



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 70

FOURTH SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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 34(8), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Private Member's Resolution titled "Calling upon the Provincial Government to Provide Psychiatry Assessments Close to Home for all Manitoba Children" will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

Mr. MOSES moved:

THAT Bill (No. 244) – The Protecting Youth in Sports Act/Loi sur la protection des jeunes en milieu sportif, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. MOSES having spoken,

And Ms. LAMOUREUX and Messrs. KHAN, SALA, GUENTER and LAMONT having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. SMITH (Lagimodière), Mr. SALA, Hon. Mr. EWASKO and Ms. LAMOUREUX 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.

Mr. SANDHU moved:

Resolution No. 22: Condemning the Provincial Government for failing to make life more affordable for Manitobans

WHEREAS the rising cost of living is making life unaffordable for many Manitobans and making it harder for families to make ends meet; and

WHEREAS the increasingly high cost of living has resulted in higher numbers of people accessing food banks and other supports just to get by; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has failed to provide adequate relief to Manitobans who need it most and has actually made their lives more expensive; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has instead chosen to provide relief for massive out of province corporations and billionaires rather than helping those who are most in need; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has hiked Manitoba Hydro rates every year since it took office, which has cost the average Manitoban hundreds of dollars more per year; and

WHEREAS this Provincial Government has introduced Bill 36 which will allow Cabinet to effectively set hydro rates at the Cabinet table and will increase hydro rates by up to 5% every year, making life even more expensive for Manitobans; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government froze the wages of thousands of workers for five years and refused to bargain in good faith, which means that they're not keeping pace with high levels of inflation; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government's mismanagement and interference in the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation has cost each Manitoban hundreds of dollars; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has made the largest cuts to post-secondary funding in the country while increasing post-secondary tuition by thousands of dollars and cutting other supports for students; and

WHEREAS the Premier has refused to work together in a bipartisan manner to address the issue of rising grocery costs; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government's privatization of Provincial Park services has cost Manitobans more money; and

WHEREAS this Provincial Government has raised taxes on renters and seniors by hundreds of dollars per year.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba condemn the Provincial Government for making life more expensive for the average Manitoban.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. SANDHU having spoken,

And Mr. PEDERSEN, Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) and Messrs. LAMONT and TEITSMA having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. JOHNSTON and Messrs. BUSHIE, TEITSMA, and LAMONT having spoken,

And Mr. PEDERSEN speaking at 11:58 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The 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 1:30 p.m.

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

Meetings

Your Committee met on October 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- **Bill (No. 13)** – The Social Services Appeal Board Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Commission d'appel des services sociaux
- **Bill (No. 14)** – The Drivers and Vehicles Amendment, Highway Traffic Amendment and Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les conducteurs et les véhicules, le Code de la route et la Loi sur la Société d'assurance publique du Manitoba
- **Bill (No. 24)** – The Real Property Valuation Board and Related Amendments Act/Loi sur la Commission de l'évaluation des biens réels et modifications connexes
- **Bill (No. 208)** – The Teachers' Pensions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la pension de retraite des enseignants
- **Bill (No. 240)** – The Jewish Heritage Month Act/Loi sur le Mois du patrimoine juif

Committee Membership

- Mr. ALTOMARE
- Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN
- Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE
- Mr. SANDHU
- Mr. SMOOK
- Hon. Ms. SQUIRES

Your Committee elected Mr. SMOOK as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE as the Vice-Chairperson.

Non-Committee Members Speaking on Record

- Hon. Mr. EWASKO
- Hon. Mr. HELWER
- Ms. LAMOUREUX
- Mr. SCHULER
- Mr. WIEBE

Public Presentations

Your Committee heard the following two presentations on **Bill (No. 24)** – The Real Property Valuation Board and Related Amendments Act/Loi sur la Commission de l'évaluation des biens réels et modifications connexes:

Tangi Bell	Private citizen
Ernie Nathaniel	Private citizen

Your Committee heard the following three presentations on **Bill (No. 208)** – The Teachers' Pensions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la pension de retraite des enseignants:

William Cann	Private citizen
David Harkness	Private citizen
Linda Blair	Retired Teachers' Association of Manitoba

Written Submissions

Your Committee received the following two written submissions on **Bill (No. 208)** – The Teachers' Pensions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la pension de retraite des enseignants:

James Bedford	Manitoba Teachers' Society
John Sushelnitsky	Private citizen

Bills Considered and Reported

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

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 14)** – The Drivers and Vehicles Amendment, Highway Traffic Amendment and Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les conducteurs et les véhicules, le Code de la route et la Loi sur la Société d'assurance publique du Manitoba

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 24)** – The Real Property Valuation Board and Related Amendments Act/Loi sur la Commission de l'évaluation des biens réels et modifications connexes

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 208)** – The Teachers' Pensions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la pension de retraite des enseignants

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 240)** – The Jewish Heritage Month Act/Loi sur le Mois du patrimoine juif

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

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

Mr. WISHART, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Food, presented its First Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on October 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 254 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- **Bill (No. 22)** – The Environment Amendment Act (Pesticide Restrictions)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'environnement (restrictions applicables aux pesticides)

Committee Membership

- Mrs. COX
- Hon. Mr. JOHNSON
- Ms. NAYLOR
- Hon. Mr. WHARTON
- Mr. WIEBE
- Mr. WISHART

Your Committee elected Mr. WISHART as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected Mrs. COX as the Vice-Chairperson.

Non-Committee Members Speaking on Record

- Hon. Mr. GERRARD

Public Presentations

Your Committee heard the following 10 presentations on **Bill (No. 22)** – The Environment Amendment Act (Pesticide Restrictions)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'environnement (restrictions applicables aux pesticides):

Shirley Forsyth	Private citizen
Katharina Stieffenhofer	Private citizen
Anne Lindsey	Private citizen
Steve Rauh	Private citizen
Glen Koroluk	Manitoba Eco-Network
Wendy Buelow	Private citizen
Cameron Wilson	Neudorff North America
Nicolas Sourisseau	Private citizen
David Hinton	Manitoba Nursery Landscape Association
Josh Brandon	Social Planning Counsel of Winnipeg

Written Submissions

Your Committee received the following seven written submissions on **Bill (No. 22)** – The Environment Amendment Act (Pesticide Restrictions)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'environnement (restrictions applicables aux pesticides):

Denys Volkov	Association of Manitoba Municipalities
Joanne Seiff	Private citizen
Murray Cunningham	Environmental Health Association of Manitoba
Ben Raber	Private citizen
Vicki Burns	Private citizen
Meg Sears	Prevent Cancer Now
Randall McQuaker	Private Citizen

Bills Considered and Reported

- **Bill (No. 22)** – The Environment Amendment Act (Pesticide Restrictions)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'environnement (restrictions applicables aux pesticides)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

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

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN presented:

Annual Report of Legal Aid Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022.
(Sessional Paper No. 131)

Pursuant to Rule 28(1), Hon. Mr. HELWER, Messrs. WASYLIW, TEITSMA and KINEW and Ms. LAMOUREUX made Members' Statements.

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

Mr. ALTOMARE – To request the Minister of Labour, Consumer Protection and Government Services to consider granting the auditorium to the JRL by March 1st, 2023; to request the Minister of Education to recognize the value that JRL provides to the student population of EHS as well as the communities of Village de St Pierre Jolys and the RM De Salaberry; to request the Minister of Education and the Minister of Francophone Affairs to recognize that an MOU between the RRVSD and JRL is morally, financially and culturally beneficial; to request the Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage to recognize the heritage potential of this important building and its status in the community; and to request the Minister of Sport Culture and Heritage to prevent any renovations to the auditorium that would destroy and devalue the architectural integrity of the building. [English version of a bilingual Petition]

Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) – To request the Minister of Labour, Consumer Protection and Government Services to consider granting the auditorium to the JRL by March 1st, 2023; to request the Minister of Education to recognize the value that JRL provides to the student population of EHS as well as the communities of Village de St Pierre Jolys and the RM De Salaberry; to request the Minister of Education and the Minister of Francophone Affairs to recognize that an MOU between the RRVSD and JRL is morally, financially and culturally beneficial; to request the Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage to recognize the heritage potential of this important building and its status in the community; and to request the Minister of Sport Culture and Heritage to prevent any renovations to the auditorium that would destroy and devalue the architectural integrity of the building. [English version of a bilingual Petition]

Mr. MALOWAY – To urge the new Premier to financially assist the City of Winnipeg on building this three-lane bridge in each direction to maintain this vital link between northeast Winnipeg, Transcona and the downtown; to urge the Provincial Government to recommend that the City of Winnipeg keep the old bridge fully open to traffic while the new bridge is under construction; and to consider the feasibility of keeping the old bridge open for active transportation in the future.

Mr. SALA – De demander au ministre du Travail, de la Protection des consommateurs et des Services gouvernementaux d’envisager de concéder l’auditorium à la BRJ d’ici le 1^{er} mars 2023; demander au ministre de l’Éducation de reconnaître la valeur que la BRJ apporte à la population étudiante de l’EHS ainsi qu’aux communautés du Village de St Pierre Jolys et de la MR de Salaberry; demander au ministre de l’Éducation et au ministre des Affaires francophones de reconnaître qu’un protocole d’entente entre le RRVSD et JRL est mutuellement bénéfique, financièrement et culturellement; demander au ministre des Sports, de la Culture et du Patrimoine de reconnaître le potentiel patrimonial de cet important bâtiment et son statut au sein de la communauté; et demander au ministre des Sports, de la Culture et du Patrimoine d’empêcher toute rénovation de l’auditorium qui détruirait et dévaloriserait l’intégrité architecturale du bâtiment. [French version of a bilingual Petition]

MLA MARCELINO – De demander au ministre du Travail, de la Protection des consommateurs et des Services gouvernementaux d’envisager de concéder l’auditorium à la BRJ d’ici le 1^{er} mars 2023; demander au ministre de l’Éducation de reconnaître la valeur que la BRJ apporte à la population étudiante de l’EHS ainsi qu’aux communautés du Village de St Pierre Jolys et de la MR de Salaberry; demander au ministre de l’Éducation et au ministre des Affaires francophones de reconnaître qu’un protocole d’entente entre le RRVSD et JRL est mutuellement bénéfique, financièrement et culturellement; demander au ministre des Sports, de la Culture et du Patrimoine de reconnaître le potentiel patrimonial de cet important bâtiment et son statut au sein de la communauté; et demander au ministre des Sports, de la Culture et du Patrimoine d’empêcher toute rénovation de l’auditorium qui détruirait et dévaloriserait l’intégrité architecturale du bâtiment. [French version of a bilingual Petition]

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – To urge the Provincial Government to consider hearing loss as a medical treatment under Manitoba Health; and to provide income based coverage for hearing aids to all who need them as hearing has been proven to be essential to Manitobans’ cognitive, mental, and social health and well-being.

Ms. LAMOUREUX – To urge the Provincial Government to consider hearing loss as a medical treatment under Manitoba Health; and to provide income based coverage for hearing aids to all who need them as hearing has been proven to be essential to Manitobans’ cognitive, mental, and social health and well-being.

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN presented:

Revised Sequence for consideration of the Estimates by the Committee of Supply, both in the Chamber and outside the Chamber for October 6th, 2022, only.

(Sessional Paper No. 132)

The House resolving into Committee of Supply.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 11, 2022.

Andrew MICKLEFIELD,
Deputy Speaker.