



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 58

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 Keep Hard Drugs Illegal” will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Member’s Business.

The House resumed the debate on the proposed motion of Mr. GOERTZEN:

THAT Bill (No. 203) – The Occupiers’ Liability Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la responsabilité des occupants, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And MLA PANKRATZ, Mr. KHAN, MLAs LOISELLE and CROSS, Hon. Ms. SMITH and MLA MOYES having spoken,

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

Mr. KING moved:

Resolution No. 15: Holding the Provincial Government Accountable for Security Rebate Commitment

WHEREAS businesses throughout Manitoba have publicly advised that retail crime is getting worse under the Provincial Government; and

WHEREAS the executive director of Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone, noted that the recent closure of the Starbucks in the Osborne Village “*is a case where ... safety is the only thing, and that to me is why it’s so alarming, and I hope that it rings some alarm bells ... because this is a problem*”; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government made an election commitment to provide \$2.5 million towards security cameras, alarm systems, motion detectors, reinforced doors or windows, anti-graffiti film, paints, security gates, pull-down protection shutters and permanent security fencing; and

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WHEREAS the Provincial Government has only provided \$500,000 in funding for the promised initiative, a reduction of \$2 million; and

WHEREAS this \$500,000 is only enough for 1,700 Manitobans, or .0013 per cent of the Province's population, to receive the full \$300 rebate; and

WHEREAS the Canadian Federation of Independent Business noted that the Provincial Government's failed funding commitment is "*a drop in the bucket for a lot of businesses who are spending up to tens of thousands of dollars*"; and

WHEREAS the Manitoba Restaurant and Food Services Association noted "*that \$300 [security rebate] amount wouldn't even cover the PST [of a security system]*".

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to immediately fulfill its election promise and increase funding of the security rebate by \$2 million and meet with business owners and security firms to develop a funding model that will actually meet the costs of installing and maintaining these security measures.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. KING having spoken,

And MLA DEVGAN, Mr. PERCHOTTE and MLA LAGASSÉ having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And MLAs MALOWAY, LAGASSÉ and KENNEDY having spoken,

And Hon. Min. ALTOMARE 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. 216) – The Manitoba Small Business Month Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur le Mois de la petite entreprise au Manitoba (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)

(MLA CROSS)

Hon. Mr. WIEBE, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, made a statement regarding National Police Week, May 12 to 18, 2024.

Mr. JACKSON and, by leave, MLA LAMOUREUX commented on the statement.

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Hon. Min. SALA, the Minister of Finance, made a statement regarding today being Vyshyvanka Day.

MLA LAGASSÉ and, by leave, MLA LAMOUREUX commented on the statement.

Hon. Min. FONTAINE, the Minister of Families, made a statement regarding May 17, 2024, being International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia.

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

Prior to Members' Statements, the Speaker advised the House that notice had been received from the Official Opposition that one additional Member's statement would be read today in accordance with the provisions agreed to by the House on April 22, 2024.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), Mr. BLASHKO, Mrs. STONE, Hon. Min. SALA, Mr. JOHNSON, MLA REDHEAD and Mr. KING made Member's statements.

The following petition was 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.

The House resumed the 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 on the proposed amendment of Mr. JOHNSON as follows:

THAT the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word "THAT" and substituting the following:

this House declines to give Second Reading to 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), because this House has not received satisfactory evidence or assurance that this Bill is different to the existing legislation that was brought forward and passed in this House in 2021.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Messrs. JACKSON and EWASKO having spoken,

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

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BEREZA	LAGASSÉ
BYRAM	NARTH
COOK	NESBITT
EWASKO	PERCHOTTE
GUENTER	PIWNIUK
JACKSON	SCHULER
JOHNSON	STONE
KHAN	WHARTON
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ALTOMARE	MOROZ
ASAGWARA	MOSES
BLASHKO	MOYES
BRAR	OXENHAM
CABLE	PANKRATZ
CHEN	REDHEAD
CROSS	SALA
DELA CRUZ	SANDHU
DEVGAN	SCHMIDT
FONTAINE	SCHOTT
KENNEDY	SMITH
MALOWAY	WASYLIW
MARCELINO	WIEBE 26

And the debate continuing on the main motion,

And Mr. JACKSON having spoken,

And Mr. JACKSON moved an amendment as follows:

THAT the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word "THAT" and substituting the following:

Bill (No. 30) – The Unexplained Wealth Act (Criminal Property Forfeiture Act and Corporations Act Amended)/Loi sur les richesses inexplicquées (modification de la Loi sur la confiscation de biens obtenus ou utilisés criminellement et de la Loi sur les corporations), be not now read a Second Time but that it be read a Second Time this day six months hence.

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WHEREUPON the Speaker ruled the amendment in order,

And a debate arising on the amendment,

And MLA BEREZA 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 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.