



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 7

FOURTH SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

(No. 209) – The Farmers' Markets Week Act/Loi sur la Semaine des marchés fermiers
(Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE)

Mr. SMOOK, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs, presented its First Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on November 30, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- Annual Report of Elections Manitoba for the year ending December 31, 2020

Committee Membership

As per the Sessional Order passed by the House on October 7, 2020, amended on November 19, 2020, December 3, 2020, and further amended on May 18, 2021, Rule 83(2) was waived for the November 30, 2021 meeting, reducing the membership to six Members (4 Government and 2 Official Opposition).

- Ms. FONTAINE
- Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN
- MLA MARCELINO
- Hon. Mr. REYES
- Mr. SMOOK
- Mr. WOWCHUK

Your Committee elected Mr. SMOOK as the Chairperson

Your Committee elected Mr. WOWCHUK as the Vice-Chairperson

Officials speaking on the record:

- Ms. Shipra Verma, Chief Electoral Officer

Reports Considered and Passed

Your Committee considered and passed the following report as presented:

- Annual Report of Elections Manitoba for the year ending December 31, 2020

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

Mr. ISLEIFSON, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Justice, presented its First Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on November 30, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- **Bill (No. 3)** – The Family Maintenance Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'obligation alimentaire

Committee Membership

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- MLA ASAGWARA
- Hon. Mrs. COX
- Ms. FONTAINE
- Hon. Mr. FRIESEN
- Mr. ISLEIFSON
- Mr. NESBITT

Your Committee elected Mr. ISLEIFSON as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected Mr. NESBITT as the Vice-Chairperson.

Non-Committee Members Speaking on Record

- Hon. Mr. GERRARD

Public Presentations

Your Committee heard the following 11 presentations on **Bill (No. 3)** – The Family Maintenance Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'obligation alimentaire:

Jill Stockwell	Private citizen
Robynne Kazina	Private citizen
Paul Bruch-Wiens	Private citizen
Reannah Hocken	Manitoba Bar Association
Allison Fenske	Public Interest Law Centre
Lisa McConnell and Bradley Miller (by leave)	Private citizens
Lisa Davies McDonald	Private citizen
Brianna Darbel	Private citizen
Joel Lebois	Private citizen
Matt Erhard	Private citizen
Courtney Maddock	Private citizen

Bills Considered and Reported

- **Bill (No. 3)** – The Family Maintenance Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'obligation alimentaire

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

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

Hon. Ms. GORDON, the Minister of Health and Seniors Care, made a statement regarding today, December 1, 2021, being World AIDS Day.

MLA ASAGWARA and, by leave, Mr. LAMONT commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Hon. Mr. EWASKO, Ms. LATHLIN, Hon. Mr. FIELDING, Ms. NAYLOR and Mr. WOWCHUK made Members' Statements.

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

MLA ASAGWARA – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately ensure effective and safe access to abortion services for individuals regardless of where they reside in Manitoba and to ensure that buffer zones are immediately legislated.

Mr. MOSES – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately provide comprehensive and free healthcare coverage to all residents of Manitoba regardless of immigration status, including refugee claimants, migrant workers, international students, dependent children of temporary residents, and undocumented residents; to urge the Minister of Health and Seniors Care to undertake a multilingual communication campaign to provide information on expanded coverage to all affected residents; to inform all healthcare institutions and providers of expanded coverage for those without health insurance and the details on how necessary policy and protocol changes will be implemented; and to create and enforce strict confidentiality policies and provide staff with training to protect the safety of residents with precarious immigration status and ensure they can access health care without jeopardizing their ability to remain in Canada.

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.

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. WIEBE – To urge the Minister of Infrastructure to leave residents access to the Perimeter Highway at least every two miles along its length, especially at intersections such as Sturgeon Road which are vital to local businesses; and to listen to the needs and the opinions of the local residents and business owners who took the time to complete the Perimeter Safety Survey, while working with engineers and the technicians to ensure their concerns are addressed.

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – To urge the Provincial Government to encourage the Federal Government to amend the Canada Health Act by adding prescription medicines prescribed by a licensed practitioner to the definition of covered services in accordance with an established formulary; and to develop, jointly with the Federal Government, a universal, single payer, evidence based, sustainable public drug plan that contains: purchasing power to secure best available pricing; a list of essential medicines addressing priority health needs and; the ability to expand to a comprehensive permanent plan that would promote the health and well-being of all Canadians.

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN moved:

THAT the Sessional Order passed on October 7, 2020 and amended on November 19, 2020, December 3, 2020 and May 18, 2021 be further amended in the first paragraph by replacing “December 2, 2021” with “March 10, 2022”.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Messrs. GOERTZEN and GERRARD having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The House resumed the debate on the Proposed Motion of Mr. SMITH (Lagimodière):

THAT the following address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor:

We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba thank your Honour for the gracious speech addressed to us at this Fourth Session of the Forty-Second Legislature of Manitoba.

And the proposed amendment moved by Mr. KINEW as follows:

THAT the motion be amended by adding at the end the following words:

But this House regrets that the Provincial Government has:

- a) failed to provide any plan to make life more affordable for Manitobans by not mentioning affordability and the rising cost of living due to higher hydro bills, grocery bills, and more as Manitobans head into the holiday season; and
- b) failed to call an independent public inquiry into Manitoba's pandemic response to learn from its mistakes and bring forward changes to improve the lives of Manitoba families and strengthen the healthcare system; and
- c) failed to provide any immediate supports to address the healthcare crisis across the province, from the north to the south; and
- d) failed seniors and elders in part by forcing them to move across Manitoba to make room in hospitals because of its failure to build new personal care home beds and address the healthcare crisis in the province; and
- e) failed to commit to any real investments or changes to address the growing surgical and diagnostic backlog in the province; and
- f) tried to change the channel from former Premier Brian Pallister but failed by repeating 16 of his previous commitments; and
- g) continued to put the long-term success of Manitoba students at risk by pushing ahead with an out of date "review" of the education system commissioned by former Premier, Brian Pallister; and
- h) continued the interference initiated by former Premier Brian Pallister in post-secondary institutions, leading to an ongoing strike at the University of Manitoba which is impacting the ability of students to learn; and
- i) offered no commitment to implement a living wage, paid sick days or health and safety supports for working Manitobans to help them out of poverty and keep them safe and healthy at work; and

- j) failed to mention Manitoba Hydro and offer a plan to use the clean advantage of Hydro to address climate change, create jobs, advance reconciliation and keep rates low and keep life affordable; and
- k) continued to fight with the City of Winnipeg by pushing a failed attempt at privatization that will cost Manitobans jobs, delaying upgrades to the North End Waste Water Treatment plant which would help protect the lakes and rivers of the province; and
- l) failed to provide any substantial targets or initiatives to address climate change, to prevent devastating weather events that impact producers, the length and quality of winter roads, the environment, the economy, and all Manitobans; and
- m) neglected to provide any real commitments to advancing reconciliation or apologize for the failures and racially insensitive comments of former Premier Brian Pallister; and
- n) failed to present clear measures to support women and gender-diverse Manitobans by committing to support the provision of menstrual products for women, girls and gender diverse people in schools or committing to ensure reproductive health care falls under the purview of the Minister of Health and Seniors Care; and
- o) failed to commit to supports for other major communities such as Brandon and Dauphin, and ending the funding freeze to municipalities; and
- p) failed to produce a meaningful strategy to revive Manitoba's creative industries or present a real strategy for Manitoba jobs in different sectors; and
- q) refused to address the addictions and housing crisis by failing to provide long-term investments into harm reduction initiatives and affordable social housing.

As a consequence of these and many other failings, the Provincial Government has thereby lost the trust and confidence of the people of Manitoba and this House.

And the proposed sub-amendment moved by Mr. LAMONT as follows:

THAT the motion be amended by adding after clause (q) the following clauses:

- r) failed to provide any substantial change in course, or concrete actions, to address multiple crises currently facing Manitobans that desperately require bold action while the Provincial Government only produced a "plan to plan"; and
- s) failed to provide solutions for all Manitobans, instead offering boutique policies that cater to a few while leaving the majority out in the cold; and
- t) failed to refrain from continuing to engage in a pitched battle with talented Manitoba researchers and educators to the extent that many are pondering leaving the province; and

- u) failed to commit to fair and free bargaining with public sector workers or meddling with Crown Corporations and allowing for them to operate independently as they are intended; and
- v) failed to commit to reconsidering all of its disastrous health care reforms, and only reconsidering changes for rural Manitoba, and not for care centres in the City of Winnipeg which serve the entire province; and
- w) failed to bring in the critically needed province-wide prevention approaches to conditions like diabetes, osteoporosis, heart, kidney, lung and brain diseases including learning disabilities, addictions, stroke and dementia; and
- x) failed to recognize the role of low wages in Manitoba's labour shortages, commit to increasing the minimum wage, or outline how the Province will utilize the Provincial Nominee Program to address gaps in Manitoba's workforce; and
- y) failed to articulate any meaningful plan for economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, choosing empty platitudes about "attracting investment" over concrete actions, and leaving Manitobans and Manitoba businesses on their own to continue to be innovative and be resilient in true Manitoba fashion; and
- z) failed to commit to return the \$338 Million of Federal Special Allowance for children in care that was taken and put into general revenue by previous PC and NDP Provincial Governments; and
- aa) failed to make commitments on making Manitoba more sustainable; and
- bb) failed to recognize anything related to the safety of Manitobans, when substance use overdose deaths are at all time highs and the mental health of Manitobans requires urgent attention.

And the debate continuing on the sub-amendment,

And Mr. TEITSMA, Ms. NAYLOR, Hon. Mr. LAGIMODIERE, MLA MARCELINO, Ms. LATHLIN, Mr. MICKLEFIELD and Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON having spoken,

And the Question being put on the sub-amendment. It was negatived, on division.

And the Question being put on the amendment. It was negatived, on the following division:

YEA

ADAMS
ALTOMARE
ASAGWARA
BRAR
BUSHIE
FONTAINE
GERRARD
KINEW
LAMONT
LAMOUREUX
LATHLIN

LINDSEY
MALOWAY
MARCELINO
MOSES
NAYLOR
SALA
SANDHU
SMITH (Point Douglas)
WASYLIW
WIEBE21

NAY

CLARKE
COX
CULLEN
EICHLER
EWASKO
FIELDING
FRIESEN
GOERTZEN
GORDON
GUENTER
GUILLEMARD
HELWER
ISLEIFSON
JOHNSON
JOHNSTON
LAGASSÉ
LAGIMODIERE

MARTIN
MICKLEFIELD
MORLEY-LECOMTE
NESBITT
PEDERSEN
PIWNIUK
REYES
SCHULER
SMITH (Lagimodière)
SMOOK
SQUIRES
STEFANSON
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And the Question being put on the main motion. It was agreed to, on the following division:

YEA

CLARKE	MARTIN
COX	MICKLEFIELD
CULLEN	MORLEY-LECOMTE
EICHLER	NESBITT
EWASKO	PEDERSEN
FIELDING	PIWNIUK
FRIESEN	REYES
GOERTZEN	SCHULER
GORDON	SMITH (Lagimodière)
GUENTER	SMOOK
GUILLEMARD	SQUIRES
HELWER	STEFANSON
ISLEIFSON	TEITSMA
JOHNSON	WHARTON
JOHNSTON	WISHART
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LAGIMODIERE	

NAY

ADAMS	LINDSEY
ALTOMARE	MALOWAY
ASAGWARA	MARCELINO
BRAR	MOSES
BUSHIE	NAYLOR
FONTAINE	SALA
GERRARD	SANDHU
KINEW	SMITH (Point Douglas)
LAMONT	WASYLIW
LAMOUREUX	WIEBE21
LATHLIN	

The House then adjourned at 4:46 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 2, 2021.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.