



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 18**

**FOURTH SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**

**PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.**

Immediately following the Prayer, MLA ASAGWARA rose on a Matter of Privilege alleging that Hon. Ms. GORDON deliberately misled the House on Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. Specifically, the Member alleged that the Minister stated that the Diagnostic and Surgical Recovery Task Force would be providing an update on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, but the update did not occur on that day and moved:

THAT the Minister of Health be called on to apologize to this House and that matter of the surgical and diagnostic backlog and the failure of the Government to set a deadline to clear the backlog be moved to a committee for immediate consideration.

And Hon. Messrs. GOERTZEN and GERRARD having spoken.

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker informed the House she would take the matter under advisement.

The following Bill was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined:

(No. 13) – The Social Services Appeal Board Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Commission d'appel des services sociaux

(Hon. Ms. SQUIRES)

Hon. Ms. SQUIRES, the Minister of Families, made a statement recognizing National Social Work Month.

Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) and, by leave, Hon. Mr. GERRARD commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Mrs. COX, Ms. NAYLOR, Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN, MLA LINDSEY and Mr. TEITSMA made Members' Statements.

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

Mr. KINEW – To urge the Provincial Government to provide the services of two nurses to restore essential medical foot care treatment to the City of Thompson effective April 1, 2022.

Mr. BUSHIE – To urge the Provincial Government to provide the services of two nurses to restore essential medical foot care treatment to the City of Thompson effective April 1, 2022.

Ms. FONTAINE – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately ensure effective and safe access to abortion services for individuals regardless of where they reside in Manitoba and to ensure that buffer zones are immediately legislated.

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – To urge the Provincial Government to establish an independent non-partisan Seniors Advocate to ensure that care standards are being met in all Manitoba personal care homes, and to resolve disputes before harm comes to residents of personal care homes; to urge the Provincial Government to ensure residents of personal care homes receive adequate hands on care to provide for their basic needs and ongoing physical care based on their individuals requirements; to urge the Provincial Government to ensure that the mental health needs of communication and socialization of personal care home residents are met through a combination of facilitated programs, sufficient staff on hand to provide those services, and adequate access to family members, Designated Family Caregivers, and other visitors under all reasonable circumstances; and to urge the Provincial Government to enforce mechanisms that mandate operators to proactively and collaboratively work with Designated Family Caregivers who augment care by insuring they are allowed access to their loved ones under all reasonable circumstances to provide active care and support to the resident's emotional wellbeing, health, and quality of life.

MLA LINDSEY – To urge the Provincial Government to provide the services of two nurses to restore essential medical foot care treatment to the City of Thompson effective April 1, 2022.

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.

MLA MARCELINO – To urge the Provincial Government to take action to reduce people's exposure to lead in Winnipeg and to implement the recommendations proposed by the Provincial Government's independent review, including the creation of an action plan for the Weston neighbourhood, developing a lead awareness, communications and outreach program, requisitioning a more in-depth study and a creating a tracking program for those tested for blood lead levels so that medical professionals can follow up with them.

Ms. NAYLOR – To urge the Provincial Government to support a declaration that the first week in February of each year be known as Eating Disorders Awareness Week.

Mr. MOSES – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately provide comprehensive and free healthcare coverage to all residents of Manitoba regardless of immigration status, including refugee claimants, migrant workers, international students, dependent children of temporary residents, and undocumented residents; to urge the Minister of Health and Seniors Care to undertake a multilingual communication campaign to provide information on expanded coverage to all affected residents; to inform all healthcare institutions and providers of expanded coverage for those without health insurance and the details on how necessary policy and protocol changes will be implemented; and to create and enforce strict confidentiality policies and provide staff with training to protect the safety of residents with precarious immigration status and ensure they can access health care without jeopardizing their ability to remain in Canada.

Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) – To urge the Provincial Government to provide the services of two nurses to restore essential medical foot care treatment to the City of Thompson effective April 1, 2022.

Mr. WIEBE – To urge the Minister of Infrastructure to leave residents access to the Perimeter Highway at least every two miles along its length, especially at intersections such as Sturgeon Road which are vital to local businesses; and to listen to the needs and the opinions of the local residents and business owners who took the time to complete the Perimeter Safety Survey, while working with engineers and the technicians to ensure their concerns are addressed.

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Hon. Ms. GORDON moved:

THAT Bill (No. 10) – An Act respecting Amendments to The Health Services Insurance Act, The Pharmaceutical Act and Various Corporate Statutes/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'assurance-maladie, la Loi sur les pharmacies et diverses lois visant des corporations, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. GORDON having spoken,

And MLA ASAGWARA and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And MLA ASAGWARA, Mr. WOWCHUK and Hon. Mr. GERRARD 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.

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Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 11) – The Elections Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi électorale, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

(Recommended by His Honour, the Administrator)

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And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN having spoken,

And Ms. FONTAINE, Mr. LAMONT and Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Ms. FONTAINE and Mr. LAMONT 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.

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Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN presented:

Message from His Honour, the Administrator recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 11).

(Sessional Paper No. 7)

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The House then adjourned at 4:58 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 8, 2022.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,  
Speaker.