



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 72

FIRST SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O’CLOCK A.M.

The House resumed the debate on the proposed motion of MLA CROSS:

THAT Bill (No. 216) – The Manitoba Small Business Month Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur le Mois de la petite entreprise au Manitoba (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 the debate continuing,

And Mrs. COOK, Messrs. GUENTER, NARTH and PIWNIUK and MLA BEREZA having spoken,

And Mr. PERCHOTTE speaking at 11:00 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name and, by leave, in the name of Mr. SCHULER.

Pursuant to Rule 34, the Government House Leader announced that the Private Member’s resolution titled “Calling on the Provincial Government to Cancel the Gas Tax Holiday Extension and Bring in Real Solutions for Cost-of-Living Crisis” will be considered on the next Tuesday of Private Members’ Business.

MLA CROSS moved:

Resolution No. 21: Orange Shirt Day

WHEREAS the Provincial Government currently recognizes September 30th as Orange Shirt Day as a direct response to “Call to Action 80” by which the Truth and Reconciliation Commission called for a statutory day of commemoration for the harm caused by the Residential School system; and

WHEREAS the symbol of orange shirts was originated by the experience of Phyllis Webstad, who bought a new orange shirt with her grandmother, which was taken from her when she entered a Residential School; and

WHEREAS Orange Shirt Day commemorates the children who were forcibly taken from their families near the end of September and shamed for their culture and identity within in the Residential School system; and

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WHEREAS Orange Shirt Day gives Manitobans a day to reflect on the legacy of the Residential School system while honoring the strength of Residential School survivors and Indigenous families; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is ensuring that the Manitoba education system makes the next generation aware of Residential Schools and the impacts of colonialism; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is committed to educating Manitobans on the truth of Canada's history in order to walk the path towards reconciliation; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is dedicated to working with survivors and uplifting their voices, as they were once silenced.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be urged to affirm the crucial importance that this is the first Orange Shirt Day since this day became a statutory holiday and the efforts of the Provincial Government to hold space for Manitoba families to be together to reflect and continue to walk the path to reconciliation.

And a debate arising,

And MLA CROSS having spoken,

And Mr. PERCHOTTE, MLA KENNEDY and Messrs. JACKSON and WOWCHUK having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. PERCHOTTE, MLA LOISELLE and Messrs. WOWCHUK and OXENHAM having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

By leave, Hon. Min. FONTAINE, the Minister of Families, made a Government Statement regarding reparations for Manitoba's Children's Special Allowances policy.

Hon. Mr. BUSHIE tabled:

Annual Report of the Department of Indigenous Economic Development for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024.

(Sessional Paper No. 144)

Annual Report of the Department of Municipal and Northern Relations for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024.

(Sessional Paper No. 145)

Annual Report of The Manitoba Water Services Board for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024.

(Sessional Paper No. 146)

Annual Report of the Communities Economic Development Fund for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024.

(Sessional Paper No. 147)

Hon. Min. SCHMIDT, for Hon. Min. ALTOMARE, tabled:

Annual Report of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Learning for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024.

(Sessional Paper No. 148)

Hon. Ms. SMITH tabled:

Annual Report of the Department of Housing, Addictions and Homelessness for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024.

(Sessional Paper No. 149)

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), Hon. Min. CABLE, Messrs. JACKSON, OXENHAM and BALCAEN and MLA SANDHU made Member's statements.

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

Mr. JOHNSON – To urge the Provincial Government to lobby the Federal Government to stop the expansion of medical assistance in dying to those for whom mental illness is the sole condition; and to lobby the Federal Government to protect Canadians struggling with mental illness by facilitating treatment, recovery, and medical assistance in living, not death.

Mr. BALCAEN – To urge the Provincial Government to lobby the Federal Government to stop the expansion of medical assistance in dying to those for whom mental illness is the sole condition; and to lobby the Federal Government to protect Canadians struggling with mental illness by facilitating treatment, recovery, and medical assistance in living, not death.

MLA LAMOUREUX – 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.

MLA BEREZA – To urge the Provincial Government to support the investment and placement of an MRI machine in the Portage Regional Health Facility in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

Ms. BYRAM – To urge the Provincial Government to call on the Federal Government to remove the punishing carbon tax on natural gas and other fuels and farm inputs for Manitoba agriculture producers and the Agri-food sector to decrease the costs of putting food on the table for Manitoba consumers.

Mrs. COOK – To urge the Provincial Government to lobby the Federal Government to stop the expansion of medical assistance in dying to those for whom mental illness is the sole condition; and to lobby the Federal Government to protect Canadians struggling with mental illness by facilitating treatment, recovery, and medical assistance in living, not death.

Mr. EWASKO – To urge the Provincial Government to remove the federal carbon tax on home heating bills for all Manitobans to provide them much needed relief.

Mr. GOERTZEN – To urge the Provincial Government to lobby the Federal Government to stop the expansion of medical assistance in dying to those for whom mental illness is the sole condition; and to lobby the Federal Government to protect Canadians struggling with mental illness by facilitating treatment, recovery, and medical assistance in living, not death.

Mr. GUENTER – To urge the Provincial Government to lobby the Federal Government to stop the expansion of medical assistance in dying to those for whom mental illness is the sole condition; and to lobby the Federal Government to protect Canadians struggling with mental illness by facilitating treatment, recovery, and medical assistance in living, not death.

Mrs. HIEBERT – To urge the Minister of Families to develop better policies to protect youth in care from potential physical or psychological abuse; to urge the Provincial Government to immediately establish a public inquiry to identify the failing of the child welfare system and ensure that no call from a child ever goes unanswered or ignored again.

Mr. JACKSON – To urge the Premier and Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to immediately prioritize the reconstruction of Provincial Trunk Highway 2 in the upcoming construction season; and to urge the Provincial Government to include the stretch of Provincial Trunk Highway 2 that runs through the Town of Souris in its reconstruction plans.

Mr. KING – To urge the Provincial Government to remove the federal carbon tax on home heating bills for all Manitobans to provide them much needed relief.

Mr. NARTH – To urge the Provincial Government to lobby the Federal Government to stop the expansion of medical assistance in dying to those for whom mental illness is the sole condition; and to lobby the Federal Government to protect Canadians struggling with mental illness by facilitating treatment, recovery, and medical assistance in living, not death.

Mr. NESBITT – To urge the Provincial Government to call on the Federal Government to remove the punishing carbon tax on natural gas and other fuels and farm inputs for Manitoba agriculture producers and the Agri-food sector to decrease the costs of putting food on the table for Manitoba consumers.

Mrs. STONE – To urge the Minister of Families to develop better policies to protect youth in care from potential physical or psychological abuse; to urge the Provincial Government to immediately establish a public inquiry to identify the failing of the child welfare system and ensure that no call from a child ever goes unanswered or ignored again.

Mr. PERCHOTTE – To urge the 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; to urge the Provincial Government to consider the feasibility of keeping the old bridge open for active transportation in the future.

Mr. WHARTON – To urge the Provincial Government to remove the federal carbon tax on home heating bills for all Manitobans to provide them much needed relief.

In accordance with the provisions agreed to by the House on October 2, 2024, the House considered the following motion:

THAT the Legislative Assembly accept the Report of the Ethics Commissioner regarding the Honourable Member for Keewatinook, dated September 19, 2024, and approve the recommendation contained therein.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. BUSHIE and Messrs. GOERTZEN, JACKSON, WASYLIW and KING having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

Hon. Min. FONTAINE moved:

WHEREAS the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs recommends to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba that Jeffrey Schnoor be reappointed as the Ethics Commissioner for a term of five years; and

WHEREAS the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs recommends to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba that Jeffrey Schnoor be reappointed as the Information and Privacy Adjudicator for a term not to exceed three years from date of commencement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to subsection 11(1) of *The Lobbyists Registration Act*, a person shall be appointed as the registrar by resolution of the Assembly.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to sections 33 and 34 of *The Conflict of Interest (Members and Ministers) Act*, Jeffrey Schnoor be reappointed as the Ethics Commissioner for a term of five years; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to section 58.1 of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, Jeffrey Schnoor be reappointed as the Information and Privacy Adjudicator for a term not to exceed three years from date of commencement; and

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THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to subsection 11(1) of *The Lobbyists Registration Act*, Jeffrey Schnoor be reappointed as the Lobbyist Registrar for a term not to exceed five years from date of commencement.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. GOERTZEN and Hon. Mr. WIEBE having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

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

THAT Bill (No. 37) – The Budget Implementation and Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2024/Loi d'exécution du budget de 2024 et modifiant diverses dispositions législatives en matière de fiscalité, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. JACKSON having spoken,

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

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 9, 2024.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.