



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 32

FIRST SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

MLA MOROZ moved:

Resolution No. 5 – Calling on the Federal Government to Reduce Corporate Food Waste

WHEREAS the Provincial Government promotes the right to food and is a leader in the fight against hunger; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government wants to collaborate (or maintain a collaborative relationship) with the Federal Government to make life more affordable for families in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS major grocery chains, such as Loblaws, have considered removing discounts on food nearing its sell-by date, while families across Manitoba struggle to pay for their grocery bills; and

WHEREAS while one in five children experience household food insecurity, large grocery retailers continue to profit off of families who are struggling to make ends meet; and

WHEREAS no one in Manitoba should go hungry and everyone should be able to afford to eat; and

WHEREAS in 2023, Harvest Manitoba reported a 30% increase of food bank usage with more than 50 000 people accessing a food bank every month across the province; and

WHEREAS over 14% of Manitobans and 60% of Northern residents living on-reserve experience household food insecurity; and

WHEREAS there is minimal federal regulation over the amount of food wasted by major grocery chains in Canada; and

WHEREAS reducing food waste would mean feeding more Manitobans, and would keep surplus food out of the landfills, reducing the production of harmful greenhouse gases; and

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

WHEREAS corporate food waste should be added to the Federal Government's commitment to keeping major grocery chains accountable to rising food costs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial and Federal Governments to work together to condemn corporate food waste and support all initiatives that go towards redistributing food to families in need.

And MLA MOROZ having spoken,

And MLAs BEREZA and KENNEDY and Messrs. BALCAEN and NARTH having questioned the Member,

And a debate arising,

And MLA BEREZA, Mr. BALCAEN and MLAs MOYES and LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And Mr. NARTH speaking at 12:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

During Routine Proceedings, Mr. JACKSON rose on a matter of privilege alleging that the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning provided insufficient information regarding the construction of new schools, inhibiting Members' ability to conduct their duties as critics and MLAs, and moved:

THAT this matter be referred to an all-party committee of this House to ensure that the matter is investigated appropriately,

And Hon. Min. FONTAINE having spoken.

By leave, the matter of privilege raised by Mr. JACKSON was paused so that the House may consider Private Member's statements followed by Ministerial statements, with the understanding that, after the statements and responses, the matter of privilege would immediately resume.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), Hon. Min. SCHMIDT, Ms. BYRAM and MLAs LOISELLE, LAGASSÉ and MALOWAY made Member's statements.

Hon. Mr. MOSES, the Minister of Economic Development, Investment, Trade and Natural Resources, made a statement regarding Imperial Oil's Winnipeg Products Pipeline.

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

Following Members' Statements, the House resumed consideration of the proposed motion of Mr. JACKSON:

THAT this matter be referred to an all-party committee of this House to ensure that the matter is investigated appropriately.

And MLA LAMOUREUX having spoken,

WHEREUPON the Speaker ruled there was no matter of privilege.

From his decision, Mr. JOHNSON appealed to the House,

And the Question being put, "Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained?" It was agreed to, on the following division:

AYE

ALTOMARE	MOROZ
BLASHKO	MOSES
BRAR	MOYES
BUSHIE	NAYLOR
CABLE	OXENHAM
CHEN	PANKRATZ
CROSS	REDHEAD
DELA CRUZ	SALA
DEVGAN	SANDHU
KENNEDY	SCHMIDT
KOSTYSHYN	SCHOTT
LATHLIN	SIMARD
LOISELLE	SMITH
MALOWAY	WASYLIW
MARCELINO	WIEBE 30

NAY

BALCAEN	KHAN
BEREZA	KING
BYRAM	LAGASSÉ
COOK	NARTH
EWASKO	NESBITT
GOERTZEN	PERCHOTTE
GUENTER	PIWNIUK
HIEBERT	SCHULER
JACKSON	STONE
JOHNSON	WHARTON
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Subsequently during Routine Proceedings, Mr. NESBITT rose on a matter of privilege alleging the Honourable Member for Seine River revealed details of a Bill to members of the public before it was introduced to the House, and moved:

THAT the Honourable Speaker immediately direct the Government to no longer use debate to discuss bills that have not been introduced, and that this matter be now referred to the Rules Committee.

And Hon. Mr. WIEBE having spoken,

WHEREUPON the Speaker informed the House he would take the matter under advisement.

Subsequently during Routine Proceedings, Ms. BYRAM rose on a matter of privilege alleging that, on March 18, 2024, the Premier and the Minister of Labour and Immigration knowingly and intentionally violated the rights of the House by revealing details of a Bill to members of the public before it was introduced to the House, and moved:

THAT this matter be referred to an all-party committee for review.

And Hon. Min. FONTAINE having spoken,

WHEREUPON the Speaker ruled there was no matter of privilege.

From his decision, Mr. JOHNSON appealed to the House,

And the Question being put, "Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained?" It was agreed to, on the following division:

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KENNEDY	SCHMIDT
KOSTYSHYN	SIMARD
LATHLIN	SMITH
LOISELLE	WASYLIW
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NAY

BALCAEN	KHAN
BEREZA	KING
BYRAM	LAGASSÉ
COOK	NARTH
EWASKO	NESBITT
GOERTZEN	PERCHOTTE
GUENTER	PIWNIUK
HIEBERT	SCHULER
JACKSON	STEFANSON
JOHNSON	WHARTON
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Subsequently during Routine Proceedings, Mr. NARTH rose on a matter of privilege alleging that the Minister responsible for Manitoba Public Insurance provided insufficient information regarding special risk extension policies through MPI, inhibiting Members' ability to conduct their duties as MLAs.

And Mr. NARTH 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. Wednesday, March 20, 2024.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.