



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 71

FOURTH SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Mr. LAMONT moved:

THAT Bill (No. 225) – The Non-Disclosure Agreements Act/Loi sur les accords de confidentialité, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. LAMONT having spoken,

And Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE, Ms. NAYLOR, Mr. KHAN and Ms. LAMOUREUX having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE, Mr. WASYLIW and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

In accordance with Rule 25, the debate was interrupted at 10:45 a.m. to put the Second Reading Question on Selected Bill (No. 225).

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. LAMONT moved:

Resolution No. 23: Calling on the Legislative Assembly to Urge the Federal Government to ensure Health Funding Equity for Manitoba

WHEREAS on July 12, 2022, when Premiers across Canada called for a unanimous increase in the funding for the Canadian Health Transfer (CHT), they made no mention of restoring equity to the federal health care formula; and

WHEREAS building a stronger, fairer and more responsive national public health system starts with the basic principle that funds must go where they are needed the most; and

WHEREAS in 2014, nine of ten provinces were faced with nearly \$1 billion in health care transfer cuts, meaning Progressive Conservative MPs across Canada voted in 2007 to make permanent health funding cuts to their own provinces; and

WHEREAS because Manitoba has a widely dispersed rural and northern population, as well as the deepest family poverty in Canada, this decision has had a direct negative impact on the province's ability to deliver health services; and

WHEREAS prior to 2014, the formula to calculate federal health transfers to provinces was calculated based on equity being the real life additional costs to provinces of age, health, and poverty of the population, remoteness and travel distances; and

WHEREAS for six fiscal years, the Federal Progressive Conservatives capped federal transfers to Manitoba, and shifted the burden of costs and austerity onto provinces after the financial crisis of 2008; and

WHEREAS total federal funding for health care across Canada has been increased, and returning the CHT formula to an equity basis would result in significant increases to health care funding to nine out of ten provinces in Canada, including Manitoba, even before an overall increase in funding; and

WHEREAS Provincial Governments have continued to freeze and cut health care even as they plead poverty, they have had no difficulty finding hundreds of millions or billions to cut cheques to corporations, even as they have seen major increases in total federal funding in the form of increased equalization, health accords and more; and

WHEREAS equitable health funding ensures a more fair and efficient model, that money flows to the people who need it, and takes into consideration extra costs like distance and health; and

WHEREAS healthcare and transfer payments need to be recognized as essential investments into Canada's and Manitoba's prosperity and the stability of the country as a whole.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Federal Government to restore the Canada Health Transfer's formula to one based on equity, and that future health agreements ensure that funds intended for the provision of health care are used for the provision of public health care, and not diverted to another purpose.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. LAMONT having spoken,

And Mr. MICHALESKI, MLA ASAGWARA, Mr. ISLEIFSON and Ms. LAMOUREUX having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. MICHALESKI, MLA ASAGWARA, Mr. ISLEIFSON, MLA LINDSEY and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

And Mr. PEDERSEN speaking at 11:42 a.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. 45) – The Budget Implementation and Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2022/Loi d'exécution du budget de 2022 et modifiant diverses dispositions législatives en matière de fiscalité

(Hon. Mr. FRIESEN)

(No. 46) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code de la route

(Hon. Mr. PIWNIUK)

Hon. Mr. CULLEN presented:

Revised sequence for consideration of the Estimates by the Committee of Supply, both in the Chamber and outside the Chamber.

(Sessional Paper No. 133)

Hon. Ms. GORDON, the Minister of Health, made a statement regarding International Day of the Girl.

MLA MARCELINO and, by leave, Ms. LAMOUREUX commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Rule 28(1), Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE, MLA ASAGWARA, Messrs. KHAN and BRAR and Hon. Mr. GERRARD made Members' Statements.

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

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – To urge the Provincial Government to change the requirements for accessing Community Living and disABILITY Services so that these requirements are based on the needs of individuals with specific or nonspecific disabilities, including executive function or a combination of disabilities, rather than solely on the basis of their IQ.

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

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. SANDHU – To urge the Provincial Government to take action to reduce people’s exposure to lead in Winnipeg and to implement the recommendations proposed by the Provincial Government’s independent review, including the creation of an action plan for the Weston neighbourhood, developing a lead awareness, communications and outreach program, requisitioning a more in-depth study and a creating a tracking program for those tested for blood lead levels so that medical professionals can follow up with them.

MLA MARCELINO – To urge the Minister of Health and the Minister of Seniors and Long-Term Care to immediately increase investment in homecare services so that homecare workers can be paid a fair wage and clients can receive the level of service they require.

In accordance with Rule 34(7), the Government House Leader announced that the Private Member’s Resolution titled “Calling on the Federal Government to Stand in Unity with the Manitoba Legislature and Support Religious Freedom” will be considered on the next Tuesday of Private Members’ Business.

The House resolving into Committee of Supply.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 12, 2022.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.