



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 61**

**FIRST SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE**

**PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**10:00 O’CLOCK A.M.**

The House resumed the debate on the proposed motion of Mr. EWASKO:

THAT Bill (No. 201) – The Manitoba Emblems Amendment Act (Provincial Stone)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les emblèmes du Manitoba (désignation de la pierre provinciale), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

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 Mr. NESBITT:

THAT Bill (No. 211) – The Drivers and Vehicles Amendment Act (Manitoba Parks Licence Plates)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les conducteurs et les véhicules (plaques d’immatriculation des parcs du Manitoba), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

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.

Pursuant to Rule 34, the Opposition House Leader announced that the Private Member’s resolution titled “Calling on the Provincial Government to Stop the Assault on Affordability and Eliminate the Education Property Taxes for All Manitobans” will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Member’s Business.

MLA LAGASSÉ moved:

THAT Bill (No. 217) – The Men’s Mental Health Awareness Week Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur la Semaine de sensibilisation à la santé mentale des hommes (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And MLA LAGASSÉ having spoken,

And Messrs. OXENHAM and JOHNSON and Ms. BYRAM having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And MLA KENNEDY, Ms. BYRAM and MLA MOYES having spoken,

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

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Mr. BALCAEN moved:

Resolution No. 17: Calling on the Provincial Government to Keep Hard Drugs Illegal

WHEREAS the Provincial Government of British Columbia was forced to take action to make illicit drug use illegal in all public spaces, including inside hospitals, on transit, and in parks, after a failed decriminalization policy; and

WHEREAS drug traffickers and organized crime in British Columbia were openly selling illicit substances in public spaces, including hospitals and clinics; and

WHEREAS public spaces where children and families are present must be kept safe and free from needle debris and drug paraphernalia; and

WHEREAS unchecked public drug consumption threatens public safety and the wellbeing of neighbourhoods and communities; and

WHEREAS healthcare professionals and patients should not be exposed to open illicit drug use in healthcare facilities; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government must prioritize education, treatment pathways and recovery options for those struggling with addiction; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government recriminalized illicit drugs after British Columbia's failed decriminalization pilot project put the well-being and safety of communities at risk.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to not repeat the failed decriminalization policies of the NDP Provincial Government of British Columbia and keep hard drugs illegal in public spaces.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. BALCAEN having spoken,

And MLA DEVGAN, Mmes. HIEBERT and STONE, Hon. Min. ASAGWARA and Mr. JACKSON having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And MLA PANKRATZ, Mrs. HIEBERT, MLA CROSS and Mrs. STONE having spoken,

And Hon. Min. ASAGWARA speaking at 12:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

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

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

(No. 214) – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment Act (Net-Metering Agreements)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Hydro-Manitoba (ententes de facturation nette)  
(Mr. JOHNSON)

(No. 26) – The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la location à usage d'habitation  
(Hon. Min. NAYLOR)

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Hon. Min. MARCELINO tabled:

Annual Report of The Manitoba Labour Board for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.  
(Sessional Paper No. 118)

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Hon. Mr. SIMARD, the Minister of Sport, Culture, Heritage and Tourism, made a statement recognizing Lee Williams.

Ms. BYRAM commented on the statement.

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Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), Messrs. BRAR and SCHULER, MLA SANDHU, Ms. BYRAM and Hon. Min. ALTOMARE made Member's statements.

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Hon. Min. NAYLOR moved:

THAT Bill (No. 33) – The Change of Name Amendment Act (3)/Loi n° 3 modifiant la Loi sur le changement de nom, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Min. NAYLOR having spoken,

And Mrs. COOK having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mrs. COOK 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. WIEBE moved:

THAT Bill (No. 34) – The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. WIEBE having spoken,

And Messrs. BALCAEN and WHARTON having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. BALCAEN 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. Min. ASAGWARA moved:

THAT Bill (No. 36) – The Regulated Health Professions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les professions de la santé réglementées, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Min. ASAGWARA having spoken,

And Mrs. COOK and Mr. KHAN having questioned the Minister,

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And the debate continuing,

And Mrs. COOK 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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The House then adjourned at 3:34 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 27, 2024.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,  
Speaker.