



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 68**

**THIRD SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**

**PRAYER**

**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.

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Mr. REYES moved:

THAT Bill (No. 233) – The Filipino Heritage Month Act/Loi sur le Mois du patrimoine philippin, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. REYES having spoken,

And Ms. FONTAINE, Mr. SMITH (Lagimodière), Ms. MARCELINO, Ms. LAMOUREUX and Mr. MICKLEFIELD having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Ms. MARCELINO, Messrs. SMITH (Lagimodière) and BRAR, Ms. LAMOUREUX and Mr. MICKLEFIELD having spoken,

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

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Mr. LAGASSÉ moved:

Resolution No. 26: Recognizing the Provincial Government's Addictions Strategy

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has created additional pressures and struggles for Manitobans and has seen a record increase in opioid use and deaths; and

WHEREAS mental health is an important component of the overall health of Manitobans; and

WHEREAS in spring of 2018, this Provincial Government commissioned the VIRGO report to evaluate Manitoba's mental health and addictions strategy; and

WHEREAS this Provincial Government has invested nearly \$50.2 million in 30 initiatives in order to provide better mental health services at the right place and right time; and

WHEREAS this Provincial Government is working with over 40 northern, rural, and urban organizations and agencies across the province to ensure services are available to all Manitobans no matter where they may reside; and

WHEREAS the issue of addictions is intersectional as it is related to other critical issues such as homelessness, mental health, and isolation, and on a larger scale, a symptom of issues surrounding gender, sex, race, and ability; and

WHEREAS this Provincial Government has invested in programs that reach Manitobans of all ages, race, gender, and ability; and

WHEREAS key areas of focus have included investing in women shelters, northern resources, and education and resources for youth; and

WHEREAS the Bruce Oake Recovery Centre is set to open in 2021, increasing capacity to alleviate pressures on existing residential treatment services, allowing for the focus to shift to other critical levels of service; and

WHEREAS this Provincial Government recognizes the importance of cultural connection, safety and prevention when it comes to addressing mental health and addictions issues.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Provincial Government has committed to protecting the mental health of Manitobans.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. LAGASSÉ having spoken,

And Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas), Mr. ISLEIFSON, Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE and Mr. MARTIN having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas), Mr. ISLEIFSON, MLA ASAGWARA and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

And Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE 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. 232) – The Emancipation Day Act/Loi sur le Jour de l'émancipation

(Mr. MOSES)

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Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Hon. Mr. WHARTON, Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas), Hon. Mr. EWASKO, Mr. ALTOMARE and Hon. Mr. GERRARD made Members' Statements.

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

Mr. MALOWAY – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately demand Dynacare maintain all the phlebotomy (blood sample) sites existing prior to the Covid-19 public health emergency, and allow all Manitobans to get their blood and urine tests done when visiting their doctor, thereby facilitating local access to blood testing services.

Mr. WIEBE – To urge the Minister of Health and Seniors Care to open a genuine four bed Epilepsy Unit, similar to the one recently opened in Saskatchewan, at the Health Sciences Centre with modern equipment and adequate epilepsy neurosurgeons, neurologists, nurses, clerks and technicians; and to formally establish an Epilepsy Program to ensure that all epilepsy staff can deliver care to patients in a coordinated fashion.

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By leave, it was agreed to allow all three sections of the Committee of Supply to meet this Friday, May 28, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., despite the fact that the Committee of Supply will not meet on Thursday, May 27, 2021.

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In accordance with Rule 33(7), the Government House Leader announced that the Private Member's Resolution titled "Calling on Federal Government to revise and improve the Federal Government's Journalism Subsidies" will be considered on the next Tuesday of Private Members' Business.

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The House resolving into Committee of Supply.

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The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 26, 2021.

Doyle PIWNIUK,  
Deputy Speaker.