



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 43

FIFTH SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O’CLOCK A.M.

Mr. LAMONT moved:

THAT Bill (No. 215) – The Non-Disclosure Agreements Act/Loi sur les accords de confidentialité, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. LAMONT having spoken,

And Mr. SCHULER, Mses. NAYLOR and LAMOUREUX, Mr. PEDERSEN and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN, Ms. NAYLOR 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.

Ms. LAMOUREUX moved:

Resolution No. 11: Calling on the Provincial Government to Recognize the Valuable Role that Foster Parents play in Manitoba Communities

WHEREAS even though work must continue to ensure that biological families are not unnecessarily separated, it is important to recognize that foster parents play a very important role in our communities; and

WHEREAS children in care often face many challenges but it is important to understand that all children should feel safe, live in a caring environment and feel loved; and

WHEREAS it is in the best interests of the child no matter their age, circumstances, and needs, that they live in a home environment where they are most likely to have the type of care, love, and support that all children deserve; and

WHEREAS cross-cultural exchanges are often an important part of raising a child, and foster parents often learn about reconciliation and important cultural considerations which are essential to the process of raising a child; and

WHEREAS foster parents open their lives for 24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week in hopes of contributing to the wellbeing of a child whether it be for a short or a long period of time; and

WHEREAS the emotional and enduring connection between a child and a foster parent lasts a lifetime, and often is reflective and like that of a biological parent and child relationship.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba recognize the incredible contributions and sacrifices that foster parents have made, and continue to make every day and urge that the Minister of Families consult for an appropriate day of the year that can be recognized as “Foster Parents Day”.

And a debate arising,

And Ms. LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And Mr. ISLEIFSON, MLA MARCELINO and Mr. WISHART having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And MLA FONTAINE, Mr. LAGASSÉ, MLA MARCELINO, Mr. ISLEIFSON and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

1:30 O’CLOCK P.M.

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

(No. 239) – The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act (Application Fees and Deposits)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la location à usage d’habitation (frais de demande et dépôts)

(Mr. MICKLEFIELD)

Hon. Min. KLEIN presented:

Annual Report of the Watershed Districts Program, including audited financial statements, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022.

(Sessional Paper No. 57)

Hon. Mr. KHAN, the Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage, made a statement regarding Yom HaShoah.

Mr. BRAR and, by leave, Mr. LAMONT commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Rule 28(1), Hon. Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE, Ms. NAYLOR, Mr. MICHALESKI, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. SALA made Members' Statements.

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

Mr. ALTOMARE – To urge the Provincial Government to take steps to implement Punjabi bilingual programs in public schools similar to existing bilingual programs and take steps to implement Punjabi language instruction in other levels of education in Manitoba.

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – To urge the Provincial Government to work with the Federal Government to prioritize the evacuation of the immediate and extended family of Afghans who now call Canada home and to facilitate their coming to Manitoba including helping Afghan refugees in other countries such as Pakistan; to expand the Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program and reevaluate the accreditation of education and jobs to ensure all immigrants and refugees can utilize their skills more easily and readily in Manitoba for work; to have fewer rigid criteria for Afghans under the Provincial Nominee Program, and having a connection to Manitoba, family members or friends should be a key criteria; and to enhance adequate acclimation services for newcomers through community-based support programs and increase their health care coverage to meet their urgent health care necessities.

MLA ASAGWARA – To urge the Provincial Government to take steps to implement Punjabi bilingual programs in public schools similar to existing bilingual programs and take steps to implement Punjabi language instruction in other levels of education in Manitoba.

Ms. LATHLIN – To urge the Minister of Infrastructure to complete an assessment of PR 224 and implement the appropriate repairs using public funds as quickly as possible.

Mr. MALOWAY – To urge the Provincial Government to work with municipalities to establish a province wide tax rebate or other incentive program to encourage residents and businesses to purchase approved home and business security protection systems.

In accordance with Rule 34(7), the Government House Leader announced that the Private Members' Resolution titled "Calling on the Federal Government to Absorb the Cost of Increased RCMP Salaries" will be considered on the next Tuesday of Private Members' Business.

In accordance with Rule 2(11), the Second Reading Motions were moved on the remaining Specified Bills.

Hon. Mr. CULLEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 10) – The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment Act (Social Responsibility Fee Repealed)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis (abrogation de la taxe de responsabilité sociale), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

(Recommended by Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. CULLEN having spoken,

And Mr. SALA and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. SALA 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.

Hon. Mr. CULLEN presented:

Message from Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 10).

(Sessional Paper No. 58)

Hon. Ms. SQUIRES moved:

THAT Bill (No. 23) – The Vulnerable Persons Living with a Mental Disability Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les personnes vulnérables ayant une déficience mentale, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. SQUIRES having spoken,

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

And the debate continuing,

And MLA FONTAINE 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.

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 26) – The Limitations Amendment and Public Officers Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les délais de prescription et la Loi sur les officiers publics, 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,

And Mr. WIEBE and Ms. LAMOUREUX having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. WIEBE 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.

Hon. Mr. TEITSMA moved:

THAT Bill (No. 29) – The Life Leases Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les baux viagers, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. TEITSMA having spoken,

And Messrs. SANDHU and LAMONT having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. SANDHU and 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.

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN for Hon. Mr. SMITH (Lagimodière) moved:

THAT Bill (No. 2) – The Official Time Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le temps réglementaire, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN having spoken,

And Ms. NAYLOR and Mr. LAMONT having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Ms. NAYLOR 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.

Hon. Mr. NESBITT moved:

THAT Bill (No. 24) – The Wildfires Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les incendies échappés, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

(Recommended by Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. NESBITT having spoken,

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

And the debate continuing,

And MLA LINDSEY 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.

Hon. Mr. NESBITT presented:

Message from Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 24).

(Sessional Paper No. 59)

The House then adjourned at 5:22 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, 2023.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.