



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 54

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.

In accordance with Rule 33(8), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Private Member's Resolution titled "Calling Upon the Provincial Government to Support Women's Economic Recovery" will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) moved:

THAT Bill (No. 223) – The Spirit Bear Day Act/Loi sur la Journée de l'ourson Spirit Bear, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) having spoken,

And Mr. LAGIMODIERE, Ms. FONTAINE, Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Messrs. MICKLEFIELD and BUSHIE having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Ms. CLARKE, Hon. Ms. SQUIRES, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. LAGIMODIERE having spoken,

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

Mr. MOSES moved:

Resolution No. 19: Creation of a Paid Sick Leave Program

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has shone a light on the importance of people staying home when they are sick to protect their community; and

WHEREAS the safety, health, and welfare of all Manitoba workers should remain paramount and workers should not feel pressured to come to work when they are sick to avoid losing pay; and

WHEREAS provincial data shows that racialized groups such as Indigenous, Black and Filipino Manitobans make up a disproportionate number of COVID-19 cases; and

WHEREAS a paid sick leave program will empower Manitobans to stay home when they are sick and keep coworkers, customers, and clients safe; and

WHEREAS the NDP has repeatedly called on the Provincial Government to implement a provincial paid sick leave program; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has attempted to take credit for the federal paid sick leave program, while not investing a single dollar into this program itself; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has a track record of imposing unconstitutional wage freezes on Manitobans and not creating new work contracts with various sectors across the province; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government continues to interfere in the collective bargaining process with nurses, universities, school bus drivers, and Manitoba Hydro workers; and

WHEREAS over 58% of Canadian workers do not have access to paid sick leave; and

WHEREAS over 70% of Canadian workers who make \$25,000 or less a year do not have access to paid sick leave, many of whom are essential workers; and

WHEREAS no one should be forced to lose wages when they are sick and make the responsible decision to stay home and protect others; and

WHEREAS cases of COVID-19 have been detected in numerous workplaces and Manitobans want a government that supports their health and well-being.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to create a paid sick leave program to support Manitobans to stay home when they feel unwell without fear of losing much needed wages.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. MOSES having spoken,

And Messrs. GUENTER and LINDSEY, Ms. LAMOUREUX, Messrs. WISHART, MARTIN and SMITH (Lagimodière) having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. GUENTER, LINDSEY and WISHART and Ms. LAMOUREUX 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.

Mr. LAGIMODIERE, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Justice, presented its Fifth Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on April 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- **Bill (No. 5)** – The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment Act (Cannabis Social Responsibility Fee)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis (taxe de responsabilité sociale en matière de cannabis)
- **Bill (No. 6)** – The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis
- **Bill (No. 60)** – The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment Act (2)/Loi n° 2 modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis
- **Bill (No. 213)** – The Reporting of Supports for Child Survivors of Sexual Assault Act (Trained Health Professionals and Evidence Collection Kits)/Loi sur la présentation de rapports concernant les mesures de soutien destinées aux enfants survivants d'agression sexuelle (professionnels de la santé formés et troussees médicolégales)

Committee Membership

As per the Sessional Order passed by the House on October 7, 2020 and further amended on December 3, 2020, Rule 83(2) was waived for the April 21, 2021 meeting, reducing the membership to six Members (4 Government and 2 Official Opposition).

- Ms. FONTAINE
- Hon. Mr. FRIESEN
- Hon. Ms. GORDON
- Mr. ISLEIFSON
- Mr. LAGIMODIERE (*Chairperson*)
- Ms. LATHLIN

Your Committee elected Mr. ISLEIFSON as the Vice-Chairperson.

Non-Committee Members Speaking on Record

- Hon. Mr. GERRARD

Public Presentations

Your Committee heard the following two presentations on **Bill (No. 213)** – The Reporting of Supports for Child Survivors of Sexual Assault Act (Trained Health Professionals and Evidence Collection Kits)/Loi sur la présentation de rapports concernant les mesures de soutien destinées aux enfants survivants d'agression sexuelle (professionnels de la santé formés et troussees médicolégales):

Garrison Settee
Renee Kastrukoff

Grand Chief, Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Inc.
The Pas Family Resource Centre - Minisewin Waska

Bills Considered and Reported

- **Bill (No. 5)** – The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment Act (Cannabis Social Responsibility Fee)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis (taxe de responsabilité sociale en matière de cannabis)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 6)** – The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 60)** – The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment Act (2)/Loi n° 2 modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 213)** – The Reporting of Supports for Child Survivors of Sexual Assault Act (Trained Health Professionals and Evidence Collection Kits)/Loi sur la présentation de rapports concernant les mesures de soutien destinées aux enfants survivants d'agression sexuelle (professionnels de la santé formés et troussees médicolégales)

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

THAT Clause 8 of the Bill be replaced with the following:

Coming into force

8 This Act comes into force on a day to be fixed by proclamation.

On motion of Mr. LAGIMODIERE, the Report of the Committee was received.

Mr. REYES, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development, presented its Ninth Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on April 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 254 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- **Bill (No. 3)** – The Public Service Act/Loi sur la fonction publique
- **Bill (No. 12)** – The Crown Land Dispositions Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur les aliénations de terres domaniales (modification de diverses dispositions législatives)

Committee Membership

As per the Sessional Order passed by the House on October 7, 2020 and further amended on December 3, 2020, Rule 83(2) was waived for the April 21, 2021 meeting, reducing the membership to six Members (4 Government and 2 Official Opposition).

- Mr. BRAR
- Hon. Mr. EICHLER
- Hon. Mr. HELWER
- Mr. LINDSEY
- Mr. MARTIN
- Mr. REYES

Your Committee elected Mr. REYES as the Chairperson.
Your Committee elected Mr. MARTIN as the Vice-Chairperson.

Non-Committee Members Speaking on Record

- Mr. LAMONT

Public Presentations

Your Committee heard the following three presentations on **Bill (No. 3)** – The Public Service Act/Loi sur la fonction publique:

Kevin Rebeck
Bruce Gammon
Michelle Gawronsky

Manitoba Federation of Labour
Legal Aid Manitoba
Manitoba Government and General Employees' Union

Your Committee heard the following eight presentations on **Bill (No. 12)** – The Crown Land Dispositions Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur les aliénations de terres domaniales (modification de diverses dispositions législatives):

Evan Balzer	Private Citizen
Ian Robson	Private Citizen
Anastasia Fyk	National Farmers Union
Bill Uruski	Private Citizen
Chief Glenn Hudson	Peguis First Nations
Tom Nevakshonoff	Private Citizen
Dean Harder	Private Citizen
Don Sullivan	Private Citizen

Written Submissions

Your Committee received the following written submission on **Bill (No. 12)** – The Crown Land Dispositions Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur les aliénations de terres domaniales (modification de diverses dispositions législatives):

Constance Menzies	Private Citizen
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Bills Considered and Reported

- **Bill (No. 3)** – The Public Service Act/Loi sur la fonction publique

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

THAT Clause 64(5) of the Bill be amended by striking out "not represented by a bargaining agent (as that term is defined in The Labour Relations Act) or excluded from a bargaining unit".

THAT the following be added after Clause 64(6) of the Bill:

Exception — appeal to commission

64(6.1) *Subsection (6) does not apply to a reference to the former Act or a specific provision of it in relation to an appeal that is commenced after the coming into force of this section under a collective agreement described in that subsection. For greater certainty, a provision of the collective agreement that provides for an appeal to The Civil Service Commission is of no force and effect and **The Labour Relations Act** applies instead.*

Reference to commission in collective agreement

64(6.2) *Despite subsection (6) but subject to subsection (6.1), any reference to The Civil Service Commission in a collective agreement entered into before the coming into force of this section is deemed to refer to the Public Service Commissioner appointed under subsection 26(1) of this Act.*

- **Bill (No. 12)** – The Crown Land Dispositions Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur les aliénations de terres domaniales (modification de diverses dispositions législatives)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. REYES, the Report of the Committee was received.

Hon. Mr. EWASKO presented:

Main Estimates Supplement 2021-2022 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Advanced Education, Skills and Immigration.
(Sessional Paper No. 73)

Hon. Mr. PEDERSEN presented:

Main Estimates Supplement 2021-2022 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Agriculture and Resource Development.
(Sessional Paper No. 74)

Hon. Mr. HELWER presented:

Main Estimates Supplement 2021-2022 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Central Services.
(Sessional Paper No. 75)

Main Estimates Supplement 2021-2022 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Civil Service Commission.
(Sessional Paper No. 76)

Hon. Mrs. GUILLEMARD presented:

Main Estimates Supplement 2021-2022 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Conservation and Climate.
(Sessional Paper No. 77)

Hon. Mr. WHARTON presented:

Main Estimates Supplement 2021-2022 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Crown Services.
(Sessional Paper No. 78)

Hon. Mr. EICHLER presented:

Main Estimates Supplement 2021-2022 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Economic Development and Jobs.

(Sessional Paper No. 79)

Hon. Mr. CULLEN presented:

Main Estimates Supplement 2021-2022 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Education.

(Sessional Paper No. 80)

Hon. Ms. SQUIRES presented:

Main Estimates Supplement 2021-2022 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Families.

(Sessional Paper No. 81)

Hon. Mr. FIELDING presented:

Main Estimates Supplement 2021-2022 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Finance.

(Sessional Paper No. 82)

Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON presented:

Main Estimates Supplement 2021-2022 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Health and Seniors Care.

(Sessional Paper No. 83)

Hon. Ms. CLARKE presented:

Main Estimates Supplement 2021-2022 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Indigenous and Northern Relations.

(Sessional Paper No. 84)

Hon. Mr. SCHULER presented:

Main Estimates Supplement 2021-2022 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Infrastructure.

(Sessional Paper No. 85)

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN presented:

Main Estimates Supplement 2021-2022 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Justice.
(Sessional Paper No. 86)

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN presented:

Main Estimates Supplement 2021-2022 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Legislative and
Public Affairs.
(Sessional Paper No. 87)

Hon. Ms. GORDON presented:

Main Estimates Supplement 2021-2022 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Mental Health,
Wellness and Recovery.
(Sessional Paper No. 88)

Hon. Mr. JOHNSON presented:

Main Estimates Supplement 2021-2022 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Municipal
Relations.
(Sessional Paper No. 89)

Hon. Mrs. COX presented:

Main Estimates Supplement 2021-2022 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Sport, Culture
and Heritage.
(Sessional Paper No. 90)

Hon. Mrs. GUILLEMARD, the Minister of Conservation and Climate, made a statement regarding
Earth Day.

Ms. NAYLOR and, by leave, Mr. LAMONT commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON, Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas), Messrs. SMOOK,
MOSES and LAMONT made Members' Statements.

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

Ms. LATHLIN – To urge the Provincial Government to reverse changes to the nursery school grants and to end the freeze on childcares operating grants while committing to keeping public childcare affordable and accessible for all Manitoban Families.

Mr. MALOWAY – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately demand Dynacare maintain all the phlebotomy (blood sample) sites existing prior to the Covid-19 public health emergency, and allow all Manitobans to get their blood and urine tests done when visiting their doctor, thereby facilitating local access to blood testing services.

Mr. SANDHU – To urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

Mr. WASYLIW – To urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

The House resumed the debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. FIELDING:

THAT Bill (No. 71) – The Education Property Tax Reduction Act (Property Tax and Insulation Assistance Act and Income Tax Act Amended)/Loi sur la réduction de l'impôt foncier pour l'éducation (modification de la Loi sur l'aide en matière de taxes foncières et d'isolation thermique des résidences et de la Loi de l'impôt sur le revenu), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas), Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Ms. FONTAINE having spoken,

And Ms. FONTAINE moved an amendment as follows:

THAT the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word "THAT" and substituting the following:

this House declines to give Second Reading to Bill (No. 71) – The Education Property Tax Reduction Act (Property Tax and Insulation Assistance Act and Income Tax Act Amended), because this Bill fails to ensure an equitable distribution across income groups and makes life less affordable for renters in Manitoba.

WHEREUPON Mr. Acting Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

Thursday, April 22, 2021

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Mr. MOSES having spoken,

And Mr. SALA 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. Monday, April 26, 2021.

Doyle PIWNIUK,
Deputy Speaker.