

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 50

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

PRAYER 10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

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

The House resumed the debate on the Proposed Motion of Mr. TEITSMA:

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 the debate continuing,

And Ms. LAMOUREUX, Ms. MARCELINO, Mr. MOSES, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. BRAR and Ms. LATHLIN having spoken,

And Mr. WASYLIW speaking at 11:00 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name and, by leave, in the name of Mr. BUSHIE.

In accordance with Rule 33(7), the Government House Leader announced that the Private Member's Resolution titled "Keeping Manitoba's Parks Accessible" will be considered on the next Tuesday of Private Members' Business.

Mr. WISHART moved:

Resolution No. 20: Keeping More Money on Manitoba Tables

WHEREAS the former Provincial Government loved raising taxes, and making life less affordable for Manitobans each and every year; and

WHEREAS during their tenure the previous Provincial Government took money off the kitchen tables of Manitobans, and put it onto its own cabinet table; and

WHEREAS the previous Provincial Government raised 15 different taxes in 14 years, resulting in the highest taxes west of Quebec; and

WHEREAS under the previous Provincial Government, despite it making promises to the contrary, Manitobans were taxed more on services such as salon and hair care services, wills, and raised the PST; and

WHEREAS Manitoba Hydro rates under the previous Provincial Government rose as much as 40% due to mismanagement of major infrastructure projects, placing a massive burden on Manitobans; and

WHEREAS the previous Provincial Government drained its "rainy-day" fund as a personal piggy bank, forcing the current Provincial Government to clean up its mess after 17 years of financial mismanagement; and

WHEREAS the current Provincial Government is focused on fixing the finances, repairing services, and rebuilding the economy; and

WHEREAS the current Provincial Government balanced the budget in just four years back in 2020; and

WHEREAS the current Provincial Government is delivering in full on its 2020 Tax Rollback Guarantee one year earlier than planned through initiatives such as indexing the Basic Personal Amount and personal income tax bracket with the rate of inflation; and

WHEREAS the current Provincial Government will continue to lift Manitobans out of poverty by ensuring safe and affordable housing and strengthening social services; and

WHEREAS the current Provincial Government is eliminating education property taxes by 50% in just two years, and maintaining its goal to eliminate them within ten years; and

WHEREAS the current Provincial Government will grow its way out of the deficit caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and not put the burden on the backs of Manitobans.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba commend and recognize "Budget 2021: Protecting Manitobans, Advancing Manitoba," for keeping more hard-earned dollars on the tables of Manitobans while also improving and modernizing services for the future recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. WISHART having spoken,

And Ms. FONTAINE, Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE, Messrs. LAMONT, SMITH (Lagimodière) and SMOOK having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Ms. FONTAINE, Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE and Mr. SALA having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN, Messrs. BRAR, SMITH (Lagimodière) and ALTOMARE and Hon. Mr. GERRARD made Members' Statements.

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

Mr. BUSHIE – To urge the Minister of Health and Seniors Care to open a genuine four bed Epilepsy Unit, similar to the one recently opened in Saskatchewan, at the Health Sciences Centre with modern equipment and adequate epilepsy neurosurgeons, neurologists, nurses, clerks and technicians; and to formally establish an Epilepsy Program to ensure that all epilepsy staff can deliver care to patients in a coordinated fashion.

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – To urge the Provincial Government to deny the conditional use application for mining on SW-11-12-21 WPM because of the adverse impact it will have on important ecological and archeological treasures in this area and because there are alternative sites for obtaining the gravel and/or rock needed from this site; and to protect the habitat on all quarters of 11-12-21 WPM and to undertake to develop a shared stewardship approach which preserves traditional uses for the Crown and private lands in this ecologically sensitive area.

Mr. MALOWAY – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately contact all home and property owners in Manitoba with lead water pipes connecting to the City watermain line, and provide full financial support to them for lead water pipe replacement so that their exposure to lead levels is reduced, their health is better, and costs to our provincial health care system are also reduced.

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.

The House resumed the debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. FIELDING:

THAT Bill (No. 71) – The Education Property Tax Reduction Act (Property Tax and Insulation Assistance Act and Income Tax Act Amended)/Loi sur la réduction de l'impôt foncier pour l'éducation (modification de la Loi sur l'aide en matière de taxes foncières et d'isolation thermique des résidences et de la Loi de l'impôt sur le revenu), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

And the Proposed Motion of Ms. FONTAINE in amendment as follows:

THAT the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word "THAT" and substituting the following:

this House declines to give Second Reading to Bill (No. 71) – The Education Property Tax Reduction Act (Property Tax and Insulation Assistance Act and Income Tax Act Amended), because this Bill fails to ensure an equitable distribution across income groups and makes life less affordable for renters in Manitoba.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Ms. NAYLOR, Ms. LATHLIN, Messrs. LAMONT, LINDSEY and BRAR having spoken,

And Mr. MALOWAY 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. Wednesday, April 28, 2021.

Doyle PIWNIUK, Deputy Speaker.