



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 26

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PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

In accordance with Rule 34, the Official Opposition House Leader announced that the Private Member's resolution titled "Protecting Lake Winnipeg from Sewage Pollution" will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

The House resumed 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 debate continuing,

And MLA LOISELLE, Mr. NARTH, MLAs DEVGAN, MOYES and KENNEDY and Hon. Min. CABLE having spoken,

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

The House resumed the debate on the proposed resolution of Mr. KHAN:

Resolution No. 1: Calling on the Provincial Government to Remove the Federal Carbon Tax on Home Heating Bills for Manitobans

WHEREAS many Manitobans are struggling to make ends meet, and experiencing a cost of living crisis as the cost of essential goods and services are rising; and

WHEREAS home heating is an essential service in Manitoba, with an average of almost 200 days below zero degrees Celsius annually; and

WHEREAS the federal carbon tax is compounding Manitobans affordability concerns, costing households hundreds of dollars in additional costs for home heating, as well as making all goods more expensive; and

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WHEREAS the Federal Government has realized the cost of living impact of its carbon tax, offering Atlantic Canadians a reprieve and tax exemption for their home heating oil over the next year; and

WHEREAS Manitobans deserve the same consideration for their home heating needs and cost of living concerns; and

WHEREAS it is counterintuitive to exempt heating oil, while still collecting a carbon tax on the much cleaner burning natural gas that a majority of Manitoba homes utilize; and

WHEREAS Manitoba is one of the only provincial jurisdictions to have not agreed with the stance that all Canadians home heating bills should be exempt from the carbon tax; and

WHEREAS political leaders across party lines have called for a Canada-wide carbon tax exemption for home heating; and

WHEREAS Manitoba is a leader in developing one of the cleanest and greenest electricity systems in the world as its total natural gas consumption is less than 2% of Canada's total demand; and

WHEREAS Provincial leadership in other jurisdictions have already committed to removing the federal carbon tax from home heating bills; and

WHEREAS this Premier has previously publicly committed to pursuing an exemption, and acknowledged that "We also need to show flexibility".

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to remove the federal carbon tax on home heating bills for all Manitobans to provide them much needed relief.

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. SANDHU and PERCHOTTE, MLA CHEN, Ms. BYRAM, Mr. OXENHAM and Mrs. COOK having spoken,

And Mr. BRAR speaking at 12:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

(No. 8) – The Safe Access to Abortion Services Act/Loi sur l'accès sécuritaire aux services d'interruption volontaire de grossesse

(Hon. Min. FONTAINE)

(No. 9) – The Employment Standards Code Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code des normes d'emploi

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(No. 10) – The Advanced Education Administration Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'administration de l'enseignement postsecondaire

(Hon. Min. CABLE)

(No. 11) – The Statutes and Regulations Amendment and Interpretation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les textes législatifs et réglementaires et la Loi d'interprétation

(Hon. Mr. WIEBE)

Hon. Min. ALTOMARE tabled:

Annual Report on Nutrition Programs for 2022/2023, dated March 2024.

(Sessional Paper No. 75)

Hon. Min. FONTAINE, the Minister responsible for Women and Gender Equity, made a statement regarding March 8, 2024, being International Women's Day.

Mrs. STONE and, by leave, MLA LAMOUREUX commented on the statement.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), Mrs. SCHOTT, Mr. PERCHOTTE, MLA CROSS, Mr. GUENTER and Hon. Min. CABLE made Member's statements.

Hon. Min. MARCELINO moved:

THAT Bill (No. 7) – The Public Sector Construction Projects (Tendering) Repeal Act/Loi abrogeant la Loi sur les projets de construction dans le secteur public (appels d'offres), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Min. MARCELINO having spoken,

And Messrs. JOHNSON, PERCHOTTE, WHARTON, BALCAEN and PIWNIUK having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. JOHNSON having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Hon. Mr. WIEBE, adjourned.

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Hon. Min. FONTAINE moved:

THAT Bill (No. 6) – The Manitoba Assistance Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les allocations d'aide du Manitoba, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Min. FONTAINE having spoken,

And Messrs. BALCAEN, PERCHOTTE, BEREZA, NESBITT, WHARTON and PIWNIUK having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. BALCAEN and PERCHOTTE having spoken,

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

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 11, 2024.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.