



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 54

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 “Holding the Provincial Government Accountable for Security Rebate Commitment” will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members’ Business.

Mr. WHARTON moved:

THAT Bill (No. 213) – The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment and Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation Amendment Act (Expanding Liquor Retail)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis et la Loi sur la Société manitobaine des alcools et des loteries (vente au détail d’une gamme élargie de boissons alcoolisées), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. WHARTON having spoken,

And MLA KENNEDY and Messrs. NARTH, BALCAEN and KING having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. SIMARD, Messrs. NARTH, BRAR and EWASKO and Hon. Min. CABLE having spoken,

In accordance with Rule 25, the debate was interrupted at 10:55 a.m. to put the Second Reading Question on Selected Bill (No. 213).

And the Question being put. Pursuant to sub-rule 24(7), the division was deferred to take place at 11:55 a.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2024.

The House resumed the debate on the proposed motion of Mr. NESBITT:

THAT Bill (No. 211) – The Drivers and Vehicles Amendment Act (Manitoba Parks Licence Plates)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les conducteurs et les véhicules (plaques d'immatriculation des parcs du Manitoba), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Min. CABLE speaking at 11:00 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

Mr. PIWNIUK moved:

Resolution No. 13: Respecting Middle-Income Taxpayers

WHEREAS under the previous NDP Provincial Government, Manitoba had one of the highest rates of personal taxation, fees and property taxes in Canada; and

WHEREAS the previous NDP Provincial Government raised the Retail Sales Tax, also known as the PST, expanded the PST to multiple services, raised vehicle registrations fees, raised fuel taxes, and refused to index the personal income tax system to protect Manitobans from inflation; and

WHEREAS the current Provincial Government is raising education property taxes for middle class Manitobans by approximately \$148 million annually; and

WHEREAS under the current Provincial Government school divisions have been authorized to raise local property taxes by as much as 17 per cent; and

WHEREAS despite the Premier's threats of "consequences" if grocery stores failed to reduce their prices, the cost of groceries is higher today than on January 1st; and

WHEREAS the current Provincial Government has raised taxes on physicians, pharmacists, engineers, lawyers and other occupations important to Manitobans; and

WHEREAS a recent Probe Poll shows that 4 out of 5 Manitobans do not believe Budget 2024/25 will make their life more affordable.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to eliminate property taxes and recognize that higher education and property taxes and relief with an expiration date fails to protect Manitobans from the cost of living crisis nor provide them with permanent, long-term affordability measures.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. PIWNIUK having spoken,

And MLA DEVGAN, Mr. NESBITT, Ms. BYRAM and Mr. PERCHOTTE having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And MLA CROSS and Messrs. WASYLIW and PERCHOTTE having spoken,

And MLA LOISELLE speaking at 11:55 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

In accordance with sub-rule 24(7), the debate was interrupted at 11:55 a.m. to put the Second Reading Question on Selected Bill (No. 213).

The House resumed the debate on the proposed motion of Mr. WHARTON:

THAT Bill (No. 213) – The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment and Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation Amendment Act (Expanding Liquor Retail)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis et la Loi sur la Société manitobaine des alcools et des loteries (vente au détail d’une gamme élargie de boissons alcoolisées), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

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

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BALCAEN	LAGASSÉ
BEREZA	LAMOUREUX
BYRAM	NARTH
COOK	NESBITT
EWASKO	PERCHOTTE
GUENTER	PIWNIUK
JACKSON	SCHULER
JOHNSON	STONE
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ASAGWARA	MOROZ
BRAR	MOSES
BUSHIE	MOYES
CABLE	NAYLOR
CHEN	OXENHAM
CROSS	PANKRATZ
DELA CRUZ	REDHEAD
DEVGAN	SALA
FONTAINE	SANDHU
KENNEDY	SCHMIDT
KINEW	SCHOTT
KOSTYSHYN	SIMARD
LATHLIN	SMITH
LOISELLE	WASYLIW
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1:30 O’CLOCK P.M.

MLA CROSS, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Justice, presented its First Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on May 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- **Bill (No. 6)** – The Manitoba Assistance Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les allocations d’aide du Manitoba
- **Bill (No. 8)** – The Safe Access to Abortion Services Act/Loi sur l’accès sécuritaire aux services d’interruption volontaire de grossesse
- **Bill (No. 11)** – The Statutes and Regulations Amendment and Interpretation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les textes législatifs et réglementaires et la Loi d’interprétation
- **Bill (No. 14)** – The Minor Amendments and Corrections Act, 2024/Loi corrective de 2024
- **Bill (No. 15)** – The Credit Unions and Caisses Populaires Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les caisses populaires et les credit unions
- **Bill (No. 19)** – The Drivers and Vehicles Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les conducteurs et les véhicules
- **Bill (No. 20)** – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code de la route
- **Bill (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)

Committee Membership

- Mr. BALCAEN
- MLA CHEN
- MLA CROSS
- Mr. KHAN
- Mr. OXENHAM
- Mrs. SCHOTT

Your Committee elected MLA CROSS as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected Mr. OXENHAM as the Vice-Chairperson.

Non-Committee Members Speaking on Record:

- Mrs. COOK
- Hon. Min. FONTAINE
- Mr. PIWNIUK
- Hon. Min. SALA
- Mrs. STONE
- Hon. Mr. WIEBE

Public Presentations

Your Committee heard the following three presentations on **Bill (No. 6)** – The Manitoba Assistance Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les allocations d'aide du Manitoba:

Kate Kehler	Social Planning Council of Winnipeg
Josh Brandon	Make Poverty History Manitoba
Jim Silver	Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives Manitoba

Your Committee heard the following presentation on **Bill (No. 8)** – The Safe Access to Abortion Services Act/Loi sur l'accès sécuritaire aux services d'interruption volontaire de grossesse:

David Grant	Private citizen
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Your Committee heard the following presentation on **Bill (No. 15)** – The Credit Unions and Caisses Populaires Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les caisses populaires et les credit unions:

David Grant	Private citizen
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Your Committee heard the following presentation on **Bill (No. 19)** – The Drivers and Vehicles Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les conducteurs et les véhicules:

David Grant	Private citizen
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Bills Considered and Reported

- **Bill (No. 6)** – The Manitoba Assistance Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les allocations d'aide du Manitoba

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 8)** – The Safe Access to Abortion Services Act/Loi sur l'accès sécuritaire aux services d'interruption volontaire de grossesse

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 11)** – The Statutes and Regulations Amendment and Interpretation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les textes législatifs et réglementaires et la Loi d'interprétation

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 14)** – The Minor Amendments and Corrections Act, 2024/Loi corrective de 2024

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 15)** – The Credit Unions and Caisses Populaires Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les caisses populaires et les credit unions

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 19)** – The Drivers and Vehicles Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les conducteurs et les véhicules

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 20)** – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code de la route

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (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)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

On motion of MLA CROSS, the Report of the Committee was received.

Hon. Mr. WIEBE tabled:

Annual Report of the Court of King's Bench for the fiscal years April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021, and April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022.

(Sessional Paper No. 114)

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), Hon. Min. CABLE, Mr. EWASKO, MLA LOISELLE and Messrs. BALCAEN and OXENHAM made Member's statements.

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

MLA LAMOUREUX – To urge the Provincial Government to consider hearing loss as a medical treatment under Manitoba Health; and to provide income based coverage for hearing aids to all who need them as hearing has been proven to be essential to Manitobans' cognitive, mental, and social health and well-being.

Ms. BYRAM – To urge the Provincial Government to support the investment and placement of an MRI machine in the Portage Regional Health Facility in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

Mr. JACKSON – To urge the Premier and Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to immediately prioritize the reconstruction of Provincial Trunk Highway 2 in the upcoming construction season; and to urge the Provincial Government to include the stretch of Provincial Trunk Highway 2 that runs through the Town of Souris in its reconstruction plans.

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.

Mrs. STONE – To urge the Minister of Families to develop better policies to protect youth in care from potential physical or psychological abuse; to urge the Provincial Government to immediately establish a public inquiry to identify the failing of the child welfare system and ensure that no call from a child ever goes unanswered or ignored again.

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

Mr. NARTH – To urge the Minister of Families to develop better policies to protect youth in care from potential physical or psychological abuse; to urge the Provincial Government to immediately establish a public inquiry to identify the failing of the child welfare system and ensure that no call from a child ever goes unanswered or ignored again.

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

Mr. NESBITT – To urge the Provincial Government to call on the Federal Government to remove the punishing carbon tax on natural gas and other fuels and farm inputs for Manitoba agriculture producers and the Agri-food sector to decrease the costs of putting food on the table for Manitoba consumers.

Mr. GOERTZEN – To urge the Provincial Government to lobby the Federal Government to stop the expansion of medical assistance in dying to those for whom mental illness is the sole condition; and to lobby the Federal Government to protect Canadians struggling with mental illness by facilitating treatment, recovery, and medical assistance in living, not death.

Mr. GUENTER – To urge the Provincial Government to lobby the Federal Government to stop the expansion of medical assistance in dying to those for whom mental illness is the sole condition; and to lobby the Federal Government to protect Canadians struggling with mental illness by facilitating treatment, recovery, and medical assistance in living, not death.

Mr. PIWNIUK – To urge the Provincial Government to lobby the Federal Government to stop the expansion of medical assistance in dying to those for whom mental illness is the sole condition; and to lobby the Federal Government to protect Canadians struggling with mental illness by facilitating treatment, recovery, and medical assistance in living, not death.

The House resumed the debate on the proposed motion of Hon. Mr. WIEBE:

THAT Bill (No. 30) – The Unexplained Wealth Act (Criminal Property Forfeiture Act and Corporations Act Amended)/Loi sur les richesses inexplicées (modification de la Loi sur la confiscation de biens obtenus ou utilisés criminellement et de la Loi sur les corporations), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And on the proposed amendment of Mr. JOHNSON 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. 30) – The Unexplained Wealth Act (Criminal Property Forfeiture Act and Corporations Act Amended)/Loi sur les richesses inexplicées (modification de la Loi sur la confiscation de biens obtenus ou utilisés criminellement et de la Loi sur les corporations), because this House has not received satisfactory evidence or assurance that this Bill is different to the existing legislation that was brought forward and passed in this House in 2021.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

Thursday, May 9, 2024

And Mr. PIWNIUK, MLA LAGASSÉ and Mr. KHAN having spoken,

And Mr. NESBITT 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. Monday, May 13, 2024.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.