



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 42

SECOND SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

MLA LAMOUREUX moved:

THAT Bill (No. 225) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Universal Screening for Learning Disabilities)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (dépistage systématique des troubles d'apprentissage), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And MLA LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And MLA DELA CRUZ, Mrs. COOK and MLA LAGASSÉ having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Min. MOYES, Mrs. COOK, MLA LOISELLE, Mr. EWASKO and MLA CORBETT having spoken,

In accordance with Rule 25, the debate was interrupted to put the Second Reading Question on Selected Bill (No. 225).

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 LAMOUREUX moved:

Resolution No. 8: Calling on the Provincial Government to Recognize the Valuable Role that the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra plays in Manitoba Communities

WHEREAS Manitobans acknowledge and express deep gratitude for the treaties concerning the land and waters of the province that have provided a home to so many; and

WHEREAS Manitoba has always been home to many peoples: Ojibwe, Cree, Oji-Chree, Dene, Dakota, as well as being the birthplace of the Métis Nation; and

WHEREAS Manitoba celebrates the arts and cultural practices of its citizens including Indigenous, alongside people from many lands who have subsequently come to the province; and

WHEREAS the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra (WSO) has, over more than 75 years, been recognized as one of Canada's finest orchestras, attracting world class musicians to the province, who practice, perform, teach and serve Manitobans and who call Manitoba home; and

WHEREAS annually, the WSO produces over 60 inspiring and entertaining concerts and events to well over 100,000 Manitobans in Winnipeg's downtown, in other neighbourhoods, in schools and in many other parts of the province, and

WHEREAS the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra provides educational programming and training and fosters and showcases the talents and skills of many Manitobans, working with local and regional performers in music of many styles and from many diverse cultures; and

WHEREAS live music experiences lift the soul, combat isolation, and create a safe haven for people from many walks of life and points of view, bringing people together to foster a sense of community, belonging, friendship and citizenship.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba celebrate the historical, cultural, and economic significance and contributions of the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra and be urged to recognize and support the WSO as an integral and necessary component of the province's cultural infrastructure.

And a debate arising,

And MLA LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And Hon. Min. MARCELINO and Messrs. PERCHOTTE and SCHULER having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Min. KENNEDY, Mr. PERCHOTTE, MLA PANKRATZ, Mr. SCHULER and Hon. Min. MOROZ having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

In accordance with Rule 34, the Government House Leader announced that the Private Member's resolution titled "New Schools" will be considered on the next Tuesday of Private Members' Business.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

(No. 218) – The Climate Action Month Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur le Mois de lutte contre les changements climatiques (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)

(MLA LOISELLE)

(No. 219) – The Police Services Amendment Act (Obligation to Respond to Police Wrongdoings)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services de police (intervention et signalement obligatoires en cas d'acte répréhensible commis par un autre agent de police)

(Mr. WASYLIW)

(No. 227) – The Free Trade and Mobility Within Canada Act/Loi sur le libre-échange et la mobilité au Canada

(Mrs. STONE)

Hon. Min. FONTAINE, the Minister of Families, made a statement regarding Initiatives for Just Communities' El'dad Ranch.

Ms. BYRAM commented on the statement.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), MLA DELA CRUZ, Mr. KING, Hon. Mr. SIMARD, Mrs. COOK and MLA LOISELLE made Member's statements.

The following petition was presented and read to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba:

MLA LAMOUREUX – To urge the Provincial Government to follow through with the previous plans to build a much needed school in Tyndall Park; to ensure that these schools have plans to address critical needs for public transportation and child-care facilities; and to increase budgets for infrastructure replacement, repairs, and maintenance, in order to preserve and upgrade existing schools in Manitoba.

By leave, the House agreed to not see the clock until the Second Reading Question has been put on Bills (No. 18, 27, 14, 16, 20, 22, 33, 41 and 7), or 6:30 p.m., whichever is earlier.

Hon. Min. SCHMIDT moved:

THAT Bill (No. 18) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Indigenous Languages of Instruction)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (enseignement en langue autochtone), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Min. SCHMIDT having spoken,

And Mr. EWASKO having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. EWASKO 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. SALA moved:

THAT Bill (No. 27) – The Income Tax Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi de l'impôt sur le revenu, 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. Min. SALA having spoken,

And Mrs. STONE having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mrs. STONE 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. SALA tabled:

Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 27).

(Sessional Paper No. 26)

Hon. Min. SALA moved:

THAT Bill (No. 14) – The Insurance Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les assurances, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Min. SALA having spoken,

And Mrs. STONE having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mrs. STONE 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. SCHMIDT moved:

THAT Bill (No. 16) – The Municipal Councils and School Boards Elections Amendment and Public Schools Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les élections municipales et scolaires et la Loi sur les écoles publiques, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Min. SCHMIDT having spoken,

And Mr. EWASKO having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. EWASKO 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. SCHMIDT moved:

THAT Bill (No. 20) – The Community Child Care Standards Amendment and Education Administration Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la garde d'enfants et la Loi sur l'administration scolaire, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Min. SCHMIDT having spoken,

And Mr. EWASKO having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. EWASKO 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. MOYES moved:

THAT Bill (No. 22) – The Environment Amendment and Waste Reduction and Prevention Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l’environnement et la Loi sur la réduction du volume et de la production des déchets, 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. Min. MOYES having spoken,

And Mr. NESBITT having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. NESBITT 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. MOYES tabled:

Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 22).

(Sessional Paper No. 27)

Hon. Min. ASAGWARA moved:

THAT Bill (No. 33) – The Public Health Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la santé publique, 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 Mrs. COOK having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mrs. COOK 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. ASAGWARA moved:

THAT Bill (No. 41) – The Reporting of Supports for Child Survivors of Sexual Assault (Trained Health Professionals and Evidence Collection Kits) Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la présentation de rapports concernant les mesures de soutien destinées aux enfants survivants d’agression sexuelle (professionnels de la santé formés et trousses médicolégales), 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 Mrs. COOK having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mrs. COOK 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. ASAGWARA:

THAT Bill (No. 7) – The Human Tissue Gift Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les dons de tissus humains, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the question period continuing,

And Mrs. COOK having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mrs. COOK 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.

Mr. PERCHOTTE asked Written Questions (Nos. 7 to 11) for reply to the following:

7. The Minister of Advanced Education and Training has allocated letters to allow international students to study at Manitoba institutions. Will the Minister provide for this House a breakdown of exactly how many attestation letters each institution has been allocated for the 2024/2025 academic year, compared to how many international students the same institution had in the 2023/24 and 2022/23 academic years?
8. Can the Minister of Advanced Education and Training explain how the Provincial Government plans to ensure that Manitoba's post-secondary institutions remain financially sustainable without placing the burden on students through tuition hikes?
9. How is the Provincial Government ensuring that Manitoba's rich Indigenous and Métis history is meaningfully integrated into heritage preservation and tourism initiatives?
10. Modernizing the Film and Video Production Tax Credit by providing upfront cash advances aims to attract production companies to Manitoba. Given the ongoing trade tensions and the imposition of U.S. tariffs, how does the Provincial Government plan to ensure that these changes will continue to benefit Manitoba's local economy and film industry; specifically, how will the revitalized tax credit support the province in attracting international film productions despite the challenges posed by these tariffs?
11. The Selkirk Bridge, which was built in 1935, is now approaching 90 years old and needs to be replaced to meet current and future traffic demands. The Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure provided an update in October of 2024, indicating that the preliminary design phase was ongoing, with completion expected by June 2025. Can the Minister provide a clear timeline for when the replacement project will be completed?

The House then adjourned at 6:04 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, 2025.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.