

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 36

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

PRAYER 10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Mr. TEITSMA moved:

THAT Bill (No. 222) – The Lobbyists Registration Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'inscription des lobbyistes, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. TEITSMA having spoken,

And Messrs. LINDSEY, MARTIN, LAMONT, SMITH (Lagimodière), REYES and MICKLEFIELD having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. LINDSEY and MARTIN, Ms. FONTAINE and Mr. LAMONT having spoken,

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

Mr. NESBITT moved:

Resolution No. 13: Calling on the Provincial Government to Protect Manitoba Hydro

WHEREAS Manitoba Hydro as a Crown Corporation has been saddled with debt by the poor decisions of previous governments; and

WHEREAS Manitoba Hydro's debt was tripled under the previous government; and

WHEREAS the previous government disregarded expert advice and opinion; and

WHEREAS the previous government moved ahead on projects and began spending public funds before attaining approval from the proper authorities, sinking public funding into politically motivated decisions; and

WHEREAS the previous government made politically motivated decisions at the expense of Manitoba Hydro and Manitobans; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is working to strengthen Manitoba Hydro; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government undertook an extensive and thorough review of the previous government's mismanagement of Manitoba Hydro in order to prevent making the same mistakes and the previous government's overspending; and

WHEREAS good stewards of Manitoba Hydro should take into account economic considerations and the clear recommendations of utility and environmental experts when making management decisions, which the previous government failed to do; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is working to repair, strengthen and ensure the viability of Manitoba Hydro for future generations; and

WHEREAS Manitoba Hydro is an important generator of clean, green energy which benefits all Manitobans.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to continue taking steps to ensure future hydro projects are accountable and demonstrate value to Manitobans in order to ensure the longevity of Manitoba Hydro for future generations.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. NESBITT having spoken,

And Messrs. SALA, WOWCHUK, LAMONT, SMOOK and ISLEIFSON and Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. SALA and WOWCHUK, Ms. NAYLOR, Messrs. LAMONT and SMOOK having spoken,

And Mr. BUSHIE 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.

Hon. Mr. EWASKO presented:

Annual Report of the Assiniboine Community College for the year ending June 30, 2020. (Sessional Paper No. 43)

Hon. Mr. PEDERSEN, the Minister of Agriculture and Resource Development, made a statement regarding Agriculture Awareness Day.

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

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Mr. GUENTER, Ms. FONTAINE, Hon. Mr. PEDERSEN, Messrs. SANDHU and LAMONT made Members' Statements.

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

Mr. ALTOMARE – To urge the Provincial Government to reverse changes to the nursery school grants and to end the freeze on childcares operating grants while committing to keeping public childcare affordable and accessible for all Manitoban Families.

MLA ASAGWARA – To urge the Provincial Government to reverse changes to the nursery school grants and to end the freeze on childcares operating grants while committing to keeping public childcare affordable and accessible for all Manitoban Families.

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – To urge the Provincial Government to provide financing for upgrades to the cochlear implant covered under Medicare, or provide funding assistance through the Cochlear Implant Speech Processor Replacement Program, to assist with the replacement costs associated with a device upgrade.

Ms. LAMOUREUX – To urge the Provincial Government to provide financing for upgrades to the cochlear implant covered under Medicare, or provide funding assistance through the Cochlear Implant Speech Processor Replacement Program, to assist with the replacement costs associated with a device upgrade.

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.

Ms. NAYLOR – To urge the Minister of Health and Seniors Care to implement free access to period necessities within public schools and Manitoba's health care system; and to acknowledge the prevalence of people within Manitoba who are unable to afford essential period items.

Mr. SALA – To urge the Provincial Government to reverse changes to the nursery school grants and to end the freeze on childcares operating grants while committing to keeping public childcare affordable and accessible for all Manitoban Families.

Mr. WASYLIW – To urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

Mr. WIEBE – To urge the Provincial Government to reverse changes to the nursery school grants and to end the freeze on childcares operating grants while committing to keeping public childcare affordable and accessible for all Manitoban Families.

In accordance with Rule 33(7), the Government House Leader announced that the Private Member's Resolution titled "Commending the Provincial Vaccine Roll Out Staff and Volunteers" will be considered on the next Tuesday of Private Members' Business.

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 14) – The Minor Amendments and Corrections Act, 2020/Loi corrective de 2020, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Messrs. GOERTZEN and 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.

Hon. Mr. EWASKO moved:

THAT Bill (No. 33) – The Advanced Education Administration Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'administration de l'enseignement postsecondaire, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. EWASKO having spoken,

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And Mr. MOSES and Ms. LAMOUREUX having questioned the Minister,
And the debate continuing,
And Mr. Moses and Ms. Lamoureux having spoken,
The debate was, on motion of Ms. FONTAINE, adjourned.
Hon. Mr. JOHNSON moved:
THAT Bill (No. 37) – The Planning Amendment and City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'aménagement du territoire et la Charte de la ville de Winnipeg, be now rea a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House. (Recommended by Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor
And a debate arising,
And Hon. Mr. JOHNSON having spoken,
And Messrs. WIEBE and LAMONT having questioned the Minister,
And the debate continuing,
And Messrs. Wiebe and Kinew having spoken,
And Mr. LAMONT speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.
Hon. Mr. JOHNSON presented:
Message from Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of publi revenue for Bill (No. 37).
(Sessional Paper No. 44
The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, 2021.
Hon. Myrna DRIEDGEF Speaker