



PRAYER

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

By leave, the following provisions were agreed to for all sittings of the House during May 2020:

1. To allow MLAs to speak in debate from a seat in the Chamber other than their own,
2. To prohibit requests for a quorum count,
3. With the exception of the Speaker, to limit the representation of Members present in the Chamber participating in debate and being eligible to be counted as part of recorded divisions as follows:
 - Twelve MLAs from the Government caucus at a time;
 - Six MLAs from the Official Opposition caucus at a time;
 - One independent Liberal in the Chamber at a time;
4. To allow the independent Liberals to move motions without a seconder.

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

(No. 213) – The Personal Protective Equipment Reporting Act/Loi sur la production de rapports concernant l'équipement de protection individuelle

(Mr. KINEW)

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN, the Minister for the Health, Seniors and Active Living, made a statement regarding the COVID 19 Update.

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

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Messrs. SMITH (Lagimodière) and KINEW, Hon. Ms. SQUIRES, Ms. FONTAINE and Mr. SMOOK made Members' Statements.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. MOSES – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase training and staffing requirements for personal care homes in Manitoba to ensure residents receive high quality nutritious food as well as compassionate care.

MLA ASAGWARA – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

Ms. FONTAINE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

Mr. LINDSEY – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

Ms. MARCELINO – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

Mr. WIEBE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

Prior to Grievances, Mr. LAMONT rose on a Matter of Urgent Public Importance and moved:

THAT under rule 38(1), the ordinary business of the House be set aside to discuss a Matter of Urgent Public Importance, namely the need for urgent attention to discuss the proposed cuts and layoffs announced earlier this week to government and government entities, as well as the need for the Province of Manitoba to provide an accurate financial update.

And Mr. LAMONT, Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN and Mr. KINEW having spoken to the urgency of the motion,

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker ruled as follows:

I thank the honourable Members for their advice to the Chair on the motion proposed by the Honourable Member for St. Boniface. The notice required by Rule 38(1) was provided. Under our rules and practices, the subject matter requiring urgent consideration must be so pressing that the public interest will suffer if the matter is not given immediate attention. There must also be no other reasonable opportunities to raise the matter.

I have listened very carefully to the arguments put forward, as this is an issue that some Members may have a keen interest in.

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Unfortunately, this motion does not fit the criteria as a Matter of Urgent Public Importance, as there are other opportunities that can be used to raise this issue, including Oral Questions, Members' Statements, Petitions and Grievances.

With the greatest of respect, the motion is out of order as a Matter of Urgent Public Importance.

In accordance with Rule 29, Mr. LINDSEY rose on a Grievance.

Hon. Ms. SQUIRES moved:

THAT Bill (No. 49) – The Building and Electrical Permitting Improvement Act (Various Acts Amended and Permit Dispute Resolution Act Enacted)/Loi améliorant la délivrance des permis de construction et d'électricité et la résolution des litiges connexes (modification de diverses dispositions législatives et édicition de la Loi sur la résolution des litiges en matière de permis), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

(Recommended by Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. SQUIRES having spoken,

And Mr. WIEBE and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. WIEBE and REYES and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

The debate was allowed to remain open.

Hon. Ms. SQUIRES presented:

Message from Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 49).

(Sessional Paper No. 31)

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, 2020.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.