



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 19

FOURTH SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Mr. ISLEIFSON moved:

THAT Bill (No. 205) – The Filipino Heritage Month Act/Loi sur le Mois du patrimoine philippin, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. ISLEIFSON having spoken,

And Messrs. BRAR, WISHART and SANDHU, Ms. LAMOUREUX and Messrs. NESBITT and ALTOMARE having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. BRAR, Hon. Mr. REYES, Mr. SALA, Ms. LAMOUREUX and Mr. WISHART and having spoken,

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

Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE moved:

Resolution No. 3: Recognizing Manitoba's Historic Role of Women in Politics

WHEREAS March 8th is International Women's Day; and

WHEREAS Manitoba was the first province where women received the right to vote; and

WHEREAS many Indigenous women advocated for the suffrage movement but were unjustly excluded from receiving its benefits; and

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WHEREAS Mary Two-Axe Earley was a fearless advocate, who advocated for Indigenous women to gain the right to participate politically and highlighted the inequality faced by Indigenous women; and

WHEREAS Manitoba extending the right to vote to women was a historic achievement and the result of the hard work of the “Famous Five” and many others; and

WHEREAS Nellie McClung, a Manitoban, was a leading woman in the Famous Five and the fight for women’s suffrage; and

WHEREAS as a result of the changes influenced by the Famous Five, Edith McTavish Rogers was the first woman elected to the Manitoba Legislature in 1920; and

WHEREAS the Nellie McClung Foundation is still working to advance the equitable status of women in society; and

WHEREAS the House is currently sitting during a historic time as the first Manitoba Legislature with a female Premier; and

WHEREAS although it is easy to take for granted the currently held hard-won rights and privileges the struggle to get here must not be forgotten.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba recognize the ground breaking achievements and the historic efforts women have made in Manitoban politics and celebrate these glass ceiling shattering accomplishments.

And a debate arising,

And Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE having spoken,

And Mr. MOSES, Mrs. COX, Messrs. SANDHU and LAGASSÉ and Ms. LAMOUREUX having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. BUSHIE, Hon. Ms. GORDON, Mr. MOSES, Ms. LAMOUREUX and Hon. Mrs. GUILLEMARD having spoken,

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

1:30 O’CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were read a First Time and had their purposes outlined:

(No. 15) – The Drivers and Vehicles Amendment and Highway Traffic Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les conducteurs et les véhicules et le Code de la route

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(No. 16) – The Financial Administration Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la gestion des finances publiques

(Hon. Mr. FRIESEN)

(No. 222) – The Pay Transparency Act/Loi sur la transparence salariale

(MLA MARCELINO)

Hon. Ms. SQUIRES, the Minister for Status of Women, made a statement regarding International Women's Day.

MLA MARCELINO and, by leave, Ms. LAMOUREUX commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Hon. Mr. LAGIMODIERE, MLA MARCELINO, Mr. WISHART, Ms. FONTAINE and Hon. Mr. GERRARD made Members' Statements.

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.

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – To urge the Provincial Government to provide financing for upgrades to the cochlear implant covered under Medicare, or provide funding assistance through the Cochlear Implant Speech Processor Replacement Program, to assist with the replacement costs associated with a device upgrade.

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.

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.

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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.

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.

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.

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.

In accordance with Rule 33(7), the Government House Leader announced that the Private Member’s Resolution titled “Reducing Barriers for Ukrainians Seeking Refuge” will be considered on the next Tuesday of Private Members’ Business.

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 5) – The Coat of Arms, Emblems and the Manitoba Tartan Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les armoiries, les emblèmes et le tartan du Manitoba, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN having spoken,

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And Ms. NAYLOR, Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Mr. BRAR having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Ms. NAYLOR, Mr. SCHULER 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.

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

THAT Bill (No. 4) – The Path to Reconciliation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réconciliation, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And MLA LINDSEY, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Messrs. MOSES and ALTOMARE 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.

Hon. Mr. JOHNSON moved:

THAT Bill (No. 12) – The Peak of the Market Reorganization Act/Loi sur la réorganisation de Peak of the Market, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

(Recommended by His Honour, the Administrator)

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. JOHNSON speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

Hon. Mr. JOHNSON presented:

Message from His Honour, the Administrator recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 12).

(Sessional Paper No. 8)

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, 2022.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.