



PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

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

THAT Bill (No. 222) – The Lobbyists Registration Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'inscription des lobbyistes, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Messrs. KINEW, WIEBE and SALA, Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) and Ms. NAYLOR having spoken,

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

Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE moved:

Resolution No. 17: Celebrating Backyard and Community Gardeners

WHEREAS the Manitoban gardening population has supported the creation of its own chapter of the Master Gardener Association; and

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has caused a resurgence in backyard gardening as a popular hobby; and

WHEREAS local gardening centers observed a massive increase in plant and seed sales in the spring of 2020; and

WHEREAS many volunteer gardening groups has also seen large spikes in community engagement activities, boosting a sense of community and sustainability; and

WHEREAS gardening volunteers have helped beautify public locations such as Riel House, the Bishop Grandin Greenway, and the Cancer Care Centre of Hope courtyard; and

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WHEREAS volunteer projects have also included over 15 pollination and Indigenous plant-growing initiatives across the province; and

WHEREAS backyard gardening can help to provide food security and Manitobans learn to harvest food for themselves and their community; and

WHEREAS local gardeners help the environment by creating habitat for bees and reduce their need to transport food great distances when they grow produce close to home; and

WHEREAS many new gardeners also came from younger generations of gardeners.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba recognize all new and experienced gardeners who have reached back to their roots and continued Manitoba's agricultural traditions while beautifying communities across the province.

And a debate arising,

And Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE having spoken,

And Messrs. ALTOMARE and PIWNIUK, Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Messrs. SMOOK and SMITH (Lagimodière) having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. ALTOMARE and PIWNIUK, MLA ASAGWARA, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. SMOOK having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Prior to Routine Proceedings, Hon. Ms. GORDON rose on a Matter of Contempt regarding the remarks "you all colonizers should be ashamed of yourself" made by Ms. FONTAINE during the Second Reading debate on Bill 56, on the evening of March 25, 2021, and further alleged that Ms. FONTAINE disregarded the authority of the Deputy Speaker and moved:

THAT the Member for St. Johns be asked to apologize to the House for her actions in disregarding of the authority of the Chair and showing contempt of the House.

And Ms. FONTAINE and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken.

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker informed the House she would take the matter under advisement.

Madam Speaker presented:

Annual Report of the Legislative Assembly Management Commission for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021.

(Sessional Paper No. 67)

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Mr. GUENTER, Ms. FONTAINE, Hon. Mr. SCHULER, Ms. LATHLIN and Hon. Mr. GERRARD made Members' Statements.

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

Ms. ADAMS – To urge the Minister of Families and the Provincial Government to reverse this cut to recipients of the Portable Housing Benefit; and to urge the Minister of Families, and the Minister of Health, Seniors and Active Living, to understand that taking away these benefits from the most vulnerable in society will cause great hardship financially, but more importantly will have devastating long-lasting effects on their well-being.

MLA ASAGWARA – To urge the Provincial Government to reverse changes to the nursery school grants and to end the freeze on childcares operating grants while committing to keeping public childcare affordable and accessible for all Manitoban Families.

Mr. BUSHIE – To urge the Provincial Government to reverse changes to the nursery school grants and to end the freeze on childcares operating grants while committing to keeping public childcare affordable and accessible for all Manitoban Families.

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – To urge the Provincial Government to provide financing for upgrades to the cochlear implant covered under Medicare, or provide funding assistance through the Cochlear Implant Speech Processor Replacement Program, to assist with the replacement costs associated with a device upgrade.

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.

Ms. LATHLIN – To urge the Provincial Government to reverse changes to the nursery school grants and to end the freeze on childcares operating grants while committing to keeping public childcare affordable and accessible for all Manitoban Families.

Mr. MOSES – 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. SALA – To urge the Provincial Government to reverse changes to the nursery school grants and to end the freeze on childcares operating grants while committing to keeping public childcare affordable and accessible for all Manitoban Families.

Mr. SANDHU – 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. WASYLIW – 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 – To urge the Provincial Government to reverse changes to the nursery school grants and to end the freeze on childcares operating grants while committing to keeping public childcare affordable and accessible for all Manitoban Families.

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 50) – The Legal Aid Manitoba Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d'aide juridique du Manitoba, reported from the Standing Committee on Justice, be concurred in and be now read for a Third Time and passed.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. FRIESEN, Ms. FONTAINE Messrs. PIWNIUK and MOSES and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly concurred in, read a Third Time and passed.

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 31) – The Horse Racing Regulatory Modernization Act (Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Act and Pari-Mutuel Levy Act Amended)/Loi sur la modernisation de la réglementation des courses de chevaux (modification de la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis et de la Loi concernant les prélèvements sur les mises de pari mutuel), reported from the Standing Committee on Justice, be concurred in and be now read for a Third Time and passed.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. FRIESEN, Ms. FONTAINE, Mr. JOHNSTON and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly concurred in, read a Third Time and passed.

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The Order of the Day having been read for consideration of Report Stage Amendment of Bill (No. 24) – The Legal Profession Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la profession d'avocat, reported from the Standing Committee on Justice:

Hon. Mr. GERRARD moved:

THAT Bill 24 be amended in Clause 6, in the proposed subsection 25.2(1),

(a) in the part before clause (a), by adding ", on the request of the society," after "The Lieutenant Governor in Council may"; and

(b) by adding the following after clause (b):

(b.1) specifying when a limited practitioner must be supervised by lawyer;

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Messrs. GERRARD and FRIESEN having spoken,

And the Question being put on the amendment. It was negatived.

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 24) – The Legal Profession Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la profession d'avocat, reported from the Standing Committee on Justice, be concurred in and be now read for a Third Time and passed.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. FRIESEN, Ms. FONTAINE and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly concurred in, read a Third Time and passed.

The House then adjourned at 4:54 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, 2021.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.