



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 73

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

The 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.

By leave, it was agreed for the House to alter the dress code policy to allow Mr. BUSHIE to wear a traditional Ribbon Shirt for today only.

Mr. ISLEIFSON moved:

THAT Bill (No. 237) – The Elections Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi électorale, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. ISLEIFSON having spoken,

And Ms. MARCELINO, Messrs. MARTIN, LAMONT and SMITH (Lagimodière) having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Ms. MARCELINO, Mr. MARTIN and Ms. NAYLOR having spoken,

In accordance with sub-rule 24(1), the debate was interrupted to put the Second Reading Question on Selected Bill (No. 237).

And the Question being put. Pursuant to Rule 23(7), the division was deferred to take place at 11:55 a.m. on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

Mr. GUENTER moved:

Resolution No. 27: Calling on Federal Government to revise and improve the Federal Government's Journalism Subsidies

WHEREAS the rural, northern, and community newspapers are an important part of the fabric of Manitoba; and

WHEREAS local publications serve an important role in their local economy, such as raising awareness of local issues and informing its readers of events and opportunities taking place in their communities; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government created a subsidy program that fails to adequately support these rural, northern, and community newspapers in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government's Journalism Subsidy fails to include the majority of newspapers in the province; and

WHEREAS these subsidies unfairly support large, urban newspapers and ignore the needs of the newspapers that provide news for the communities of Manitoba that rely on their local paper for community news coverage; and

WHEREAS this federal subsidy is an example of the failure of a government program, missing the mark of its stated intention to support local, independent journalism in Canada; and

WHEREAS instead this subsidy has conditions that only large corporate news organizations can satisfy in order to get approved in the program; and

WHEREAS a multitude of options would have taken into account the struggles that Manitoba's newspapers are facing, but the Federal Government has ignored these challenges in the creation of this journalism subsidy.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba call on the Federal Government to improve and revise their Journalism Subsidy program to enable more rural, northern, and community newspapers to be eligible for the program and help them continue to provide the valuable services to Manitobans.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. GUENTER having spoken,

And Messrs. WIEBE, WISHART, LAMONT and REYES and Hon. Mr. EWASKO having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. WIEBE, Hon. Mr. EWASKO, Messrs. BUSHIE and LAMONT having spoken,

And Mr. WISHART 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. 238) – The Apprenticeship and Certification Amendment Act (Apprenticeship Supervision)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'apprentissage et la reconnaissance professionnelle (supervision des apprentis)

(Mr. KINEW)

Hon. Ms. CLARKE, the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Relations, made a statement regarding MMIWG National Action Plan.

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

Hon. Mrs. GUILLEMARD, the Minister of Conservation and Climate, made a statement regarding Environment Officer Recognition Day.

Ms. NAYLOR and, by leave, Mr. LAMONT commented on the statement.

Hon. Mrs. COX, the Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage, made a statement regarding Pride Month.

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

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN, Ms. FONTAINE, Mr. TEITSMA, MLA ASAGWARA and Mr. LAMONT made Members' Statements.

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

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – To urge the Minister of Health and Seniors Care to implement free access to period necessities within public schools and Manitoba's health care system; and to acknowledge the prevalence of people within Manitoba who are unable to afford essential period items.

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Mr. MALOWAY – To urge the Provincial Government to adopt Right to Repair legislation requiring manufacturers of electronic devices and appliances, including washing machines and fridges, to make information, parts and tools necessary for repairs available to consumers and independent repair shops.

By unanimous consent, the sequence for consideration of estimates, as outlined in Sessional Paper No. 71 tabled on April 20, 2021, was further amended in order that the estimates of Enabling Appropriations, followed by the estimates of the Department of Finance be considered in room 254 in place of the estimates of Executive Council for Tuesday, June 1, 2021, only.

The House resolving into Committee of Supply.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 1, 2020.

Doyle PIWNIUK,
Deputy Speaker.