

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 11

## FIFTH SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

## PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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.

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

(No. 216) – The Consumer Protection Amendment Act (Right to Repair Electronic Products)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection du consommateur (droit de réparer les produits électroniques)

(Mr. MALOWAY)

(No. 217) – The Health System Governance and Accountability Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la gouvernance et l'obligation redditionnelle au sein du système de santé

(Hon. Mr. GERRARD)

Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON, the First Minister, made a statement regarding the Winnipeg Foundation Historic Donation.

Mr. Brar and, by leave, Hon. Mr. Gerrard commented on the statement.

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Hon. Mr. EWASKO, the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning, made a statement regarding Financial Literacy Month.

Mr. ALTOMARE and, by leave, Ms. LAMOUREUX commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Rule 28(1), Hon. Ms. GORDON, Ms. LATHLIN, Hon. Mr. NESBITT, Mr. ALTOMARE and Hon. Mr. FRIESEN made Members' Statements.

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

Mr. ALTOMARE – [English version of a bilingual Petition] 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 devaluate the architectural integrity of the building.

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.

Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) – 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.

MLA LINDSEY – 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. 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.

MLA MARCELINO — 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 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.

Mr. REDHEAD – 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. SANDHU – 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. HELWER moved:

THAT BILL (No. 4) – The Minimum Wage Adjustment Act, 2022 (Employment Standards Code Amended)/Loi de 2022 sur le rajustement du salaire minimum (modification du Code des normes d'emploi), reported from the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development, be concurred in and be now read for a Third Time and passed.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. HELWER, MLA LINDSEY, Mr. WASYLIW and Mses. LAMOUREUX and NAYLOR having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly concurred in, read a Third Time and passed.

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Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 6) – The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d'assurance publique 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,

The Question Period was allowed to remain open.

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The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 1, 2022.

Andrew MICKLEFIELD, Deputy Speaker.