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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 55

FOURTH SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE moved:

THAT Bill (No. 209) – The Farmers' Markets Week Act/Loi sur la Semaine des marchés fermiers, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE having spoken,

And Messrs. BRAR and WISHART, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. MICHALESKI having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. BRAR, WISHART and SALA and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

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

Mr. WOWCHUK moved:

Resolution No. 17: Recognizing the Efforts of Flood Volunteers and Workers

WHEREAS last year Manitoba had the third-largest snowfall in 100 years; and

WHEREAS major flooding has occurred due to the high volume of snow and rain in Manitoba this spring; and

WHEREAS many people have been impacted both in the Swan River area and across the province; and

WHEREAS people from all impacted regions such as Peguis First Nation, Morden, Pembina Valley, and Westman have banded together in the face of flooding; and

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WHEREAS this emergency situation has even brought together the leaders of both official parties together to take to the skies and survey the impact of this flood; and

WHEREAS local authorities, frontline workers, flood workers, emergency services personnel, provincial infrastructure officials, hydrologic forecast engineers, and the volunteers are continuously working hard to make sure they can provide the support to those who need it the most; and

WHEREAS Manitoba's volunteers have always stepped up in the time of need and didn't hesitate to stand up again now; and

WHEREAS these volunteers and workers have made a significant impact to address the flood at this important time and are working to prevent damage and ensuring Manitobans are kept safe.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba recognize the significant efforts of these volunteers and workers for their ongoing significant contributions to Manitoba's flood response and thank them for their contribution.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. WOWCHUK having spoken,

And Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) and Messrs. SCHULER, LAMONT, NESBITT and PEDERSEN having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Ms. NAYLOR and Messrs. SCHULER, BUSHIE, LAMONT and NESBITT having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were read a First Time and had their purposes outlined:

(No. 38) – The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis

(Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN)

(No. 41) – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services à l'enfant et à la famille

(Hon. Ms. SQUIRES)

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Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON, the First Minister, made a statement welcoming Ukrainian refugees.

Mr. WASYLIW 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), Messrs. EICHLER and BUSHIE, Mrs. COX, Mr. SANDHU and Hon. Mr. GERRARD made Members' Statements.

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

MLA ASAGWARA – To urge the Provincial Government to enact Bill 217 – The Fatality Inquiries Amendment Act (Overdose Death Reporting), to require the province to publish the number of drug overdose death, as well as the type of drug, on a government website in a timely fashion.

Mr. BRAR – To urge the Provincial Government to provide the services of two nurses to restore essential medical foot care treatment to the City of Thompson effective April 1, 2022.

Mr. ALTOMARE – To urge the Provincial Government to provide the services of two nurses to restore essential medical foot care treatment to the City of Thompson effective April 1, 2022.

Mr. MOSES – To urge the Provincial Government to abandon its plans to implement a so called “performance-based funding model” for post-secondary institutions as well as its plan to charge students more depending on their course of study.

Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) – To urge the Provincial Government to enact Bill 217 – The Fatality Inquiries Amendment Act (Overdose Death Reporting), to require the province to publish the number of drug overdose death, as well as the type of drug, on a government website in a timely fashion.

MLA LINDSEY – To urge the Minister of Infrastructure to adopt the proposed speed reductions on Provincial Road 392 set forth above.

Mr. MALOWAY – To urge the Provincial Government to bring in Consumer Protection legislation directing Manitoba Public Insurance to initiate credits to Manitobans for engraving Vehicle Identification Numbers on their catalytic converters.

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MLA MARCELINO – De demander au ministre du Travail, de la Protection des consommateurs et des Services gouvernementaux d’envisager de concéder l’auditorium à la BRJ d’ici le 1^{er} mars 2023; demander au ministre de l’Éducation de reconnaître la valeur que la BRJ apporte à la population étudiante de l’EHS ainsi qu’aux communautés du Village de St Pierre Jolys et de la MR de Salaberry; demander au ministre de l’Éducation et au ministre des Affaires francophones de reconnaître qu’un protocole d’entente entre le RRVSD et JRL est mutuellement bénéfique, financièrement et culturellement; demander au ministre des Sports, de la Culture et du Patrimoine de reconnaître le potentiel patrimonial de cet important bâtiment et son statut au sein de la communauté; et demander au ministre des Sports, de la Culture et du Patrimoine d’empêcher toute rénovation de l’auditorium qui détruirait et dévaloriserait l’intégrité architecturale du bâtiment. [French version of a bilingual petition]

Ms. NAYLOR – To request the Minister of Labour, Consumer Protection and Government Services to consider granting the auditorium to the JRL by March 1st, 2023; to request the Minister of Education to recognize the value that JRL provides to the student population of EHS as well as the communities of Village de St Pierre Jolys and the RM De Salaberry; to request the Minister of Education and the Minister of Francophone Affairs to recognize that an MOU between the RRVSD and JRL is morally, financially and culturally beneficial; to request the Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage to recognize the heritage potential of this important building and its status in the community; and to request the Minister of Sport Culture and Heritage to prevent any renovations to the auditorium that would destroy and devalue the architectural integrity of the building. [English version of a bilingual Petition]

Mr. WIEBE – To urge the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to consult with noise specialists and other experts to help determine the most effective way to reduce the traffic noise and to commit to meaningful action to address resident concern; and to help address this issue with a noise barrier wall along residential portions of the South Perimeter from St. Anne’s Road to St. Mary’s Road and for River Park South residents.

In accordance with Rule 33(7), the Government House Leader announced that the Private Member’s Resolution titled “Improving Protections for Vulnerable Women and Children” will be considered on the next Tuesday of Private Members’ Business.

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 37) – The International Child Support and Family Maintenance (Hague Convention) Act/Loi sur le recouvrement international des aliments destinés aux enfants et à d’autres membres de la famille (Convention de La Haye), 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. Mr. GOERTZEN having spoken,

And Ms. FONTAINE and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having questioned the Minister,

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And the debate continuing,

And Ms. FONTAINE, Mr. MARTIN and Hon. Mr. GERRARD 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.

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN presented:

Message from Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 37).

(Sessional Paper No. 66)

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 35) – The Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months and Related Repeals and Amendments Act/Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs et abrogations et modifications connexes, 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. GOERTZEN, 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.

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 31) – The Minor Amendments and Corrections Act, 2022/Loi corrective de 2022, reported from the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development, be concurred in and be now read for a Third Time and passed.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN, Ms. FONTAINE and Mr. LAMONT 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 House then adjourned at 4:49 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, 2022.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.