Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation made numerous public comments to media yesterday regarding a Bill that has not yet been introduced in the House, Bill 42 – The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment and Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation Amendment Act and moved:

THAT the introduction of Bill 42 be immediately stopped and treated as being out of order until such a time as this matter can be ruled on by the Speaker.

And Hon. Messrs. GOERTZEN and GERRARD having spoken.

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

The following Bill was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined:

(No. 42) – The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment and Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis et la Loi sur la Société manitobaine des alcools et des loterie

(Hon. Mr. FIELDING)

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 26th, 2022, only.

(Sessional Paper No. 68)

Revised Sequence for consideration of the Estimates by the Committee of Supply, both in the Chamber and outside the Chamber for May 27th, 2022, only.

(Sessional Paper No. 69)

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

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

Hon. Mr. PIWNIUK, the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, made a statement regarding the current flooding situation in Manitoba.

Mr. WIEBE and, by leave, Mr. LAMONT commented on the statement.

Thursday, May 26, 2022

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Hon. Mr. REYES, Ms. FONTAINE, Hon. Ms. GORDON, Ms. NAYLOR and Ms. LAMOUREUX made Members' Statements.

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

Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) – To urge the Provincial Government to enact Bill 217 – The Fatality Inquiries Amendment Act (Overdose Death Reporting), to require the province to publish the number of drug overdose death, as well as the type of drug, on a government website in a timely fashion.

Mr. MALOWAY – To urge the Provincial Government to bring in Consumer Protection legislation directing Manitoba Public Insurance to initiate credits to Manitobans for engraving Vehicle Identification Numbers on their catalytic converters.

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – To urge the Provincial Government to consider hearing loss as a medical treatment under Manitoba Health; and to provide income based coverage for hearing aids to all who need them as hearing has been proven to be essential to Manitobans' cognitive, mental, and social health and well-being.

By leave, it was agreed that Madam Speaker send copies of Private Members Resolution #15 titled “Calling on the Federal Government to Extend Time Frame for Indian Day School Survivors”, passed unanimously by the House on May 17, 2022, to the Prime Minister of Canada and Federal Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations.

The House resolving into Committee of Supply.

The House then recessed at 5:00 p.m. with the understanding that the Committee of Supply would meet on Friday, May 27, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. as per a House Leader agreement in accordance with sub-rule 4(5).

The House then adjourned at 12:31 p.m. Friday, May 27, 2022 until 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 30, 2022.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.