



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 40

FIRST SESSION, FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

In accordance with Rule 33(8), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Equality for First Nations People Resolution will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

By leave, it was agreed for the House to deal with Debate on Second Reading of Bill (No. 204).

The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Proposed Motion of Mr. KINEW:

THAT Bill (No. 204) – The Post-Secondary Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment Policies Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur les politiques visant à contrer la violence à caractère sexuel et le harcèlement sexuel dans les établissements postsecondaires (modification de diverses dispositions législatives), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Ms. SQUIRES, Ms. MARCELINO (Logan), Mr. EWASKO and Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was negatived, on the following division:

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CHIEF
FONTAINE
GERRARD
KINEW
KLASSEN
LAMOUREUX
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LINDSEY
MALOWAY
MARCELINO (Logan)
MARCELINO (Tyndall Park)
SARAN
SELINGER
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NAY

BINDLE	LAGIMODIERE
CLARKE	MARTIN
CULLEN	MAYER
CURRY	MICHALESKI
EICHLER	MICKLEFIELD
EWASKO	MORLEY-LECOMTE
FLETCHER	NESBITT
FRIESEN	PIWNIUK
GOERTZEN	REYES
GRAYDON	SCHULER
GUILLEMARD	SMITH
HELWER	SMOOK
ISLEIFSON	STEFANSON
JOHNSON	TEITSMA
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Mr. LINDSEY moved:

Resolution No. 4: Recognition that the Minimum Wage should be Increased

WHEREAS Manitoba has a 17 year tradition of minimum wage increases that equitably reflect the interests of labour and business in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS the previous Provincial Government's record included reducing taxes for small businesses who will pay \$446 million less in taxes this year compared to 1999; and

WHEREAS Manitoba entrepreneurs have saved \$3.8 billion in taxes since 1999; and

WHEREAS minimum wage increases in Manitoba have put more than \$7,500 per year into the pockets of full time minimum wage earners after taxes; and

WHEREAS total minimum wage increases since 1999 are more than twice the rate of inflation, increasing low income purchasing power in Manitoba and growing the economy; and

WHEREAS while increasing the minimum wage annually for 17 years, Manitoba has maintained one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country; and

WHEREAS people at the lower end of the income spectrum must unfairly spend more of their overall income on food, housing and other basic necessities; and

WHEREAS raising the minimum wage helps minimum wage earners support their families and save for tuition fees, textbooks and training; and

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WHEREAS the Provincial Government has an obligation to do everything it can to help raise Manitobans out of poverty; and

WHEREAS it is important to maintain a single-tier minimum wage to ensure that all minimum wage earners are treated equitably; and

WHEREAS freezing the minimum wage to a level that forces full-time workers to live in poverty is unacceptable in today's day and age; and

WHEREAS low income Manitobans suffered when the Premier last sat in cabinet and froze the minimum wage seven times.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be urged to implement an increase to the minimum wage this year in accordance with Manitoba's tradition, recognizing that raising the minimum wage is an effective tool for bringing Manitobans out of poverty and growing the economy.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. LINDSEY having spoken,

And Ms. FONTAINE, Hon. Mr. FLETCHER, Messrs. MICHALESKI, MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) and WHARTON and Ms. KLASSEN having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. SARAN, Hon. Mr. FLETCHER, Ms. LAMOUREUX and Messrs. WHARTON and JOHNSON having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Prior to Routine Proceedings, Mrs. GUILLEMARD rose on a Matter of Privilege regarding disparaging comments made by Members of the NDP caucus towards female Members of the PC caucus during the vote on Second Reading of Bill 204 and moved:

THAT my Privilege as a parliamentarian has been breached and I ask that an apology be offered at the earliest possible opportunity.

And Mr. MALOWAY having spoken.

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

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On motion of Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Bill (No. 207) – The Human Rights Code Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code des droits de la personne, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON presented:

Annual Report of the Chief Judge of the Provincial Court Concerning Complaints about Judicial Conduct for the year ending December 31, 2015.

(Sessional Paper No. 50)

Annual Report of the Manitoba Human Rights Commission for the year ending December 31, 2015.

(Sessional Paper No. 51)

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN presented:

Annual basic utility bundle cost comparison for the year ended March 31, 2016.

(Sessional Paper No. 52)

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Messrs. BINDLE and LINDSEY, Hon. Ms. SQUIRES, Mr. NESBITT and Hon. Mr. GERRARD made Members' Statements.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. MALOWAY – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government do all that is possible to prevent the Bell takeover of MTS and preserve a more competitive cell phone market so that cellular bills for Manitobans do not increase unnecessarily.

Mr. WIEBE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to work with hospital foundations to eliminate or reduce parking fees at all Manitoba Hospitals.

The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON:

THAT Bill (No. 9) – The Election Financing Amendment Act (Repeal of Annual Allowance)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le financement des élections (suppression de l'allocation annuelle), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Ms. MARCELINO (Logan), Hon. Ms. SQUIRES and Mr. TEITSMA having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to, on division.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

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Hon. Mr. FRIESEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 6) – The Financial Administration Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la gestion des finances publiques, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. FRIESEN having spoken,

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

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. ALLUM and JOHNSON, Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Mr. LAGIMODIERE, Mrs. GUILLEMARD, Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE and Hon. 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 then adjourned at 4:55 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 11, 2016.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.