



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 56

FIRST SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O’CLOCK A.M.

Mr. OXENHAM moved:

THAT Bill (No. 208) – The Two-Spirit and Transgender Day of Visibility Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur la Journée de visibilité bispirituelle et transgenre (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. OXENHAM having spoken,

And Mr. BALCAEN, MLA CROSS, Messrs. JACKSON and NARTH and MLA BEREZA having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. BALCAEN and BLASHKO having spoken,

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.

The House resumed the debate on the proposed motion of MLA CHEN:

THAT Bill (No. 212) – The Asian Heritage Month Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur le Mois du patrimoine asiatique (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Ms. BYRAM and MLA CROSS having spoken,

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

MLA REDHEAD moved:

Resolution No. 14: Affordability in the North

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has undertaken real affordability measures for families in the North after years of freezes and cuts by the previous PC Provincial Government; and

WHEREAS the previous PC Provincial Government severely cut northern infrastructure and turned its back on northern Manitoba by cutting programs that invested in northern communities, such as by suspending the CEDF business loans; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has cut the gas tax, relieving families across the province, but especially in northern Manitoba where many people rely on their vehicles for their businesses and day-to-day travel; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is investing in northern healthcare so families can access help when and where they need it without facing inaccessibility costs; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is expanding critical infrastructure like roads and railways so remote northern communities can maintain year-round surface transportation access; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is improving job accessibility in the North by creating good jobs within the critical minerals field, ensuring economic prosperity and reconciliation; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is investing in building a new airport in Wasagamack for northern families.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to continue providing supports that are making life more affordable for all who contribute, live and work in northern Manitoba.

And a debate arising,

And MLA REDHEAD having spoken,

And Mr. GUENTER, MLA MOYES and Messrs. SCHULER and KING having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. GUENTER, Hon. Mr. BUSHIE, Mr. KING and Ms. LATHLIN having spoken,

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

Pursuant to Rule 34, the Government House Leader announced that the Private Member's resolution titled "Better Access to Healthcare in the North" will be considered on the next Tuesday of Private Members' Business.

1:30 O’CLOCK P.M.

MLA KENNEDY, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs, presented its Fourth Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on May 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 254 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- **Bill (No. 13)** – 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
- **Bill (No. 22)** – The Celebration of Nigerian Independence Day Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur la Journée de la célébration de l’indépendance du Nigeria (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)
- **Bill (No. 23)** – The Change of Name Amendment Act (2)/Loi n° 2 modifiant la Loi sur le changement de nom

Committee Membership

- Mr. GUENTER
- MLA KENNEDY
- MLA LAGASSÉ
- MLA MOYES
- MLA SANDHU
- Hon. Mr. SIMARD

Your Committee elected MLA KENNEDY as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected MLA SANDHU as the Vice-Chairperson.

Substitutions received during committee proceedings:

- Mr. KING for Mr. GUENTER

Non-Committee Members Speaking on Record:

- Hon. Min. ASAGWARA

Public Presentations

Your Committee heard the following nine presentations on **Bill (No. 22)** – The Celebration of Nigerian Independence Day Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur la Journée de la célébration de l'indépendance du Nigeria (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs):

Vera Keyede	Private citizen
Lana Adeleye Olusae	Private citizen
Wilson Akinwale	Private citizen
Edward Onyebuchi	Private citizen
Babatunde Busari	Private citizen
Ifeanyi Chidume	Private citizen
Yechenu Audu	Private citizen
Olivia Onyemaenu	University of Manitoba Nigerian Students' Association
Taiwo Aromasodu	Private citizen

Bills Considered and Reported

- **Bill (No. 13)** – 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

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 22)** – The Celebration of Nigerian Independence Day Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur la Journée de la célébration de l'indépendance du Nigeria (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 23)** – The Change of Name Amendment Act (2)/Loi n° 2 modifiant la Loi sur le changement de nom

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

On motion of MLA KENNEDY, the Report of the Committee was received.

Mr. BRAR, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development, presented its Fifth Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on May 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- **Bill (No. 5)** – The Adult Literacy Act/Loi sur l’alphabétisation des adultes
- **Bill (No. 10)** – The Advanced Education Administration Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l’administration de l’enseignement postsecondaire
- **Bill (No. 17)** – The Workplace Safety and Health Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la sécurité et l’hygiène du travail
- **Bill (No. 18)** – The Community Child Care Standards Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la garde d’enfants
- **Bill (No. 202)** – The Community Foundation Day Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur la Journée des fondations communautaires (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)

Committee Membership

- Mr. BRAR
- MLA DELA CRUZ
- Mr. JACKSON
- MLA LOISELLE
- MLA MOROZ
- Mr. PERCHOTTE

Your Committee elected Mr. BRAR as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected MLA DELA CRUZ as the Vice-Chairperson.

Non-Committee Members Speaking on Record:

- Hon. Min. ALTOMARE
- Hon. Min. CABLE
- Ms. BYRAM
- Hon. Min. MARCELINO
- MLA LAMOUREUX

Public Presentations

Your Committee heard the following presentation on **Bill (No. 5)** – The Adult Literacy Act/Loi sur l’alphabétisation des adultes:

Jim Silver

Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives Manitoba

Your Committee heard the following 10 presentations on **Bill (No. 10)** – The Advanced Education Administration Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l’administration de l’enseignement postsecondaire:

Allison McCulloch	Manitoba Organization of Faculty Associations
David Grant	Private citizen
Michael Shaw	Private citizen
Erik Thomson	Private citizen
Orvie Dingwall	University of Manitoba Faculty Association
Robert Chernomas	Private citizen
Peter Ives	University of Winnipeg Faculty Association
Katrin Nielsdottir	Private citizen
Mark Gabbert	Private citizen
Justin Lewis	Private citizen

Your Committee heard the following three presentations on **Bill (No. 17)** – The Workplace Safety and Health Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la sécurité et l’hygiène du travail:

Kevin Rebeck	Manitoba Federation of Labour
David Grant	Private citizen
Sandra Oakley	Manitoba Federation of Union Retirees

Your Committee heard the following presentation on **Bill (No. 202)** – The Community Foundation Day Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur la Journée des fondations communautaires (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs):

Nathalie Kleinschmit	Francofonds
----------------------	-------------

Written Submissions

Your Committee received the following nine written submissions on **Bill (No. 10)** – The Advanced Education Administration Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l’administration de l’enseignement postsecondaire:

Trust Beta	Private citizen
Mohamad Hasan Kadhim	Private citizen
Alia Lagace	Private citizen
Christine Kelly	Private citizen
RJ Leland	Private citizen
Julie Guard	Private citizen
Chris Tillman	Private citizen
Robert Shaver	Private citizen
Ariane Hanemaayer	Brandon University Faculty Association

Your Committee received the following two written submissions on **Bill (No. 202)** – The Community Foundation Day Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur la Journée des fondations communautaires (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs):

Donna Morken
Reg Black

Rivers and Area Community Foundation
Brokenhead River Community Foundation

Bills Considered and Reported

- **Bill (No. 5)** – The Adult Literacy Act/Loi sur l’alphabétisation des adultes

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 10)** – The Advanced Education Administration Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l’administration de l’enseignement postsecondaire

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 17)** – The Workplace Safety and Health Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la sécurité et l’hygiène du travail

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 18)** – The Community Child Care Standards Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la garde d’enfants

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 202)** – The Community Foundation Day Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur la Journée des fondations communautaires (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. BRAR, the Report of the Committee was received.

Hon. Mr. SIMARD tabled:

Annual Report on French Language Services for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.
(Sessional Paper No. 116)

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Hon. Ms. SMITH, the Minister of Housing, Addictions and Homelessness, made a statement regarding May 10, 2024, being Spirit Bear Day.

Mrs. HIEBERT commented on the statement.

Hon. Mr. MOSES, the Minister of Economic Development, Investment, Trade and Natural Resources, made a statement regarding wildfire conditions throughout the Province of Manitoba.

Mr. WOWCHUK and, by leave, MLA LAMOUREUX commented on the statement.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), MLAs DEVGAN, BEREZA and PANKRATZ, Mr. SCHULER and MLA DELA CRUZ made Member's statements.

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

Mr. EWASKO – To urge the Provincial Government to remove the federal carbon tax on home heating bills for all Manitobans to provide them much needed relief.

Mr. JOHNSON – To urge the 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; to urge the Provincial Government to consider the feasibility of keeping the old bridge open for active transportation in the future.

Mrs. STONE – To urge the Provincial Government to lobby the Federal Government to stop the expansion of medical assistance in dying to those for whom mental illness is the sole condition; and to lobby the Federal Government to protect Canadians struggling with mental illness by facilitating treatment, recovery, and medical assistance in living, not death.

Mr. NESBITT – To urge the 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; to urge the Provincial Government to consider the feasibility of keeping the old bridge open for active transportation in the future.

Mr. WHARTON – To urge the Provincial Government to lobby the Federal Government to stop the expansion of medical assistance in dying to those for whom mental illness is the sole condition; and to lobby the Federal Government to protect Canadians struggling with mental illness by facilitating treatment, recovery, and medical assistance in living, not death.

Ms. BYRAM – To urge the 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; to urge the Provincial Government to consider the feasibility of keeping the old bridge open for active transportation in the future.

Mrs. HIEBERT – To urge the Minister of Families to develop better policies to protect youth in care from potential physical or psychological abuse; to urge the Provincial Government to immediately establish a public inquiry to identify the failing of the child welfare system and ensure that no call from a child ever goes unanswered or ignored again.

Mr. BALCAEN – To urge the 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; to urge the Provincial Government to consider the feasibility of keeping the old bridge open for active transportation in the future.

Mr. GUENTER – To urge the Provincial Government to lobby the Federal Government to stop the expansion of medical assistance in dying to those for whom mental illness is the sole condition; and to lobby the Federal Government to protect Canadians struggling with mental illness by facilitating treatment, recovery, and medical assistance in living, not death.

Mr. SCHULER – To urge the Provincial Government to lobby the Federal Government to stop the expansion of medical assistance in dying to those for whom mental illness is the sole condition; and to lobby the Federal Government to protect Canadians struggling with mental illness by facilitating treatment, recovery, and medical assistance in living, not death.

MLA BEREZA – To urge the Provincial Government to support the investment and placement of an MRI machine in the Portage Regional Health Facility in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

Mr. NARTH – To urge the Provincial Government to lobby the Federal Government to stop the expansion of medical assistance in dying to those for whom mental illness is the sole condition; and to lobby the Federal Government to protect Canadians struggling with mental illness by facilitating treatment, recovery, and medical assistance in living, not death.

Mr. PERCHOTTE – To urge the Provincial Government to remove the federal carbon tax on home heating bills for all Manitobans to provide them much needed relief.

Mr. JACKSON – To urge the Premier and Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to immediately prioritize the reconstruction of Provincial Trunk Highway 2 in the upcoming construction season; and to urge the Provincial Government to include the stretch of Provincial Trunk Highway 2 that runs through the Town of Souris in its reconstruction plans.

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

The House resumed the debate on the proposed motion of Hon. Mr. WIEBE:

THAT Bill (No. 30) – The Unexplained Wealth Act (Criminal Property Forfeiture Act and Corporations Act Amended)/Loi sur les richesses inexplicées (modification de la Loi sur la confiscation de biens obtenus ou utilisés criminellement et de la Loi sur les corporations), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And on the proposed amendment of Mr. JOHNSON as follows:

THAT the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word “THAT” and substituting the following:

this House declines to give Second Reading to Bill (No. 30) – The Unexplained Wealth Act (Criminal Property Forfeiture Act and Corporations Act Amended)/Loi sur les richesses inexplicées (modification de la Loi sur la confiscation de biens obtenus ou utilisés criminellement et de la Loi sur les corporations), because this House has not received satisfactory evidence or assurance that this Bill is different to the existing legislation that was brought forward and passed in this House in 2021.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Mr. WHARTON and Mrs. HIEBERT having spoken,

And Mrs. COOK speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.