



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 45

FIFTH SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O’CLOCK A.M.

In accordance with Rule 34(8), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Private Members’ Resolution titled “Calling Upon the Provincial Government to Follow Through on Its Commitment to Provide Manitobans with Highspeed Broadband Services” will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members’ Business.

Mr. SANDHU moved:

THAT Bill (No. 227) – The Workplace Safety and Health Amendment Act (Access to Washrooms for Delivery Persons)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la sécurité et l’hygiène du travail (accès aux toilettes lors de livraisons), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. SANDHU having spoken,

And Messrs. ISLEIFSON and MOSES, Ms. LAMOUREUX, Mr. WOWCHUK and MLA MARCELINO having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. REYES, Mr. MOSES, Ms. LAMOUREUX and Messrs. WOWCHUK and BUSHIE having spoken,

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

Mr. WIEBE moved:

Resolution No. 12: Calling on the Provincial Government to Fairly Negotiate with Allied Health Professionals

WHEREAS allied health professionals, including, diagnostic and lab technologists, respiratory therapists, physiotherapists and social workers, alongside other highly specialized front line workers are a critical part of Manitoba’s health care system; and

WHEREAS this Provincial Government has kept over 6,500 of these front-line health professionals without a current collective agreement for over five years or 1,800 days; and

WHEREAS these allied health professionals have had their wages frozen for the longest to date of any health care contract in Canada; and

WHEREAS Manitoba is losing many critical professionals to other jurisdictions, like Saskatchewan, where they pay better wage rates, have benefits and better working conditions; and

WHEREAS some allied health professionals such as perfusionists are paid 40 percent less than their colleagues in neighboring provinces; and

WHEREAS unsustainable workloads over the past few years are leading to burn out among allied health professionals and some are leaving their professions altogether.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to bargain fairly and finally negotiate a new collective agreement with Manitoba's allied health professionals for their tireless work alongside doctors, nurses and support workers, over the past five years, including three years of the global pandemic.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. WIEBE having spoken,

And Mr. HELWER, MLA ASAGWARA, Mr. SCHULER and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Min. KLEIN, MLA ASAGWARA, Mr. HELWER, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. ALTOMARE having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN presented:

Revised sequence for consideration of the Estimates by the Committee of Supply for April 20, 2023, only.

(Sessional Paper No. 62)

Pursuant to Rule 28(1), Messrs. SCHULER, KINEW, LAGIMODIERE, REDHEAD and LAMONT made Members' Statements.

Thursday, April 20, 2023

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

Mr. ALTOMARE – To urge the Provincial Government to adequately fund Brandon University so that the institution can avoid making cuts and continue to serve students, faculty, Westman and the province of Manitoba as a whole.

Ms. LATHLIN – To urge the Minister of Infrastructure to complete an assessment of PR 224 and implement the appropriate repairs using public funds as quickly as possible.

Mr. MALOWAY – To urge the Provincial Government to work with municipalities to establish a province wide tax rebate or other incentive program to encourage residents and businesses to purchase approved home and business security protection systems.

Mr. REDHEAD – To urge the Provincial Government to provide the services of two nurses to restore essential medical foot care treatment to the City of Thompson effective April 1, 2022.

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – To urge the Provincial Government to work with the Federal Government to prioritize the evacuation of the immediate and extended family of Afghans who now call Canada home and to facilitate their coming to Manitoba including helping Afghan refugees in other countries such as Pakistan; to expand the Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program and reevaluate the accreditation of education and jobs to ensure all immigrants and refugees can utilize their skills more easily and readily in Manitoba for work; to have fewer rigid criteria for Afghans under the Provincial Nominee Program, and having a connection to Manitoba, family members or friends should be a key criteria; and to enhance adequate acclimation services for newcomers through community-based support programs and increase their health care coverage to meet their urgent health care necessities.

The House resolving into Committee of Supply.

The House then adjourned at 5:01 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 24, 2023.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.