

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 53

## FIFTH SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

#### PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Mr. SALA moved:

THAT Bill (No. 201) – The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la location à usage d'habitation, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. SALA having spoken,

And Mr. ISLEIFSON, Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) and Messrs. LAMONT and GUENTER having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. TEITSMA, Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) and Messrs. ISLEIFSON and LAMONT having spoken,

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

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Mr. Moses moved:

Resolution No. 14: Calling on the Provincial Government to Stop Privatizing Health Care Services

WHEREAS the Provincial Governments' cuts over the past seven (7) years have consistently undermined Manitoba's health care system; and

WHEREAS the doctors with the Misericordia Sleep Disorder Centre are national leaders in their field, and yet the Provincial Government's current approach is putting that at risk; and

WHEREAS doctors have been forced to go public and raise their concerns in the media, because their cries for help are ignored by this Provincial Government; and

WHEREAS doctors are sharing their frustration with the province's diagnostic and surgical backlog task force disregarding public health-care solutions, in favour of contracts with private, for-profit providers; and

WHEREAS, despite the fact that there is existing underutilized capacity in the public system, this Provincial Government turned down proposals from doctors at the Sleep Disorder Centre because of "minimal private sector involvement"; and

WHEREAS Manitobans have lost trust in the ability of this Premier and the Minister of Health to prioritize the best interests of patients, instead of attempts to distract from their health care cuts; and

WHEREAS fixing the awful state of health care caused by this Provincial Government, is the number one priority of Manitobans.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to stop its agenda of health cuts and privatization, and stop ignoring good proposals from physicians and other specialists that would improve the delivery of services, within the public system.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. Moses having spoken,

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

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. REYES, Ms. NAYLOR, Mr. HELWER and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

And Mr. PEDERSEN 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 Bill was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined:

(No. 214) – The Ecological Reserves Amendment Act (Ecological Corridors)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les réserves écologiques (corridors écologiques)

(Hon. Mr. GERRARD)

Mr. ISLEIFSON, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Justice, presented its Third Report, which was read as follows:

#### **Meetings**

Your Committee met on May 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 254 of the Legislative Building.

#### **Matters under Consideration**

- **Bill (No. 7)** The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis
- Bill (No. 16) The Domestic Violence and Stalking Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la violence familiale et le harcèlement criminel
- Bill (No. 27) The Intimate Image Protection Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection des images intimes

## **Committee Membership**

- MLA ASAGWARA
- Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN
- Mr. ISLEIFSON
- Mr. LAGASSÉ
- Ms. Lathlin
- Hon. Mr. TEITSMA

Your Committee elected Mr. ISLEIFSON as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected Mr. LAGASSÉ as the Vice-Chairperson.

## Non-Committee Members Speaking on Record

- Ms. Lamoureux
- Mr. WIEBE

#### **Public Presentations**

Your Committee heard the following three presentations on **Bill (No. 7)** – The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis:

Sean Jackson Private Citizen
Brandon Guenther Pedal Pub Winnipeg

Kevin Selch Little Brown Jug Brewing Company

#### **Bills Considered and Reported**

• **Bill (No. 7)** – The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

• Bill (No. 16) – The Domestic Violence and Stalking Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la violence familiale et le harcèlement criminel

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

• **Bill (No. 27)** – The Intimate Image Protection Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection des images intimes

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. ISLEIFSON, the Report of the Committee was received.

Mr. SMOOK, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development, presented its Fifth Report, which was read as follows:

## **Meetings**

Your Committee met on May 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

#### **Matters under Consideration**

• **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)

## **Committee Membership**

- Hon. Mr. CULLEN
- Mr. MICHALESKI
- Ms. NAYLOR
- Mr. SALA
- Hon. Mr. SMITH (Lagimodière)
- Mr. SMOOK

Your Committee elected Mr. SMOOK as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected Mr. MICHALESKI as the Vice-Chairperson.

## **Non-Committee Members Speaking on Record**

Mr. Lamont

## **Public Presentations**

Your Committee heard the following 14 presentations on **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):

Todd Friesen Private citizen

Shannon Sala The Essential Cannabis Company Ltd.

Sean Stewart AAAAA Supercraft Cannabis

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Tyler Miller The Vault Cannabis Ltd. Ryan Peterson Midnight Show Farmer Jane Cannabis Co. Kerri Michell Sharon Clark Private citizen Annick Beauchesne Babette's Cannabis Dispensary Melanie Bekevich Private citizen Ariel Glinter The Joint Cannabis Shop Katie Torgerson Star Buds Cannabis Co. R.J. Kusmack Fiddlers Green Cannabis Co. Kim Ruud High Tide Inc. **Steven Stairs** Cannabis Business Association of Manitoba Written Submissions Your Committee received the following two written submissions on 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): Black Tie Cannabis Christopher Britton Sandy Nemeth Manitoba School Boards Association **Bills Considered and Reported** 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) Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment. On motion of Mr. SMOOK, the Report of the Committee was received. Hon. Mr. KHAN, the Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage, made a statement regarding Manitoba Day. Mr. Brar and, by leave, Ms. Lamoureux commented on the statement. Hon. Mr. NESBITT, the Minister of Natural Resources and Northern Development, made a statement regarding Wildfire Prevention, Mitigation and Preparedness Planning Week. MLA LINDSEY and, by leave, Hon. Mr. GERRARD commented on the statement. Pursuant to Rule 28(1), Hon. Mr. TEITSMA, Mr. REDHEAD, Hon. Min. KLEIN, Mr. ALTOMARE and

Ms. LAMOUREUX made Members' Statements.

### **Thursday, May 11, 2023**

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.

Mr. MALOWAY – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately demand Dynacare maintain all the phlebotomy (blood sample) sites existing prior to the Covid-19 public health emergency, and allow all Manitobans to get their blood and urine tests done when visiting their doctor, thereby facilitating local access to blood testing services.

Mr. Moses – To urge the Provincial Government to adequately fund Brandon University so that the institution can avoid making cuts and continue to serve students, faculty, Westman and the province of Manitoba as a whole.

Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) – To urge the Provincial Government to enact Bill 217 – The Fatality Inquiries Amendment Act (Overdose Death Reporting), to require the province to publish the number of drug overdose death, as well as the type of drug, on a government website in a timely fashion.

In accordance with Rule 34(8), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Private Members' Resolution titled "Condemning the Provincial Government for Failing to Uphold the Right to Housing for All Manitobans" will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

The House resolving into Committee of Supply.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 15, 2023.

Hon. Myrna Driedger,

Speaker.