



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 42

FIRST SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O’CLOCK A.M.

Pursuant to Rule 34, the Deputy Opposition House Leader announced that the Private Member’s resolution titled “Calling on the Provincial Government to Address the Overcrowding in Schools” will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Member’s Business.

Mr. NESBITT moved:

THAT Bill (No. 211) – The Drivers and Vehicles Amendment Act (Manitoba Parks Licence Plates)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les conducteurs et les véhicules (plaques d’immatriculation des parcs du Manitoba), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. NESBITT having spoken,

And MLA DELA CRUZ and Messrs. WOWCHUK, SCHULER and JACKSON having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And MLA LOISELLE and Messrs. WOWCHUK and BRAR having spoken,

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

Mrs. STONE moved:

Resolution No. 7: Calling on the Provincial Government to Prioritize and Protect Children in Care and Commit to a Public Inquiry

WHEREAS on Sunday, February 11, 2024, Manitobans witnessed an unimaginable tragedy when five individuals were murdered; and

WHEREAS the victims ranged in ages from two-months to 30 years; and

WHEREAS Manitoba has the second highest rate of intimate partner violence among Canadian provinces at a rate of 633 per 100,000 people, according to police-reported data from Statistics Canada; and

WHEREAS reports indicate that on December 9, 2023, Myah-Lee left a voicemail for her Child and Family Services worker in which he pleaded “*to be moved out of*” her home in Carman; and

WHEREAS Myah-Lee detailed numerous incidents of home-based violence that she was subjected to resulting in her sharing with a family member that “*I feel like I’m trapped in hell*”; and

WHEREAS Manitoba’s Advocate for Children and Youth noted, “*this case highlights the failures of the government to respond to our recommendations*”; and

WHEREAS the mother of 17-year old victim Myah-Lee Gratton advised the media that she had warned CFS against her daughter’s placement in the home due to safety concerns; and

WHEREAS on March 6, 2024, the Minister of Families, the MLA for St Johns, indicated on the public record that she was too busy to discuss issues surrounding children in care, including safety issues; and

WHEREAS the last inquiry held in Manitoba was for the death of five-year old Phoenix Sinclair who was murdered in 2008; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has the legislative ability to develop better policies to protect youth in care.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to commit to a public inquiry without delay in order to develop better policies to protect youth in care from potential abuse and provide the necessary resources to the Minister of Families so that no other cry for help goes unanswered or ignored.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. STONE having spoken,

And MLA CROSS, Mrs. HIEBERT and Mr. NARTH having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Min. FONTAINE, Mrs. HIEBERT and MLA DELA CRUZ having spoken,

And Hon. Ms. SMITH 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. 300) – The Winnipeg Foundation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Fondation dénommée « The Winnipeg Foundation »

(MLA LOISELLE)

Hon. Min. ASAGWARA, the Minister of Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care, made a statement regarding Daffodil Month.

Mrs. COOK and, by leave, MLA LAMOUREUX commented on the statement.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), Hon. Min. MARCELINO, MLA BEREZA, Messrs. BRAR and WOWCHUK and MLA MOYES 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.

Mrs. COOK – To urge the Provincial Government to remove the punishing carbon tax on natural gas and other fuels and farm inputs for Manitoba agriculture producers and the Agri-food sector to decrease the costs of putting food on the table for Manitoba consumers.

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

The House resumed 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 the debate continuing,

Thursday, April 11, 2024

And Messrs. GUENTER, NARTH, PERCHOTTE and KHAN having spoken,

And Ms. BYRAM 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, April 15, 2024.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.