



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 58

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

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.

In accordance with Rule 33(8), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Private Member's Resolution titled "Inclusion of a Land Acknowledgement in the Manitoba Legislative Assembly" will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

The House resumed the debate on the Proposed Motion of Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas)

THAT Bill (No. 223) – The Spirit Bear Day Act/Loi sur la Journée de l'ourson Spirit Bear, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. MICKLEFIELD, SMITH (Lagimodière) and GUENTER having spoken,

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. WASYLIW moved:

THAT Bill (No. 229) – The Restriction on Material Accompanying Government Cheques Act/Loi imposant des restrictions sur le matériel accompagnant les chèques émis par le gouvernement, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. WASYLIW having spoken,

And Messrs. NESBITT, MOSES, LAMONT, MARTIN and LAGIMODIERE having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. NESBITT and MOSES having spoken,

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

Ms. FONTAINE moved:

Resolution No. 21: Calling Upon the Provincial Government to Support Women's Economic Recovery

WHEREAS women around the world have been disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, and Manitoba is no exception; and

WHEREAS women are overrepresented in frontline jobs, including in healthcare, education, childcare, retail and hospitality that were predominately impacted by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS BIPOC women are among the most severely impacted by the pandemic because of their over-representation in high-risk jobs such as food-processing plants and long-term care; and

WHEREAS women and BIPOC women are often paid less than men in the workforce; and

WHEREAS women and BIPOC women in frontline jobs were more likely to be temporarily or permanently laid off as a result of the pandemic as in just the first wave 63% of job losses were women; and

WHEREAS women also face the additional burden of gender roles which put family responsibilities like home schooling, childcare, and caring for aging loved ones on their shoulders; and

WHEREAS the Royal Bank of Canada report outlined that training and reskilling female workers will be essential for an equitable recovery; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has made life worse for women by raising childcare fees and refusing to implement paid sick leave; and

WHEREAS Budget 2021 does not provide any targeted supports for women to help with their economic recovery and instead cut funding to services such as childcare and post-secondary education that would help women recover from the pandemic; and

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WHEREAS the Provincial Government has failed to use gender and race based analysis in its decision-making since taking office and Budget 2021 does not mention the word gender or race even once, demonstrating this government's lack of an economic recovery plan for women and BIPOC women.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to immediately adopt gender and race based analysis in its decision-making and immediately invest in targeted support to ensure an equitable recovery for Manitoba women.

And a debate arising,

And Ms. FONTAINE having spoken,

And Mr. WOWCHUK, Ms. MARCELINO, Ms. LAMOUREUX, Mr. WISHART and Ms. NAYLOR having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mrs. GUILLEMARD, Ms. MARCELINO, Hon. Mrs. COX, Ms. LAMOUREUX and Ms. NAYLOR having spoken,

The debate was allowed to remain open.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN, the Minister of Legislative and Public Affairs, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON, the Minister of Health and Seniors Care, made a statement regarding Heart Failure Awareness Week.

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

Hon. Ms. GORDON, the Minister of Mental Health, Wellness and Recovery, made a statement regarding Mental Health Week (May 3 to 9, 2021).

Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) and, by leave, Ms. LAMOUREUX commented on the statement.

By leave, the House reverted to Introduction of Bills.

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

(No. 227) – The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la location à usage d'habitation

(Mr. SALA)

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Hon. Mr. SCHULER, Ms. LATHLIN, Messrs. SMITH (Lagimodière), SANDHU and LAMONT made Members' Statements.

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

MLA ASAGWARA – To urge the Minister of Health and Seniors Care to open a genuine four bed Epilepsy Unit, similar to the one recently opened in Saskatchewan, at the Health Sciences Centre with modern equipment and adequate epilepsy neurosurgeons, neurologists, nurses, clerks and technicians; and to formally establish an Epilepsy Program to ensure that all epilepsy staff can deliver care to patients in a coordinated fashion.

Mr. BUSHIE – To urge the Minister of Health and Seniors Care to open a genuine four bed Epilepsy Unit, similar to the one recently opened in Saskatchewan, at the Health Sciences Centre with modern equipment and adequate epilepsy neurosurgeons, neurologists, nurses, clerks and technicians; and to formally establish an Epilepsy Program to ensure that all epilepsy staff can deliver care to patients in a coordinated fashion.

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – To urge the Provincial Government to undertake a combined review of the Vivian Sand Facility processing plant and the mining/extraction portion of the operation as a Class 3 development with a review by Manitoba's Clean Environment Commission to include the public hearings and participant funding; and to halt all activity at the mine and plant until the Clean Environment Commission's review is completed and the project proposal has been thoroughly evaluated.

Mr. MALOWAY – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately contact all home and property owners in Manitoba with lead water pipes connecting to the City watermain line, and provide full financial support to them for lead water pipe replacement so that their exposure to lead levels is reduced, their health is better, and costs to our provincial health care system are also reduced.

The House resumed the debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. FIELDING:

THAT Bill (No. 71) – The Education Property Tax Reduction Act (Property Tax and Insulation Assistance Act and Income Tax Act Amended)/Loi sur la réduction de l'impôt foncier pour l'éducation (modification de la Loi sur l'aide en matière de taxes foncières et d'isolation thermique des résidences et de la Loi de l'impôt sur le revenu), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. LINDSEY and MOSES, Ms. MARCELINO, Ms. LATHLIN and Mr. WIEBE having spoken,

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

YEA

CLARKE	MARTIN
COX	MICHALESKI
CULLEN	MICKLEFIELD
EICHLER	MORLEY-LECOMTE
EWASKO	NESBITT
FIELDING	PALLISTER
FRIESEN	PEDERSEN
GOERTZEN	REYES
GORDON	SCHULER
GUENTER	SMITH (Lagimodière)
GUILLEMARD	SMOOK
HELWER	SQUIRES
ISLEIFSON	TEITSMA
JOHNSON	WHARTON
JOHNSTON	WISHART
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ADAMS	LINDSEY
ALTOMARE	MALOWAY
ASAGWARA	MARCELINO
BRAR	MOSES
BUSHIE	NAYLOR
FONTAINE	SALA
GERRARD	SANDHU
KINEW	SMITH (Point Douglas)
LAMONT	WASYLIW
LAMOUREUX	WIEBE21
LATHLIN	

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

The House then adjourned at 4:55 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 10, 2021.

Doyle PIWNIUK,
Deputy Speaker.