



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 30

FIRST SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Pursuant to Rule 34, the Opposition House Leader announced that the Private Member's resolution titled "Calling on the Provincial Government to Remove the Federal Carbon Tax on Agriculture" will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

Mr. GOERTZEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 203) – The Occupiers' Liability Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la responsabilité des occupants, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. GOERTZEN having spoken,

And Messrs. WASYLIW and BALCAEN and Ms. BYRAM having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. WASYLIW, Hon. Min. SCHMIDT and Hon. Mr. WIEBE having spoken,

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

Mr. NESBITT moved:

Resolution No. 4: Protecting Lake Winnipeg from Sewage Pollution

WHEREAS for more than two weeks in February, 230 million liters of raw sewage spilled unabated from the Fort Garry Bridge sewer interceptor crossing in the City of Winnipeg into the north Red River and Lake Winnipeg; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government's response to this escalating environmental crisis lacked the necessary urgency, as it failed to promptly and transparently communicate the incident to downstream communities; and

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WHEREAS it was revealed in the media that the Minister of Environment and Climate Change was unaware of the crisis and its severity until she was informed by representatives of Treaty One Nations; and

WHEREAS the discharge of untreated sewage into waterways by municipalities is illegal both in Manitoba and across Canada; and

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is undertaking expensive upgrades to renew and modernize its wastewater infrastructure; and

WHEREAS the estimated cost to replace the faulty infrastructure responsible for February's sewage spill is \$96 million; and

WHEREAS there is a projected two-year timeline before construction on the replacement infrastructure will commence; and

WHEREAS Manitobans prioritize the protection of their water and Lake Winnipeg from pollution; and

WHEREAS Winnipeg's waterways are Manitoba's waterways, and the Red River, Lake Winnipeg, and the Hudson Bay watershed are vital sources of drinking water, sustenance, and recreation for all Manitobans, including First Nation, Metis, and Inuit communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to expedite the funding and timeline of repairs to the Fort Garry Bridge sewer crossing, and further collaborate with the City of Winnipeg to develop a comprehensive master plan to upgrade and rebuild the City's sewer and wastewater infrastructure systems to prevent environmental catastrophes and provide for a long-term sustainable future.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. NESBITT having spoken,

And Hon. Min. SCHMIDT, Mr. JOHNSON, MLA MOROZ and Mr. PERCHOTTE having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And MLA MOYES, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. LATHLIN and Mr. PERCHOTTE having spoken,

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

1:30 O’CLOCK P.M.

Prior to Routine Proceedings, the Speaker made the following statement:

I have noticed that Members are not always using the correct salutation or pronoun when asking questions or participating in debates in this House.

When Members are in this Chamber, they are representing their constituents and should be free to do so in a respectful and inclusive environment. I have asked all Members to refer to me as Honourable Speaker and am asking again now for Members to respect this decision. As well, when referring to your fellow Members, I would ask that you please respect their personal pronouns and salutations.

I thank all Members for their respectful cooperation.

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

(No. 23) – The Change of Name Amendment Act (2)/Loi n° 2 modifiant la Loi sur le changement de nom

(Hon. Min. NAYLOR)

(No. 24) – The Intimate Image Protection Amendment Act (Distribution of Fake Intimate Images)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection des images intimes (distribution de fausses images intimes)

(Hon. Mr. WIEBE)

(No. 22) – The Celebration of Nigerian Independence Day Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur la Journée de la célébration de l’indépendance du Nigeria (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)

(Hon. Min. ASAGWARA)

Hon. Min. SCHMIDT, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, made a statement regarding March 17, 2024, being Ducks Unlimited Canada Day.

Mr. WOWCHUK commented on the statement.

Hon. Ms. SMITH, the Minister of Housing, Addictions and Homelessness, made a statement regarding today being Manitoba Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

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

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Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), Ms. LATHLIN, Mrs. STONE, MLA MOYES, Mr. SCHULER and MLA SANDHU made Member's statements.

The following petition was presented and read to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba:

Mr. EWASKO – To urge the Provincial Government to remove the federal carbon tax on home heating bills for all Manitobans to provide them much needed relief.

By leave, it was agreed that the House would not see the clock until Royal Assent had been granted to Bill (No. 25).

The House resumed the debate on the proposed motion of Hon. Min. SALA:

THAT Bill (No. 25) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2024/Loi de 2024 portant affectation anticipée de crédits, be now read a Second Time and be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

And the debate continuing,

And Mrs. STONE having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to, on division.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to Committee of the Whole.

The House resolving into Committee of the Whole.

Bill (No. 25) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2024/Loi de 2024 portant affectation anticipée de crédits, was considered in Committee of the Whole and reported without amendment.

Hon. Min. SALA moved:

THAT Bill (No. 25) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2024/Loi de 2024 portant affectation anticipée de crédits, as reported from the Committee of the Whole, was concurred in and read for a Third Time and passed.

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And a debate arising,

And Messrs. PIWNIUK and KHAN having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to, on division:

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

Her Honour Anita NEVILLE, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Manitoba, having entered the House at 4:55 p.m., and being seated on the Throne:

The Speaker addressed Her Honour in the following words:

“Your Honour,

The Legislative Assembly of Manitoba asks Your Honour to accept the following Bill.”

The Journals Clerk of the Legislative Assembly read the title of the Bill to be accepted as follows:

(No. 25) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2024/Loi de 2024 portant affectation anticipée de crédits

To this Bill, the Royal Assent was announced by the Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Assembly as follows:

“In His Majesty’s name, Her Honour doth thank the Legislative Assembly, and assents to this Bill.”

At 4:58 p.m., Her Honour was then pleased to retire.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 18, 2024.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.