



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 70

SECOND SESSION, FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Hon. Mr. GERRARD moved:

THAT Bill (No. 200) – The Human Rights Code Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code des droits de la personne, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

And Ms. FONTAINE, Mr. TEITSMA, Hon. Mr. FLETCHER, Messrs. CURRY, KINEW and NESBITT and Mrs. GUILLEMARD having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. TEITSMA and SARAN having spoken,

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

During the Debate, Ms. FONTAINE rose on a point of order regarding the breach of a long standing practice allowing for debate on a Private Members' Bill from the Opposition on a Thursday morning.

And Hon. Messrs. FLETCHER and GERRARD and Mr. MICKLEFIELD having spoken to the point of order,

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker ruled that there was no point of order.

Subsequently during the Debate, Mr. HELWER rose on a point of order regarding comments attributed to him in the House by the Member for River Heights on Wednesday, October 11, 2017.

And Hon. Mr. GERRARD apologized unreservedly and withdrew his remarks.

In accordance with Rule 33(8), the Opposition House Leader announced that Action Against Industrial Pollution in St. Boniface Resolution will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) moved:

Resolution No. 22: Protecting Low Income Manitobans

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has announced cuts to the Rent Assist benefit, which would increase rent for over 7000 families, some by as much as \$1200 a year; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government increased rent for Manitoba Housing residents by as much as \$720 a year and changed its policy to eliminate options for families choosing an appropriate unit; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government broke its promise to create a comprehensive strategy to bring Manitobans out of poverty and failed to comply with legislation by not releasing an update in June; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government refused to raise the minimum wage for two years and locked it in at an arbitrarily low rate; and

WHEREAS in the last provincial budget the Provincial Government hiked tuition fees for thousands of students, presenting a barrier for many students to access education, training and good jobs; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government refused to renew funding for the North Point Douglas Women's Centre and other women's centres, which provided supports and counselling for some of Winnipeg's most vulnerable women; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government froze Neighborhoods Alive and Community Places for a year, cutting services and causing unnecessary uncertainty for thousands of Manitobans who rely on these programs; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has broken its promise to protect low income, vulnerable, hardworking families and seniors and has instead cut their supports and cancelled funding for programs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to commit to presenting a real, comprehensive strategy to fight poverty and to protect low income families and seniors, by reversing their damaging cuts to services, lowering fees and ensuring all Manitobans have access to good jobs.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) having spoken,

And Hon. Mrs. COX, Ms. LATHLIN, Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE, Messrs. LAGASSÉ and TEITSMA and Mrs. GUILLEMARD having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mrs. COX, Ms. LATHLIN, Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

And Mr. TEITSMA 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 Law Enforcement Review Agency for the year ending December 31, 2016.
(Sessional Paper No. 74)

Annual Report of the Chief Judge of the Provincial Court Concerning Complaints about Judicial Conduct for the year ending December 31, 2016.
(Sessional Paper No. 75)

Annual Report of the Provincial Court of Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016.
(Sessional Paper No. 76)

Annual Report of the Residential Tenancies Commission for the year ending March 31, 2017.
(Sessional Paper No. 77)

Annual Report of the Automobile Injury Compensation Appeal Commission for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017.
(Sessional Paper No. 78)

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN presented:

Report of the Public Service Group Insurance Fund for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2017.
(Sessional Paper No. 79)

Hon. Mrs. COX, the Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage, made a statement regarding Diwali Festival of Lights.

Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) and, by leave, Ms. LAMOUREUX commented on the statement.

Hon. Mr. EICHLER, the Minister of Agriculture, made a statement regarding National Farmer's Day.

Mr. ALLUM and, by leave, Ms. KLASSEN commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Mr. TEITSMA, Ms. LATHLIN, Mr. MICKLEFIELD, Ms. LAMOUREUX and Mr. PIWNIUK made Members' Statements.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. ALLUM – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plan to repeal the annual operating grant for municipal transit agencies and remove section 88(8) of Bill 36, The Budget Implementation and Statutes Amendment Act, 2017.

Mr. KINEW – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plan to repeal the annual operating grant for municipal transit agencies and remove section 88(8) of Bill 36, The Budget Implementation and Statutes Amendment Act, 2017.

Ms. LATHLIN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to recognize the absolute necessity of maintaining and improving the Northern Patient Transportation Program by continuing to respect Northern Patient Transfer agreements and funding these services in accordance with the needs of northern Manitobans.

Mr. LINDSEY – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to recognize the absolute necessity of maintaining and improving the Northern Patient Transportation Program by continuing to respect Northern Patient Transfer agreements and funding these services in accordance with the needs of northern Manitobans.

Mr. MALOWAY – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30.

Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30.

Mr. SELINGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plan to repeal the annual operating grant for municipal transit agencies and remove section 88(8) of Bill 36, The Budget Implementation and Statutes Amendment Act, 2017.

Mr. WIEBE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plan to repeal the annual operating grant for municipal transit agencies and remove section 88(8) of Bill 36, The Budget Implementation and Statutes Amendment Act, 2017.

The House resolved into Committee of Supply.

Thursday, October 12, 2017

The House then adjourned at 5:01 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, October 23, 2017.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.