



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 25

FOURTH SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

The Deputy 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. SALA moved:

THAT Bill (No. 218) – The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la location à usage d'habitation, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. SALA having spoken,

And Messrs. GUENTER and LAMONT, Ms. NAYLOR and Messrs. MARTIN, SANDHU and TEITSMA having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. GUENTER, Ms. NAYLOR and Messrs. MARTIN and LAMONT having spoken,

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

In accordance with Rule 33(8), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Private Members' Resolution titled "Calling on the Provincial Government to Resolve the Surgical and Diagnostic Backlog" will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

MLA MARCELINO moved:

Resolution No. 6: Calling on the Provincial Government to Improve Adult Education

WHEREAS adult education helps adults achieve sufficient levels of literacy, numeracy and other essential skills necessary to obtain or qualify for higher levels of employment or education and improve economic and social well-being; and

WHEREAS the benefits of adult education include stronger and healthier families and communities, improved school outcomes for children, significant reductions in poverty, major steps in the direction of reconciliation, enhanced tax revenues and reduced social assistance and related costs; and

WHEREAS currently there are 192,600 Manitobans between the ages of 16 and 65 whose literacy levels are at stages 1 or 2, meaning their literacy levels are not sufficient to enable them to participate fully in society; and

WHEREAS enrolment in adult literacy programs in 2020/21 was 1,150, which is less than one percent of those who need to advance their literacy skills; and

WHEREAS adult education has been cut by the Provincial Government because funding has failed to keep up with inflation; and

WHEREAS there were 42 adult literacy programs in Manitoba in 2009/10 and in 2019/20 there were only 30 resulting in a decline of 28.6 percent; and

WHEREAS the number of adult learners in Adult Learning Centres and Adult Literacy Programming has continued to fall under the Provincial Government from 8,450 in 2015/16 to 6,058 in 2020/21 and 2,182 in 2015/16 to 1,150 in 2020/21, respectively; and

WHEREAS one of the biggest barriers to accessing adult education is that many people who receive EIA are not made aware of opportunities to advance their education and are often discouraged from pursuing adult education; and

WHEREAS currently the EIA Administrative Manual does not always include adult education as part of a EIA recipient's action plan; and

WHEREAS the benefits of properly funding adult education and promoting the option to people on EIA would be significant.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to make meaningful investments in adult literacy and education, support adult learners as they seek to improve their education and ensure adult education is an option available to EIA recipients so they can successfully develop their skills and abilities.

And a debate arising,

And MLA MARCELINO having spoken,

And Messrs. WOWCHUK and BRAR, Ms. LAMOUREUX and Messrs. MOSES and NESBITT having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Ms. SQUIRES, Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas), Hon. Mr. EWASKO and Ms. LAMOUREUX having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

(No. 29) – The Mennonite College Federation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Fédération des collèges mennonites

(Hon. Mr. REYES)

(No. 31) – The Minor Amendments and Corrections Act, 2022/Loi corrective de 2022

(Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN)

(No. 32) – The Victims' Bill of Rights Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Déclaration des droits des victimes

(Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN)

(No. 30) – The Police Services Amendment and Law Enforcement Review Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services de police et la Loi sur les enquêtes relatives à l'application de la loi

(Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN)

Hon. Mr. SMITH (Lagimodière), the Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage, made a statement recognizing Holi, the Festival of Colours.

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

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Hon. Mr. REYES, Ms. NAYLOR, Mr. BUSHIE, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. GUENTER 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 individual regardless of where they reside in Manitoba and to ensure that buffer zones are immediately legislated.

Mr. BUSHIE – To urge the Provincial Government to provide the services of two nurses to restore essential medical foot care treatment to the City of Thompson effective April 1, 2022.

Mr. WIEBE – To urge the Provincial Government to provide the services of two nurses to restore essential medical foot care treatment to the City of Thompson effective April 1, 2022.

MLA LINDSEY – To urge the Provincial Government to provide the services of two nurses to restore essential medical foot care treatment to the City of Thompson effective April 1, 2022.

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Hon. Mr. GERRARD – To urge the Provincial Government to provide financing for upgrades to the cochlear implant covered under Medicare, or provide funding assistance through the Cochlear Implant Speech Processor Replacement Program, to assist with the replacement costs associated with a device upgrade.

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.

Ms. NAYLOR – To urge the Provincial Government to support a declaration that the first week in February of each year be known as Eating Disorders Awareness Week.

Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) – To urge the Provincial Government to provide the services of two nurses to restore essential medical foot care treatment to the City of Thompson effective April 1, 2022.

Ms. FONTAINE – 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.

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 16) – The Financial Administration Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la gestion des finances publiques, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.
(Recommended by His Honour, the Administrator)

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. FRIESEN having spoken,

And Mr. WASYLIW, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. SALA questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. WASYLIW, TEITSMA, ALTOMARE and LAMONT having spoken,

And Mr. BUSHIE 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. Monday, March, 21 2022.

Andrew MICKLEFIELD,
Deputy Speaker.