



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 70

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

The Deputy Clerk formally advised the Assembly that the Speaker was unavoidably absent and called upon the Deputy Speaker to take the Chair pursuant to the Statutes. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. MOSES moved:

THAT Bill (No. 232) – The Emancipation Day Act/Loi sur le Jour de l'émancipation, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. MOSES having spoken,

And Mr. REYES, Ms. NAYLOR, Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Messrs. LAGIMODIERE, WIEBE and MICHALESKI questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Ms. GORDON, Ms. NAYLOR, Mr. REYES and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

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

The House resumed the debate on the Proposed Resolution of Mr. BUSHIE:

Resolution No. 23: Inclusion of a Land Acknowledgement in the Manitoba Legislative Assembly

WHEREAS the Manitoba Legislature and people across this province reside on the Traditional Territories of the Anishinaabe, Dakota, Cree, Anishininew, Dene and Inuit peoples and the Homeland of the Métis; and

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WHEREAS as stewards of the land, Indigenous people willingly shared knowledge with people from around the world on how to live and survive in their ancestral territories; and

WHEREAS in an era of reconciliation, it is imperative for the Legislature to acknowledge and honour the lives of Indigenous communities who have resided on these lands since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS many organizations and institutions across the world, including the Winnipeg Jets, rightfully recognize Indigenous communities when they are opening ceremonies, meetings, and events and the Legislature should be a champion of similar efforts; and

WHEREAS the Manitoba Legislature convenes each day of a Session with an opening prayer but does not acknowledge the traditional land upon which it is located; and

WHEREAS many Indigenous community members and non-Indigenous allies have requested a land acknowledgement prior to the House beginning its proceedings; and

WHEREAS a land acknowledgement should be designed in collaboration with Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, the Manitoba Métis Federation, the Manitoba Inuit Association, and the Southern Chiefs Organization.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be urged to begin each day in the Chamber with a land acknowledgement designed in collaboration with Indigenous leadership, in addition to the opening prayer.

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. GUENTER, Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas), Messrs. SMITH (Lagimodière), LAMONT, TEITSMA, NESBITT and ISLEIFSON having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Hon. Mrs. GUILLEMARD, Ms. FONTAINE, Messrs. SMITH (Lagimodière) and SANDHU and Ms. LAMOUREUX made Members' Statements.

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

Mr. BUSHIE – To urge the Minister of Health and Seniors Care to open a genuine four bed Epilepsy Unit, similar to the one recently opened in Saskatchewan, at the Health Sciences Centre with modern equipment and adequate epilepsy neurosurgeons, neurologists, nurses, clerks and technicians; and to formally establish an Epilepsy Program to ensure that all epilepsy staff can deliver care to patients in a coordinated fashion.

MLA ASAGWARA - To urge the Minister of Health and Seniors Care to open a genuine four bed Epilepsy Unit, similar to the one recently opened in Saskatchewan, at the Health Sciences Centre with modern equipment and adequate epilepsy neurosurgeons, neurologists, nurses, clerks and technicians; and to formally establish an Epilepsy Program to ensure that all epilepsy staff can deliver care to patients in a coordinated fashion.

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – To urge the Provincial Government to deny the conditional use application for mining on SW-11-12-21 WPM because of the adverse impact it will have on important ecological and archeological treasures in this area and because there are alternative sites for obtaining the gravel and/or rock needed from this site; and to protect the habitat on all quarters of 11-12-21 WPM and to undertake to develop a shared stewardship approach which preserves traditional uses for the Crown and private lands in this ecologically sensitive area.

Mr. MALOWAY – To urge the Provincial Government to bring Consumer Protection legislation requiring scrap metal recyclers to keep proper records so only legitimate sales are allowed and criminals can be caught.

Mr. WIEBE – To urge the Minister of Health and Seniors Care to open a genuine four bed Epilepsy Unit, similar to the one recently opened in Saskatchewan, at the Health Sciences Centre with modern equipment and adequate epilepsy neurosurgeons, neurologists, nurses, clerks and technicians; and to formally establish an Epilepsy Program to ensure that all epilepsy staff can deliver care to patients in a coordinated fashion.

By unanimous consent, the sequence for consideration of estimates, as outlined in Sessional Paper No. 71 tabled on April 20, 2021, was further amended in order that the estimates of Enabling Appropriations, followed by the estimates of the Department of Finance be considered in room 254 in place of the estimates of Executive Council for Friday, May 28, 2021, only.

Hon. Ms. SQUIRES moved:

THAT Bill (No. 72) – The Disability Support Act and Amendments to The Manitoba Assistance Act/Loi sur le soutien pour personne handicapée et 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.

(Recommended by Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. SQUIRES having spoken,

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

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And the debate continuing,

And Ms. ADAMS, Messrs. MICHALESKI and WIEBE and Hon Mr. GERRARD spoken,

And Mr. MOSES speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

Hon. Ms. SQUIRES presented:

Message from Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 72).

(Sessional Paper No. 102)

The House recessed at 5:00 p.m. until Friday, May 28, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

The House resolving into Committee of Supply.

The House then adjourned at 12:30 p.m. Friday, May 28, 2021 until 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 31, 2021.

Doyle PIWNIUK,
Deputy Speaker.