



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 12**

**THIRD SESSION, FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE**

**PRAYER**

**10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.**

Mr. LINDSEY moved:

THAT Bill (No. 211) – The Employment Standards Code Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code des normes d'emploi, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. LINDSEY having spoken,

And Hon. Mr. PEDERSEN, Mr. KINEW, Hon. Ms. SQUIRES, Mr. WIEBE, Ms. LAMOUREUX, Ms. FONTAINE and Mr. MARTIN having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Ms. SQUIRES, Ms. FONTAINE, Ms. LAMOUREUX and Messrs. MARTIN and KINEW having spoken,

In accordance with sub-rule 24(1), the debate was interrupted to put the Second Reading Question on Selected Bill (No. 211).

And the Question being put. It was negatived, on the following division:

**YEA**

ALLUM  
FONTAINE  
GERRARD  
KINEW  
LAMOUREUX  
LINDSEY  
MALOWAY

MARCELINO (Logan)  
MARCELINO (Tyndall Park)  
SARAN  
SELINGER  
SWAN  
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NAY

CLARKE	MARTIN
COX	MAYER
CULLEN	MICHALESKI
CURRY	MICKLEFIELD
EICHLER	MORLEY-LECOMTE
EWASKO	NESBITT
FIELDING	PEDERSEN
FLETCHER	PIWNIUK
FRIESEN	REYES
GOERTZEN	SCHULER
GRAYDON	SMITH (Southdale)
GUILLEMARD	SMOOK
HELWER	STEFANSON
ISLEIFSON	TEITSMA
JOHNSTON	WHARTON
LAGASSÉ	WOWCHUK
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**1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.**

Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, made a statement regarding MADD Canada Red Ribbon Campaign.

Ms. FONTAINE and, by leave, Ms. LAMOUREUX commented on the statement.

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Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Hon. Mr. SCHULER, Mr. MARTIN, Ms. FONTAINE, Ms. LAMOUREUX and Mr. YAKIMOSKI made Members' Statements.

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Following Oral Questions, Madam Speaker made the following ruling:

During debate on Second Readings on Thursday, November 30, 2017 the Honourable Member for Assiniboia rose on a Point of Order regarding comments made by the Honourable Member for St. Johns during debate.

The Member for Assiniboia indicated that the Member for St. Johns used “a very serious term with very serious implications” and that the term used was allegedly defamatory in nature.

The Deputy Speaker took the matter under advisement.

I reviewed the Hansard transcript from that afternoon. The Member for St. Johns' comments were made in reference to a previous Point of Order raised by the Member for Assiniboia, which was not ruled as a valid Point of Order.

The Member for Assiniboia mentioned that in previous instances words of similar magnitude were spoken and Members have apologized for any misrepresentation. While some comments made by both Members that afternoon could be perceived as disrespectful, I do not find them to be unparliamentary in that context.

The Chair has latitude when it comes to ruling on language to consider the context in which those words were used. O'Brien and Bosc's House of Commons Procedure and Practice states on page 619: "the codification of unparliamentary language has proven impractical as it is the context in which words of phrases are used that the Chair must consider when deciding whether or not they should be withdrawn".

In consideration of these factors I would rule that there is no Point of Order.

I understand that there are issues debated in this House which Members feel strongly about and sometimes they take issue with words spoken in debate. Nevertheless, as I have noted in a ruling I delivered on November 27, it is not appropriate for divergent opinions to lead to accusations and the exchange of harsh words, and I would like all Members to be mindful of their words and actions in this place.

I thank Members for their attention to these words, and to this ruling.

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The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. KINEW – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reverse the cuts and closures that negatively impact patients' ability access to timely, quality health care and to make real investments in Manitoba's public health care system that will provide a direct benefit to patients, such as: increasing access to primary care; the development of a provincial health human resource plan; increasing publicly funded personal care homes across Manitoba; and increasing the efficiencies of diagnostic testing in Manitoba's health facilities. (A. Cloutier, C. Allan, O. Hanlon and others)

Mr. ALLUM – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reverse the cuts and closures that negatively impact patients' ability access to timely, quality health care and to make real investments in Manitoba's public health care system that will provide a direct benefit to patients, such as: increasing access to primary care; the development of a provincial health human resource plan; increasing publicly funded personal care homes across Manitoba; and increasing the efficiencies of diagnostic testing in Manitoba's health facilities.

Mr. ALTEMEYER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reverse the cuts and closures that negatively impact patients' ability access to timely, quality health care and to make real investments in Manitoba's public health care system that will provide a direct benefit to patients, such as: increasing access to primary care; the development of a provincial health human resource plan; increasing publicly funded personal care homes across Manitoba; and increasing the efficiencies of diagnostic testing in Manitoba's health facilities. (V. Schwartz, O. Auecilla, K. Werbiski and others)

Mr. LINDSEY – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reverse the cuts and closures that negatively impact patients’ ability access to timely, quality health care and to make real investments in Manitoba’s public health care system that will provide a direct benefit to patients, such as: increasing access to primary care; the development of a provincial health human resource plan; increasing publicly funded personal care homes across Manitoba; and increasing the efficiencies of diagnostic testing in Manitoba’s health facilities.

Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reverse the cuts and closures that negatively impact patients’ ability access to timely, quality health care and to make real investments in Manitoba’s public health care system that will provide a direct benefit to patients, such as: increasing access to primary care; the development of a provincial health human resource plan; increasing publicly funded personal care homes across Manitoba; and increasing the efficiencies of diagnostic testing in Manitoba’s health facilities.

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to cancel plans to close the Corydon Primary Care Clinic and to reopen the Misericordia Urgent Care Centre. (L. Karp, A. Schroedter, E. Rhodes and others)

Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reverse the cuts and closures that negatively impact patients’ ability access to timely, quality health care and to make real investments in Manitoba’s public health care system that will provide a direct benefit to patients, such as: increasing access to primary care; the development of a provincial health human resource plan; increasing publicly funded personal care homes across Manitoba; and increasing the efficiencies of diagnostic testing in Manitoba’s health facilities.

Mr. SWAN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reverse the cuts and closures that negatively impact patients’ ability access to timely, quality health care and to make real investments in Manitoba’s public health care system that will provide a direct benefit to patients, such as: increasing access to primary care; the development of a provincial health human resource plan; increasing publicly funded personal care homes across Manitoba; and increasing the efficiencies of diagnostic testing in Manitoba’s health facilities. (B. Empey, J. Soder, P. Santin and others)

Mr. MALOWAY – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reverse the cuts and closures that negatively impact patients’ ability access to timely, quality health care and to make real investments in Manitoba’s public health care system that will provide a direct benefit to patients, such as: increasing access to primary care; the development of a provincial health human resource plan; increasing publicly funded personal care homes across Manitoba; and increasing the efficiencies of diagnostic testing in Manitoba’s health facilities. (K. Meaud, M. McMillan, W. Krueger and others)

Ms. FONTAINE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reverse the cuts and closures that negatively impact patients’ ability access to timely, quality health care and to make real investments in Manitoba’s public health care system that will provide a direct benefit to patients, such as: increasing access to primary care; the development of a provincial health human resource plan; increasing publicly funded personal care homes across Manitoba; and increasing the efficiencies of diagnostic testing in Manitoba’s health facilities. (R. Chastko, A. Creaser, C. Creaser and others)

Mr. WIEBE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reverse the cuts and closures that negatively impact patients’ ability access to timely, quality health care and to make real investments in Manitoba’s public health care system that will provide a direct benefit to patients, such as: increasing access to primary care; the development of a provincial health human resource plan; increasing publicly funded personal care homes across Manitoba; and increasing the efficiencies of diagnostic testing in Manitoba’s health facilities.

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Prior to Grievances, Hon. Mr. FLETCHER rose on a Matter of Urgent Public Importance and moved:

THAT in accordance with Rule 38(1), the regularly scheduled business of the House be set aside to discuss a Matter of Urgent Public Importance, namely, the refusal of the Provincial Government to agree that the government take immediate action to enhance the democracy in Manitoba.

And Hon. Messrs. FLETCHER and CULLEN having spoken to the urgency of the motion,

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker ruled as follows:

I thank the Honourable Members for their advice to the Chair on the motion proposed by the Honourable Member for Assiniboia. The notice required by Rule 38(1) was provided. Under our Rules and Practices, the subject matter requiring urgent consideration must be so pressing that the public interest will suffer if the matter is not given immediate attention. There must also be no other reasonable opportunities to raise the matter.

I have listened very carefully to the arguments put forward. Although the subject matter is one that some Manitobans could be concerned with, I do not believe the public interest will suffer if the issue is not debated today. I would also note that there are other opportunities available to raise concerns regarding this issue.

With the greatest of respect, I therefore rule this motion out of order as a Matter of Urgent Public Importance.

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Thursday, December 7, 2017

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Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON moved:

THAT Bill (No. 11) – The Safe and Responsible Retailing of Cannabis Act (Liquor and Gaming Control Act and Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation Act Amended)/Loi sur la vente au détail responsable et sécuritaire du cannabis (modification de la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools et des jeux et de la Loi sur la Société manitobaine des alcools et des loteries), be now read 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. Mrs. STEFANSON having spoken,

And Ms. FONTAINE, Ms. LAMOUREUX, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. SWAN having questioned the Minister,

And Hon. Mr. CULLEN moved:

THAT the debate be now adjourned.

And the Question being put. It was negatived.

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. CULLEN, Ms. LAMOUREUX and Hon. Mr. FLETCHER having spoken,

The debate was allowed to remain open.

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Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON presented:

Message from Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 11).

(Sessional Paper No. 18)

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The House then adjourned at 4:38 p.m., Thursday, December 7, 2017.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,  
Speaker.