



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 46

FIRST SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O’CLOCK A.M.

Pursuant to Rule 34, the Opposition House Leader announced that the Private Member’s resolution titled “Calling on the Provincial Government to put Patients over Politics” will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Member’s Business.

The House resumed debate on the proposed motion of Mr. NESBITT:

THAT Bill (No. 211) – The Drivers and Vehicles Amendment Act (Manitoba Parks Licence Plates)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les conducteurs et les véhicules (plaques d’immatriculation des parcs du Manitoba), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. SIMARD, Mr. JACKSON, MLA PANKRATZ, Mr. OXENHAM, Hon. Min. SCHMIDT and MLA KENNEDY having spoken,

And Hon. Min. CABLE speaking at 11:00 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

Mr. JACKSON moved:

Resolution No. 9: Calling on the Provincial Government to Address the Overcrowding in Schools

WHEREAS all Manitobans deserve a strong, world-class education system, from Kindergarten to Grade 12; and

WHEREAS student enrolment and demand for accessible, affordable childcare continues to grow in Beautiful Plains, Brandon, Pembina Trails, River East Transcona, Seine River, and Seven Oaks school divisions, as well as Division Scolaire Franco-Manitobaine; and

WHEREAS the previous PC Provincial Government committed to address overcrowding, increase capacity, and minimize enrolment pressures in these school divisions by committing to build nine safe, healthy, and sustainable new schools through the Manitoba Schools Project; and

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WHEREAS these new schools would have added thousands of new classroom seats and childcare seats to the education and childcare system by the 2027-28 school year; and

WHEREAS a request for qualifications was issued in July 2023 as part of plan to ensure these new schools broke ground in fall 2024; and

WHEREAS the current Provincial Government cancelled this request for qualifications and the Manitoba Schools Project, increasing pressure in Beautiful Plains, Brandon, Pembina Trails, River East Transcona, Seine River, Seven Oaks, and Division Scolaire Franco-Manitobaine; and

WHEREAS the Deputy Minister for Education has told school divisions that education is not in the top five priorities of the Provincial Government.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to prioritize the education system and take the necessary steps to increase capacity, and minimize enrolment pressures, in the school divisions of Beautiful Plains, Brandon, Pembina Trails, River East Transcona, Seine River, Seven Oaks, and Division Scolaire Franco-Manitobaine.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. JACKSON having spoken,

And MLAs CROSS and LAGASSÉ and Mr. NARTH having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Min. ALTOMARE, Mrs. SCHOTT, MLA CHEN, Mr. WASYLIW and Hon. Mr. SIMARD having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Hon. Mr. WIEBE presented:

Annual Report of the Victim Services Complaints for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.
(Sessional Paper No. 105)

Annual Report on Fatality Inquiries according to section 43(1) of *The Fatality Inquiries Act* for the year ending December 31, 2023.

(Sessional Paper No. 106)

Hon. Mr. SIMARD, the Minister of Sport, Culture, Heritage and Tourism, made a statement regarding Sikh Heritage Month.

Mr. EWASKO and, by leave, MLA LAMOUREUX commented on the statement.

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Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), Hon. Min. ASAGWARA, Mr. NESBITT, MLA LOISELLE and Messrs. NARTH and OXENHAM made Member's statements.

By leave, the House agreed to amend the debate provisions agreed to on April 17, 2024, to consider the following Specified Bills for debate today, in this order: Bill 22, Bill 10, Bill 23, Bill 15, Bill 14, Bill 5, and Bill 6; and that the House will rise either following the Question being put and resolved on Second Reading of Bill 6, or 7:00 p.m., whichever is earlier, unless unanimous consent is granted to rise earlier or later.

In accordance with sub-rule 2(10), the House considered Second Reading of Specified Bills.

Hon. Min. ASAGWARA moved:

THAT Bill (No. 22) – The Celebration of Nigerian Independence Day Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur la Journée de la célébration de l'indépendance du Nigeria (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Min. ASAGWARA having spoken,

And MLA LAGASSÉ and Messrs. KHAN and KING having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And MLAs LAGASSÉ and LAMOUREUX having spoken,

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

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

Hon. Min. CABLE moved:

THAT Bill (No. 10) – The Advanced Education Administration Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'administration de l'enseignement postsecondaire, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Min. CABLE having spoken,

And Mr. PERCHOTTE, MLA LAMOUREUX, Mr. SCHULER, Mrs. COOK and Mr. JOHNSON having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. PERCHOTTE and MLA LAMOUREUX 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. Min. NAYLOR moved:

THAT Bill (No. 23) – The Change of Name Amendment Act (2)/Loi n° 2 modifiant la Loi sur le changement de nom, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Min. NAYLOR having spoken,

And Mr. GUENTER, MLA LAMOUREUX and Messrs. WOWCHUK and NARTH having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. GUENTER and MLA LAMOUREUX having spoken,

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

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

Hon. Mr. MOSES, for Hon. Min. SALA, moved:

THAT Bill (No. 15) – The Credit Unions and Caisses Populaires Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les caisses populaires et les credit unions, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. MOSES having spoken,

And Messrs. KHAN, JACKSON and PIWNIUK, MLA LAMOUREUX and Ms. BYRAM having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. KHAN and MLA LAMOUREUX 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. WIEBE moved:

THAT Bill (No. 14) – The Minor Amendments and Corrections Act, 2024/Loi corrective de 2024, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. WIEBE having spoken,

And Mr. BALCAEN, MLA BEREZA and Mr. PERCHOTTE having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. BALCAEN 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 resumed the debate on the proposed motion of Hon. Min. CABLE:

THAT Bill (No. 5) – The Adult Literacy Act/Loi sur l’alphabétisation des adultes, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

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.

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The House resumed the debate on the proposed motion of Hon. Min. FONTAINE:

THAT Bill (No. 6) – The Manitoba Assistance Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les allocations d'aide du Manitoba, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

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 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 22, 2024.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.