



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 44

FOURTH 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 Deputy Speaker to take the Chair pursuant to the Statutes. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 10:00 a.m.

In accordance with Rule 33(8), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Private Members' Resolution titled "Calling on the Provincial Government to Develop Better Policies to Protect Youth in Sports" will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) moved:

THAT Bill (No. 234) – The Drug-Related Death Bereavement Day Act/Loi sur le Jour de deuil des personnes dont le décès est lié aux drogues, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) having spoken,

And Mrs. COX, Mr. ALTOMARE, Ms. LAMOUREUX and Mr. GUENTER having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mrs. GUILLEMARD, Ms. LATHLIN, Mrs. COX, Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Mr. GUENTER and Ms. FONTAINE 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.

MLA LINDSEY moved:

Resolution No. 12: Calling on the Provincial Government to Resolve Issues Afflicting Northern Manitoba

WHEREAS northern Manitobans are subject to situations that are acceptable nowhere else in the province specifically regarding healthcare and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government's cuts to healthcare in northern Manitoba have worsened these situations and put thousands at risk; and

WHEREAS in the last few years the Provincial Government has cut nurses, ordered millions in cuts to the Northern Regional Health Authority while cutting the Northern Patient Transfer Program and more than tripled its use of private health care agencies in the north rather than address chronic staff vacancies; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has shut down health care facilities in the north for extended periods leaving northerners to travel hundreds of kilometers over poorly maintained roads to access basic healthcare needs; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has displayed a lack of urgency regarding health care facilities in Thompson by cutting its Foot Care Clinic and not fixing the hot water at the Thompson Hospital, which has been on and off for months on end; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government closed the obstetrics unit in Flin Flon forcing expectant mothers to travel hundreds of kilometres away to give birth while ignoring a staffing crisis in The Pas; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has shut down the operating room in Flin Flon; and

WHEREAS the province has underspent infrastructure every year since taking office including leaving \$166 million unspent on highways while freezing maintenance and repair programs all while having no plan for good jobs in the north; and

WHEREAS over 5,300 Manitobans have called for upgrades to Highway 6 to improve safety and reduce accidents for people who travel in the north; and

WHEREAS northern Manitobans rely on highway infrastructure such as Highway 6, 60, 10, 391 and 394 to travel to and from critical health care services; and

WHEREAS the province has left many positions unfilled in highway maintenance operations such as snowplow operators.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba condemn the Provincial Government for cutting and failing to invest in healthcare and infrastructure in northern Manitoba these past six years.

And a debate arising,

And MLA LINDSEY having spoken,

And Messrs. WOWCHUK, WIEBE and MICHALESKI, Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Ms. FONTAINE, Mr. KHAN and Ms. LATHLIN having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. PIWNIUK, Ms. LATHLIN, Mr. WOWCHUK and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

And Mr. MICHALESKI 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. 221) – 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. Mr. GOERTZEN presented:

Annual Report on the Repeal of Acts Not In Force dated April 2022.

(Sessional Paper No. 51)

Hon. Ms. CLARKE presented:

Supplement to the Estimates of Expenditure 2022-2023 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Municipal Relations.

(Sessional Paper No. 52)

Hon. Mr. PIWNIUK presented:

Supplement to the Estimates of Expenditure 2022-2023 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Transportation and Infrastructure.

(Sessional Paper No. 53)

Hon. Mr. WHARTON presented:

Annual Report of the Watershed Districts Program, including audited financial statements, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021.

(Sessional Paper No. 54)

Hon. Mr. FIELDING presented:

Supplement to the Estimates of Expenditure 2022-2023 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Natural Resources and Northern Development.

(Sessional Paper No. 55)

Hon. Mr. SMITH (Lagimodière), the Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage, made a statement regarding Yom Hashoah Jewish Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Mr. BRAR and, by leave, Mr. LAMONT commented on the statement.

Hon. Mr. FIELDING, the Minister of Natural Resources and Northern Development, made a statement regarding the National Day of Mourning recognizing workplace tragedies.

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

Hon. Mr. PIWNIUK, the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, made a statement regarding the current flooding situation in Manitoba.

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

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Mr. TEITSMA, Ms. NAYLOR, Mr. KHAN, MLA LINDSEY and Ms. LAMOUREUX made Members' Statements.

By leave, it was agreed to substitute the wording of the Opposition Day Motion on today's Order Paper in the name of the Honourable Member for Keewatinook with the following:

THAT the Speaker, on behalf of all Members of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, invite Pope Francis to come to Manitoba as part of his upcoming visit to Canada, to deliver in person, as he did recently at the Vatican to visiting delegations, a papal apology to Residential School Survivors on behalf of the Catholic Church, which should include a visit to the graves of First Nations and other Indigenous children who perished in these institutions, and a blessing of the grave of Louis Riel in St. Boniface, all with the goal of advancing reconciliation for Manitobans from all walks of life.

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Mr. BUSHIE moved the following Opposition Day Motion:

THAT the Speaker, on behalf of all Members of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, invite Pope Francis to come to Manitoba as part of his upcoming visit to Canada, to deliver in person, as he did recently at the Vatican to visiting delegations, a papal apology to Residential School Survivors on behalf of the Catholic Church, which should include a visit to the graves of First Nations and other Indigenous children who perished in these institutions, and a blessing of the grave of Louis Riel in St. Boniface, all with the goal of advancing reconciliation for Manitobans from all walks of life.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. BUSHIE, Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN, Mr. KINEW, Hon. Ms. CLARKE, MLA ASAGWARA, Mr. LAMONT, Ms. FONTAINE, Hon. Mr. LAGIMODIERE, Mr. SALA, Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas), Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Mr. ALTOMARE and Ms. LATHLIN having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to unanimously.

The House then adjourned at 4:42 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 9, 2022.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.