



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 81

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 Mr. JOHNSON:

THAT Bill (No. 214) – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment Act (Net-Metering Agreements)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l’Hydro-Manitoba (ententes de facturation nette), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And MLAs MOYES, KENNEDY and PANKRATZ, Mr. MALOWAY, MLA CHEN, Hon. Mr. KOSTYSHYN, MLA MOROZ and Mr. BRAR having spoken,

In accordance with Rule 25, the debate was interrupted to put the Second Reading Question on Selected Bill (No. 214).

And the Question being put. Pursuant to sub-rule 24(7), the division was deferred to take place at 11:55 a.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2024.

Pursuant to Rule 34, the Opposition House Leader announced that the Private Member’s resolution titled “Crime and Public Safety” will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members’ Business.

The House resumed the debate on the proposed motion of Mr. GOERTZEN:

THAT Bill (No. 203) – The Occupiers’ Liability Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la responsabilité des occupants, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

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

Mr. PERCHOTTE moved:

Resolution No. 26: Removing Land Transfer Tax for First-Time Home Buyers

WHEREAS according to the “Royal LePage 2024 Demographic Survey: Next Generation of Buyers”, 94% of Manitobans aged 18-38 believe that home ownership is a worthwhile investment, and 86% of those who do not currently own a home say it is a priority for them and a milestone they hope to achieve in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS despite the desire to own a home, Manitobans are finding it increasingly challenging to purchase a home due to the increased cost of living and increased housing prices; and

WHEREAS the land transfer tax adds an additional cost to purchasing a property in Manitoba and can be a barrier to home ownership for first time home buyers; and

WHEREAS on the average detached single-family home, the land transfer tax can cost in excess of \$5,000; and

WHEREAS according to the 2024 CMHC Mortgage Consumer Survey, the top two concerns for first time homebuyers included paying too much for a home and unforeseen housing costs; and

WHEREAS residential homebuyers pay the bulk of land transfer tax collected in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS it was an NDP Provincial Government that introduced the land transfer tax, and the current Provincial Government, has not done anything to help with the affordability of owning a home for a first-time home buyer; and

WHEREAS in Ontario, British Columbia, and Prince Edward Island, there are first-time home buyer incentives that include rebates on land transfer tax.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to remove the land transfer tax for first-time home buyers to assist more Manitobans with achieving their goal of owning a home.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. PERCHOTTE having spoken,

And MLA CROSS, Mrs. HIEBERT and Mr. JACKSON having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. MOSES, Ms. BYRAM and MLAs DELA CRUZ and SANDHU having spoken,

And Hon. Min. CABLE speaking at 11:55 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

In accordance with sub-rule 24(7), the debate was interrupted at 11:55 a.m. to put the Second Reading Question on Selected Bill (No. 214).

The House resumed the debate on the proposed motion of Mr. JOHNSON:

THAT Bill (No. 214) – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment Act (Net-Metering Agreements)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Hydro-Manitoba (ententes de facturation nette), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the Question being put. It was negatived, on the following division:

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1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

MLA DELA CRUZ, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development, presented its Ninth Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on October 30, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- **Bill (No. 38)** – An Act Respecting Child and Family Services (Indigenous Jurisdiction and Other Amendments)/Loi concernant les services à l'enfant et à la famille (champ de compétence autochtone et autres modifications)
- **Bill (No. 39)** – The Long-Bladed Weapon Control Act/Loi sur la réglementation des armes à lame longue
- **Bill (No. 217)** – The Men's Mental Health Awareness Week Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur la Semaine de sensibilisation à la santé mentale des hommes (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)

Committee Membership

- MLA DELA CRUZ
- Hon. Min. FONTAINE
- Mrs. HIEBERT
- MLA LAGASSÉ
- MLA MOROZ
- MLA SANDHU

Your Committee elected MLA DELA CRUZ as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected MLA SANDHU as the Vice-Chairperson.

Substitutions received during Committee proceedings:

- Hon. Min. WIEBE for Hon. Min. FONTAINE
- Mr. BALCAEN for MLA LAGASSÉ

Public Presentations

Your Committee heard the following presentation on **Bill (No. 39)** – The Long-Bladed Weapon Control Act/Loi sur la réglementation des armes à lame longue:

Sel Burrows

Point Powerline

Your Committee heard the following two presentations on **Bill (No. 217)** – The Men's Mental Health Awareness Week Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur la Semaine de sensibilisation à la santé mentale des hommes (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs):

Lisa Dyck

Private Citizen

Jeremy Wiens

Private Citizen

Written Submissions

Your Committee received the following written submission on **Bill (No. 39)** – The Long-Bladed Weapon Control Act/Loi sur la réglementation des armes à lame longue:

Scot Halley

Manitoba Association of Chiefs of Police

Your Committee received the following two written submissions on **Bill (No. 217)** – The Men’s Mental Health Awareness Week Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur la Semaine de sensibilisation à la santé mentale des hommes (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs):

Marcel Hacault
Gerry Goertzen

Manitoba Farmer Wellness Program
Riverbend Counselling

Bills Considered and Reported

- **Bill (No. 38)** – An Act Respecting Child and Family Services (Indigenous Jurisdiction and Other Amendments)/Loi concernant les services à l’enfant et à la famille (champ de compétence autochtone et autres modifications)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 39)** – The Long-Bladed Weapon Control Act/Loi sur la réglementation des armes à lame longue

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill with the following amendments:

THAT Clause 1(1) of the Bill be amended in clause (a) of the definition "long-bladed weapon" by striking out "metal blade" and substituting "blade made of metal or other prescribed material".

THAT Clause 12(a) of the Bill be replaced with the following:

(a) prescribing blade materials or blade length, or both, for the purpose of clause (a) of the definition "long-bladed weapon" in subsection 1(1);

- **Bill (No. 217)** – The Men’s Mental Health Awareness Week Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur la Semaine de sensibilisation à la santé mentale des hommes (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

On motion of MLA DELA CRUZ, the Report of the Committee was received.

Thursday, October 31, 2024

Hon. Min. FONTAINE tabled:

Revised sequence for consideration of the Estimates by the Committee of Supply for October 31, 2024, only.

(Sessional Paper No. 193)

Hon. Mr. WIEBE tabled:

Annual Report of Legal Aid Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024.

(Sessional Paper No. 194)

Hon. Mr. BUSHIE, the Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations, made a statement regarding Movember.

Mr. KING commented on the statement.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), MLA DELA CRUZ, Mr. WOWCHUK, Hon. Min. SALA, Mr. EWASKO and MLA MOROZ made Member's statements.

In accordance with Rule 30, Mrs. COOK rose on a grievance.

The House resolved into Committee of Supply.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, November 4, 2024.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.