



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 68

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

By leave, it was agreed for the House to deal with debate on Second Reading of Bill (No. 225).

The House resumed the debate on the Proposed Motion of Mr. SWAN:

THAT Bill (No. 225) – The Human Rights Code Amendment Act (Genetic Characteristics)/Loi modifiant le Code des droits de la personne (caractéristiques génétiques), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. EWASKO, Hon. Mr. PEDERSEN, Messrs. SMITH (Southdale), YAKIMOSKI, SARAN and LINDSEY having spoken,

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

The House resumed the Debate on the Proposed Resolution of Ms. FONTAINE:

Resolution No. 15: Protecting and Promoting French Language Services

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has made cuts across the province to French language services, including health care, that make it harder for francophone families to access the front line services they deserve while maintaining their language rights and ensure Manitoba preserves its vibrant, strong francophone communities; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government shuttered the bilingual St. Boniface Quick Care Clinic, which actively offered an essential health care service in French to St. Boniface families and seniors; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government cut nearly \$60,000 in funding for Actionmarguerite personal care home, cutting supports for quality care for St. Boniface seniors; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is closing three emergency rooms across Winnipeg, significantly increasing pressure on the St. Boniface Hospital ER and increasing wait times for St. Boniface families; and

WHEREAS access to French education is a source of pride for the community and represents a history of fighting for French language rights, and the Provincial Government's cuts indicate a deprioritization of French language education in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government cut the Assistant Deputy Minister's position for the Bureau de l'éducation française (BEF), which undermines the BEF's ability to provide strong French language education supports; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government's cuts forced post-secondary tuition to rise by 6.6% for universities in Manitoba, including the Université de Saint-Boniface, and cut an education tax rebate that helped new graduates pay off student loans and find a career in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government cut funding by more than \$50,000 for Centre Flavie-Laurent, which helped low income families in St. Boniface and East Winnipeg access housewares, furniture, clothing and other basic necessities of life; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government's regressive Bill 8 would severely limit revenue for community newspapers, including those that serve the French speaking community; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government slashed funding for the World Trade Centre and Conseil de développement économique des municipalités bilingues du Manitoba (CDEM).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to reverse its cuts to French language health care, education and community services and to make real investments that support and strengthen Manitoba's francophone communities for now and the future.

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. TEITSMA, Hon. Messrs. FLETCHER, FRIESEN and WISHART and Messrs. ALLUM and HELWER having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON presented:

Annual Report of the Manitoba Human Rights Commission for the year ending December 31, 2017.

(Sessional Paper No. 68)

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN presented:

Annual Report of The Civil Service Superannuation Board for the year ending December 31, 2017.

(Sessional Paper No. 69)

Thursday, June 21, 2018

By leave, Hon. Ms. CLARKE, the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Relations, made a statement regarding National Indigenous Peoples Day.

Ms. FONTAINE and, by leave, Ms. KLASSEN commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON, Ms. MARCELINO (Logan), Mrs. GUILLEMARD, Ms. KLASSEN and Mr. YAKIMOSKI made Members' Statements.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to take the necessary steps to ensure that the Vimy Arena site is not used for an addiction treatment facility and to take the necessary steps to ensure the preservation of public land along Sturgeon Creek for the purposes of park land and recreational activities for public use (including being an important component of the Sturgeon Creek Greenway Trail and the Sturgeon Creek ecosystem) under the current designation of PR2 for the 255 Hamilton Avenue location at the Vimy Arena site, and to maintain the land to continue to be designated for Parks and Recreation Active Neighbourhood/Community. (E. Reid, C. Reid, R. Pascal and others)

The House resolved into Committee of Supply.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, June 25, 2018.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.