



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 32**

**FIFTH SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**

**PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.**

The Clerk formally advised the Assembly that the Speaker was unavoidably absent and called upon the Assistant Deputy Speaker to take the Chair pursuant to the Statutes. The Assistant Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. ISLEIFSON moved:

THAT Bill (No. 230) – The Municipal Councils and School Boards Elections Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les élections municipales et scolaires, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. ISLEIFSON having spoken,

And Ms. NAYLOR, Mr. WISHART and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Ms. NAYLOR, Mr. WISHART 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.

Mr. SCHULER moved:

Resolution No. 4: Calling on the Federal Government to Reform Bail

WHEREAS the Courts in Canada adhere to the Criminal Code of Canada which is the legislation that is responsible for how Judicial Interim Release, often called bail, is determined; and

WHEREAS the Criminal Code of Canada is within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Federal Government; and

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WHEREAS the administration of these laws that are made unilaterally in Ottawa are forced upon provincial justice systems to enforce; and

WHEREAS the coalition of the federal NDP and governing Liberals in Ottawa have made it easier for violent offenders to be released into the public; and

WHEREAS there are concrete examples of repeat violent offenders committing heinous crimes against innocent citizens and police officers after these offenders are released on bail; and

WHEREAS just recently the NDP-Liberal Coalition in Ottawa voted against implementing bail reform refusing to take action on the rising crime rates that are being seen across this country; and

WHEREAS instead the NDP-Liberal coalition in Ottawa is more preoccupied with criminalizing law-abiding farmers and hunters with Bill C-21 rather than addressing the real problem of violent crimes committed by repeat offenders; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government should prioritize the needs of those on the ground such as court staff, crown counsel, and victims who are handcuffed by these federal rules and engage in real dialogue with the provinces that administer those rules; and

WHEREAS Manitobans and Canadians are concerned about increasing violent crime and this Provincial Government has been a leader in Canada on calling for a reverse onus when bail applications are made on serious offenses.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be urged to unite in calling on the Federal Government of Canada to listen to their provincial partners and make substantive bail reform that protects the public from violent repeat offenders.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. SCHULER having spoken,

And Messrs. WIEBE and PEDERSEN, Ms. LAMOUREUX, Mr. MARTIN and MLA LINDSEY having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. WIEBE, Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN, Ms. LAMOUREUX and Mr. PEDERSEN having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

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

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN presented:

Revised Sequence for consideration of the Estimates by the Committee of Supply for March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 only.

(Sessional Paper No. 39)

By leave, Hon. Mr. NESBITT, the Minister of Natural Resources and Northern Development, made a statement regarding International Day of Forests.

MLA LINDSEY and, by leave, Mr. LAMONT commented on the statement.

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Pursuant to Rule 28(1), Hon. Mr. TEITSMA, Mr. REDHEAD, Hon. Min. KLEIN, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. SALA 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

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.

MLA ASAGWARA – To urge the Provincial Government to stop breaking its promises to Manitobans and to provide basic and respectful health care for sexual assault survivors through the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program by ensuring it is properly staffed so that no prosecution of perpetrators of sexual violence is compromised by the failure to collect evidence.

Mr. MALOWAY – To urge the Provincial Government to adopt Right to Repair legislation requiring manufacturers of electronic devices and appliances, including washing machines and fridges, and farm machinery and equipment to make information, parts and tools necessary for repairs available to consumers and independent repair shops.

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.

MLA Marcelino – 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 creating a tracking program for those tested for blood lead levels so that medical professionals can follow up with them.

Mr. MOSES – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately provide comprehensive and free healthcare coverage to all residents of Manitoba regardless of immigration status, including refugee claimants, migrant workers, international students, dependent children of temporary residents, and undocumented residents, and urge the Minister of Health and Seniors Care to undertake a multilingual communication campaign to provide information on expanded coverage to all affected residents, and to inform all healthcare institutions and providers of expanded coverage for those without health insurance and the details on how necessary policy and protocol changes will be implemented, and to create and enforce strict confidentiality policies and provide staff with training to protect the safety of residents with precarious immigration status and ensure they can access health care without jeopardizing their ability to remain in Canada.

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.

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – To urge the Provincial Government to change the requirements for accessing Community Living and disABILITY Services so that these requirements are based on the needs of individuals with specific or nonspecific disabilities, including executive function or a combination of disabilities, rather than solely on the basis of their IQ.

Mr. SALA – 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 FONTAINE – To urge the Provincial Government to stop breaking its promises to Manitobans and to provide basic and respectful health care for sexual assault survivors through the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program by ensuring it is properly staffed so that no prosecution of perpetrators of sexual violence is compromised by the failure to collect evidence.

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In accordance with Rule 34(7), the Government House Leader announced that the Private Members' Resolution titled "Commending the Provincial Government for Investing in Diabetic Supports" will be considered on the next Tuesday of Private Members' Business.

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By leave, it was agreed to allow Opposition Members and Independent Members in the section of the Committee of Supply meeting in Room 254 to sit on the left hand side of the Committee Table whenever the Minister of the Department currently before the Committee is participating virtually.

This agreement will remain in effect until the conclusion of this Session.

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The House resolving into Committee of Supply.

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The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2023.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,  
Speaker.