



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 51

FIFTH SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O’CLOCK A.M.

The Deputy Clerk formally advised the Assembly that the Speaker was unavoidably absent and called upon the Assistant Deputy Speaker to take the Chair pursuant to the Statutes. The Assistant Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. Mr. GERRARD moved:

THAT Bill (No. 238) – The Personal Care Home Accountability Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur la responsabilisation des foyers de soins personnels (modification de diverses lois), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

And Mr. LAGASSÉ, MLA ASAGWARA, Mr. MARTIN and Ms. LAMOUREUX having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. LAGASSÉ, MLA ASAGWARA and Mr. SCHULER 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.

The House resumed the debate on the Proposed Resolution of Mr. MICHALESKI:

Resolution No. 9: Calling on the Federal Government to Absorb the Cost of Increased RCMP Salaries

WHEREAS crime rates have been steadily rising in Canada as a result of “soft on crime” Liberal-NDP Coalition policies; and

WHEREAS municipalities are paying more for R.C.M.P. services due to the Federal Government negotiating a huge increase in the salary of the members of the RCMP without consulting with these communities; and

WHEREAS this wage increase is adding stress to the already limited budgets that municipalities must manage to provide services to Manitobans; and

WHEREAS the Association of Manitoba Municipalities have stated that this 23.7 percent wage increase is going to negatively impact all municipalities; and

WHEREAS the R.C.M.P. play a major role of creating safer streets and neighborhoods for Manitoba families; and

WHEREAS the provincial NDP, federal NDP and federal Liberals have made comments with “defund the police” attitudes; and

WHEREAS these attitudes are negatively impacting the relationship governments have with law enforcement officials; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government has the ability and the means to send these municipalities funding in order to fund their local police forces; and

WHEREAS all Members in this House should agree that there is a need to increase funding for police services, and not defund them, in order to adequately tackle rising crime due to NDP and Liberal soft on crime policies across Canada.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba call on the Federal Government to adequately and fairly fund the R.C.M.P. and the increased wage that it negotiated rather than putting that burden on Manitoba’s municipalities.

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. BRAR, WASYLIW, ALTOMARE and MOSES, Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) and Mr. MALOWAY having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

1:30 O’CLOCK P.M.

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

(No. 241) – The Mandatory Training for Provincial Employees (Systemic Racism and Human Rights) Act/Loi sur la formation obligatoire des employés provinciaux (racisme systémique et droits de la personne)

(Mr. MOSES)

Mr. HELWER, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development, presented its Fourth Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on May 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- **Bill (No. 29)** – The Life Leases Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les baux viagers
- **Bill (No. 38)** – The Builders’ Liens Amendment Act (Prompt Payment)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le privilège du constructeur (paiement rapide)

Committee Membership

- Mr. HELWER
- Hon. Mr. JOHNSTON (Assiniboia)
- Mr. SANDHU
- Mr. SCHULER
- Hon. Mr. TEITSMA
- Mr. WASYLIW

Your Committee elected Mr. HELWER as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected Mr. SCHULER as the Vice-Chairperson.

Public Presentations

Your Committee heard the following 13 presentations on **Bill (No. 38)** – The Builders’ Liens Amendment Act (Prompt Payment)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le privilège du constructeur (paiement rapide):

Roy McPhail	Private citizen
Chris Lorenc	Manitoba Heavy Construction Association Inc.
Teri Urban	General Contractors Alliance of Canada - Manitoba Chapter
Steven Ness	Surety Association of Canada
Gail Little	Manitoba Association of Architects
Andrew Zimmermann	Intact Insurance
Kasia Kieloch	Alternative Dispute Resolution Institute of Manitoba
Michael Jack	City of Winnipeg
Ron Hambley	Winnipeg Construction Association
Shawn Wood	Construction Association of Rural Manitoba
Ramona Coey	Manitoba Prompt Payment Coalition
Terry Henry	Electrical Contractors Association of Manitoba
Julien Lafleche	Mechanical Contractors Association of Manitoba Inc.

Written Submissions

Your Committee received the following written submission on **Bill (No. 38)** – The Builders’ Liens Amendment Act (Prompt Payment)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le privilège du constructeur (paiement rapide):

Denys Volkov

Association of Manitoba Municipalities

Bills Considered and Reported

- **Bill (No. 29)** – The Life Leases Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les baux viagers

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 38)** – The Builders’ Liens Amendment Act (Prompt Payment)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le privilège du constructeur (paiement rapide)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill with the following amendment:

THAT the following be added after Clause 16 of the Bill:

Review

16.1(1) Within two years after the coming into force of this section, the minister appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council to administer the amendments enacted by section 13 of this Act must undertake a comprehensive review of this Act, which must include public representations.

Tabling report in Assembly

16.1(2) Within one year after the review is undertaken or within any longer period that the Legislative Assembly allows, the minister referred to in subsection (1) must table a report on the review in the Assembly.

On motion of Mr. HELWER, the Report of the Committee was received.

Mr. ISLEIFSON, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs, presented its Fifth Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on May 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 254 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- **Bill (No. 21)** – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code de la route
- **Bill (No. 22)** – The Emergency Measures Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les mesures d’urgence
- **Bill (No. 25)** – The Workers Compensation Amendment Act (Wildfire Firefighters)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les accidents du travail (pompiers affectés aux incendies échappés)

Bills Considered and Reported

- **Bill (No. 21)** – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code de la route

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 22)** – The Emergency Measures Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les mesures d'urgence

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 25)** – The Workers Compensation Amendment Act (Wildfire Firefighters)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les accidents du travail (pompiers affectés aux incendies échappés)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 36)** – The Fair Registration Practices in Regulated Professions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les pratiques d'inscription équitables dans les professions réglementées

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. ISLEIFSON, the Report of the Committee was received.

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN presented:

Revised sequence for consideration of the Estimates by the Committee of Supply for May 9, 2023, only.

(Sessional Paper No. 68)

Hon. Mr. SMITH (Lagimodière), the Minister of Municipal Relations, made a statement regarding Community Foundations Day.

Ms. NAYLOR and, by leave, Ms. LAMOUREUX commented on the statement.

Hon. Ms. GORDON, the Minister of Health, made a statement regarding Cystic Fibrosis.

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

Pursuant to Rule 28(1), Hon. Mr. REYES, Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) and Messrs. HELWER, BRAR and LAMONT made Members' Statements.

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

Mr. ALTOMARE – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately provide comprehensive and free healthcare coverage to all residents of Manitoba regardless of immigration status, including refugee claimants, migrant workers, international students, dependent children of temporary residents, and undocumented residents; to urge the Minister of Health and Seniors Care to undertake a multilingual communication campaign to provide information on expanded coverage to all affected residents; to inform all healthcare institutions and providers of expanded coverage for those without health insurance and the details on how necessary policy and protocol changes will be implemented, and to create and enforce strict confidentiality policies and provide staff with training to protect the safety of residents with precarious immigration status and ensure they can access health care without jeopardizing their ability to remain in Canada.

Mr. MALOWAY – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately demand Dynacare maintain all the phlebotomy (blood sample) sites existing prior to the Covid-19 public health emergency, and allow all Manitobans to get their blood and urine tests done when visiting their doctor, thereby facilitating local access to blood testing services.

Mr. REDHEAD – To urge the Provincial Government to provide the services of two nurses to restore essential medical foot care treatment to the City of Thompson effective April 1, 2022.

Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) – To urge the Provincial Government to enact Bill 217 – The Fatality Inquiries Amendment Act (Overdose Death Reporting), to require the province to publish the number of drug overdose death, as well as the type of drug, on a government website in a timely fashion.

In accordance with Rule 34(7), the Government House Leader announced that the Private Members' Resolution titled "Committing to Balancing Future Budgets while Keeping Life Affordable for Manitoba Families" will be considered on the next Tuesday of Private Members' Business.

The House resolved into Committee of Supply.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, 2023.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.