



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 29**

**SECOND SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**

**PRAYER**

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

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

(No. 214) – The Workers Compensation Amendment Act (COVID-19 Presumptive Coverage)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les accidents du travail (couverture présumée en cas de COVID-19)

(Mr. LINDSEY)

(No. 215) – The Digital Contact Tracing Advisory Council Act/Loi sur le Conseil consultatif sur la recherche numérique des contacts

(Mr. KINEW)

Madam Speaker presented:

Manitoba Legislative Building: Long-Term Restoration and Preservation Plan and Annual Implementation Plan for the fiscal years 2019/20 to 2028/29.

(Sessional Paper No. 32)

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Mr. JOHNSTON, Ms. NAYLOR, Hon. Ms. SQUIRES, Mr. BRAR and Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN made Members' Statements.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Ms. FONTAINE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to amend The Winnipeg Humane Society Foundation Incorporation Act in order to change the composition of the Board of the Foundation; enable the Board of the Foundation to establish an investment policy and retain external investment managers to administer the Foundation's assets in accordance with that policy; and make minor administrative amendments.

Mr. SALA – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

Mr. BRAR – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Agriculture to reconsider the changes to Crown land leases and instead create an agreeable strategy that satisfies all parties, specifically ranchers; to recognize the value of agriculture in the province of Manitoba and the value Crown land holds to farmers in sustaining their livelihood; and to understand the important role farmers play in the Manitoba economy and to allow them to take part in discussions that directly impact their livelihood.

Mr. SANDHU – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

Mr. LINDSEY – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

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Prior to Grievances, Mr. BRAR rose on a Matter of Urgent Public Importance and moved:

THAT under rule 38(1), the regularly scheduled business of the house be set aside to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the failure of the Provincial Government to provide financial assistance to livestock, grain and other producers that are facing an unprecedented crisis due to the disruption to production, processing and supply chains during the COVID-19 pandemic after previously increasing their financial burden due to crown land rent increases and making their ability to access credit and insurance services more difficult by ordering a 20% cut to Manitoba Agricultural Services Cooperation.

And Mr. BRAR, Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN and by leave Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken to the urgency of the motion,

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker ruled as follows:

I thank the Honourable Members for their advice to the Chair on the motion proposed by the Honourable Member for Burrows. The 90 minute notice required prior to the start of Routine Proceedings under Rule 38(1) was provided, and I thank the Honourable Member for that. Under our rules and practices, the subject matter requiring urgent consideration must be so pressing that the public interest will suffer if the matter is not given immediate attention. There must also be no other reasonable opportunities to raise the matter.

I have listened very carefully to the arguments put forward, and although this is indeed a very serious matter, this motion does not fit the criteria as a Matter of Urgent Public Importance as there are other opportunities that can be used to raise this issue, including Oral Questions, Members' Statements, Petitions and Grievances.

With the greatest of respect, the motion is out of order as a Matter of Urgent Public Importance.

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In accordance with Rule 29, Mr. SANDHU rose on a Grievance.

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Hon. Mr. HELWER moved:

THAT Bill (No. 43) – The Civil Service Superannuation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la pension de la fonction publique, 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. HELWER having spoken,

And Messrs. LINDSEY, LAMONT and WIEBE having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. LINDSEY, PIWNIUK and LAMONT having spoken,

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

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Hon. Mr. HELWER presented:

Message from Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 43).

(Sessional Paper No. 33)

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Mr. KINEW asked Written Questions (Nos. 1 and 2) for reply to the following:

1. How many employees have had workweek reductions across all government departments and all other reporting entities (including but not limited to: Crown Corporations, school divisions, universities and colleges, provincial health organizations, regional health authorities, social service agencies and authorities) since March 1, 2020 as a part of planned cuts?
2. How many employees have been laid off or terminated across all government departments and all other reporting entities (including but not limited to: Crown Corporations, school divisions, universities and colleges, provincial health organizations, regional health authorities, social service agencies and authorities) since March 1, 2020 as a part of planned cuts?

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The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, 2020.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,  
Speaker.