



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 68

FOURTH SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

The 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. ISLEIFSON moved:

THAT Bill (No. 237) – The Drivers and Vehicles Amendment Act (Poppy Number Plates)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les conducteurs et les véhicules (plaques d'immatriculation arborant le coquelicot), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. ISLEIFSON having spoken,

And Messrs. SANDHU and LAGASSÉ, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. TEITSMA having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. SANDHU and Hon. Messrs. GERRARD and REYES 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 resumed the Debate on the Proposed Motion of Mr. WISHART:

THAT Bill (No. 233) – The Engineering and Geoscientific Professions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les ingénieurs et les géoscientifiques, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. ALTOMARE and SALA 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. 233).

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. WISHART moved:

Resolution No. 21: Federal Fertilizer Reduction

WHEREAS the agribusiness sector's contribution to the Manitoba GDP is the third highest in Canada as a percentage of total provincial GDP; and

WHEREAS this summer the head of the United Nations, U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, warned that the world is facing a catastrophe due to growing food shortages as a result of the impact of the War in Ukraine; and

WHEREAS Canadian families are feeling the pressures of inflation when they try to feed their families, the Agri-Foods Analytics Lab at Dalhousie University predicts food related inflation will be between five and seven percent; and

WHEREAS one in four Canadian families are going into debt to keep food on the table while prices are rising due to the money printing fiscal policy of the Federal Liberal-NDP coalition; and

WHEREAS at the same time the Federal Liberal-NDP coalition in Ottawa is pushing forward with a fertilizer policy that will force Manitoba farmers to produce less food and raise prices of what they do grow; and

WHEREAS the Federal Liberal-NDP coalition has failed to engage Manitoba's farmers, failed to consult with Indigenous farmers and has failed to consider the impacts this will have on farmers and producers and has failed to consider how this will impact families in the province; and

WHEREAS with these limitations on Manitoban and Canadian farmers it would hinder their ability to do business in a global market; and

WHEREAS the Federal Liberal-NDP coalition's plan fails to consider the ability to reduce emissions on an intensity basis which would allow producers to take scientific approaches to reductions while being able to increase their production; and

WHEREAS this bad public policy will impact anyone who purchases or consumes food in this country, and like most federal policies, those struggling the most will be the ones who are disproportionately impacted.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba call on the Federal Government to abandon their fertilizer reduction strategy that will hurt Manitoba's farmers, producers, and families and additionally ensure that there are no penalties or exclusions from federal programs for farmers who do not meet these arbitrary targets.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. WISHART having spoken,

And Messrs. BRAR and EICHLER, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Messrs. MICHALESKI, WOWCHUK and LAMONT having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. BRAR, EICHLER and MOSES having spoken,

And Hon. Mr. GERRARD speaking at 12:00 p.m.

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were read a First Time and had their purposes outlined:

(No. 224) – The Unobstructed Access to Health Care and Education Facilities Act/Loi sur l'accès sans entrave aux établissements de santé et d'enseignement

(Mr. MARTIN)

(No. 244) – The Protecting Youth in Sports Act/Loi sur la protection des jeunes en milieu sportif

(Mr. MOSES)

Hon. Ms. SQUIRES, the Minister responsible for the Status of Women, made a statement regarding National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

Ms. FONTAINE and, by leave, Ms. LAMOUREUX commented on the statement.

Hon. Mr. NESBITT, the Minister of Natural Resources and Northern Development, made a statement regarding the Conservation Officer Service.

Ms. NAYLOR and, by leave, Hon. Mr. GERRARD commented on the statement.

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Pursuant to Rule 28(1), Mr. EICHLER, Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas), Hon. Ms. SQUIRES, Ms. FONTAINE and Hon. Mr. GERRARD made Members' Statements.

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

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]

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.

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 new Premier to financially assist the City of Winnipeg on building this three-lane bridge in each direction to maintain this vital link between northeast Winnipeg, Transcona and the downtown; to urge the Provincial Government to recommend that the City of Winnipeg keep the old bridge fully open to traffic while the new bridge is under construction; and to consider the feasibility of keeping the old bridge open for active transportation in the future.

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.

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 1er 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]

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In accordance with Rule 34(11), the Government House Leader announced that the Private Member's Resolution titled "Calling on the Legislative Assembly to Urge the Federal Government to ensure Health Funding Equity for Manitoba" will be considered on the next Tuesday of Private Members' Business.

The House resolved into Committee of Supply.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 5, 2022.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.