



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 76**

**FOURTH SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**

**PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**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.

Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) moved:

THAT Bill (No. 241) – The Drivers and Vehicles Amendment Act (Licence Plates for MMIWG2S Awareness)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les conducteurs et les véhicules (plaques d'immatriculation pour la sensibilisation aux femmes, aux filles et aux personnes bispirituelles autochtones disparues et assassinées), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) having spoken,

And Mr. ISLEIFSON, Mses. NAYLOR, LAMOUREUX and MORLEY-LECOMTE and Mr. BUSHIE having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mses. MORLEY-LECOMTE, FONTAINE and LAMOUREUX and Mr. BUSHIE 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.

In accordance with Rule 34(8), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Private Members' Resolution titled "Calling on the Provincial Government to Stop Cutting Education Funding" will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

Mr. REDHEAD moved:

Resolution No. 26: Calling on the Provincial Government to Adequately Fund the Construction of the New Aquatic Centre in Thompson

WHEREAS the only public pool in Thompson closed in 2019, leaving the city and surrounding communities without an aquatic facility; and

WHEREAS the closest public pool is in The Pas, a four hour drive away; and

WHEREAS Thompson has been without a public pool for the three years since the closure; and

WHEREAS on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the day before the deadline to call the Thompson by-election, the Provincial Government finally announced funding to build a new aquatic centre in Thompson; and

WHEREAS \$15 million was put forward by the Federal Government, the Provincial Government and the City of Thompson to cover the construction of the aquatic facility of which \$5 million was provincially funded; and

WHEREAS in actuality the total project cost is closer to \$20 million, meaning the province did not provide enough funding to cover what was required; and

WHEREAS this nearly \$5 million shortfall places the status of the entire project at risk; and

WHEREAS the province has offered no additional funds to make up for this shortfall; and

WHEREAS the province has not provided a timeline for when the aquatic centre will be built.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to adequately fund the construction of the new aquatic centre in Thompson and provide a timeline for its construction.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. REDHEAD having spoken,

And Messrs. WOWCHUK, ALTOMARE, LAMONT, KHAN, MICHALESKI and GUENTER having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. WOWCHUK, MLA ASAGWARA, Hon. Mr. HELWER and Mr. LAMONT having spoken,

And Mr. MICHALESKI speaking at 11:54 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

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1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Pursuant to Rule 28(1), Messrs. LAGASSÉ and WIEBE, Mrs. COX and Messrs. REDHEAD and LAMONT made Members' Statements.

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

Ms. LATHLIN – To urge the Minister of Infrastructure to complete an assessment of PR 224 and implement the appropriate repairs using public funds as quickly as possible.

Mr. MALOWAY – To urge the new Premier to financially assist the City of Winnipeg on building this three-lane bridge in each direction to maintain this vital link between northeast Winnipeg, Transcona and the downtown; to urge the Provincial Government to recommend that the City of Winnipeg keep the old bridge fully open to traffic while the new bridge is under construction; and to consider the feasibility of keeping the old bridge open for active transportation in the future.

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – To urge the Provincial Government to consider hearing loss as a medical treatment under Manitoba Health; and to provide income based coverage for hearing aids to all who need them as hearing has been proven to be essential to Manitobans' cognitive, mental, and social health and well-being.

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Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN presented:

Revised sequence for consideration of the Estimates by the Committee of Supply, both in the Chamber and outside the Chamber.

(Sessional Paper No. 141)

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The House resolving into Committee of Supply.

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The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Friday, October 28, 2022.

Andrew MICKLEFIELD,  
Deputy Speaker.