



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 44

FIRST SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O’CLOCK A.M.

MLA LAMOUREUX moved:

THAT Bill (No. 209) – The Provincial Court Amendment Act (Expanded Training for Judges and Judicial Justices of the Peace)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Cour provinciale (formation accrue des juges et des juges de paix judiciaires), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And MLA LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And MLA KENNEDY, Mr. BALCAEN, MLA CROSS, Mr. PERCHOTTE and Mrs. HIEBERT having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Min. FONTAINE and Messrs. BALCAEN and OXENHAM 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. 209).

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.

Pursuant to Rule 34, the Government House Leader announced that the Private Member’s resolution titled “Respecting Frontline Workers” will be considered on the next Tuesday of Private Members’ Business.

MLA LAMOUREUX moved:

Resolution No. 8: Calling on the Provincial Government to Extend Employment Standards Benefits to Workers of the Gig Economy

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

WHEREAS gig work includes paid work outside of traditional employment and includes app-based food delivery work on an in-demand basis; and

WHEREAS in recent years there has been a significant growth in all forms of food delivery in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS a consultation paper developed by Employment and Social Development Canada on developing greater labour protections for gig workers found that the most precarious forms of gig work are found largely in provincially regulated sectors, rather than those which are federally regulated; and

WHEREAS the gig economy provides employment opportunities for many Manitobans looking for flexible income; and

WHEREAS workers of the gig economy in Manitoba have expressed concerns such as low and unpredictable wages, being terminated from the job without warning, and lacking workers' compensation coverage if injured on the job; and

WHEREAS paid time for gig workers is often only associated with 'engaged time' and not paying for time required to perform the work; and

WHEREAS all workers in Manitoba deserve fundamental rights, safety, and protections from exploitative workplace practices; and

WHEREAS both employers and employees of the gig economy benefit from employment practices that support productivity, fairness, and worker wellbeing.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to develop a comprehensive review of The Employment Standards Code with the view to extend protections to workers who do not fit the traditional conception of an "employee" and recognize that workers in Manitoba deserve basic employment standards and protections.

And a debate arising,

And MLA LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And Mr. BRAR, Ms. BYRAM and Messrs. NARTH and WHARTON having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And MLA DELA CRUZ, Ms. BYRAM, Hon. Min. ALTOMARE and MLA DEVGAN having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. BLASHKO, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development, presented its Fourth Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on April 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- **Bill (No. 207)** – The Islamic Heritage Month Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur le Mois du patrimoine islamique (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)

Committee Membership

- Mr. BLASHKO
- MLA CHEN
- MLA KENNEDY
- Mr. KHAN
- MLA LAGASSÉ
- MLA MOYES

Your Committee elected Mr. BLASHKO as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected MLA MOYES as the Vice-Chairperson.

Public Presentations

Your Committee heard the following three presentations on **Bill (No. 207)** – The Islamic Heritage Month Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur le Mois du patrimoine islamique (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs):

Shahina Siddiqui
Albert El Tassi
Mian Hameed

Winnipeg Islamic Social Services Association
Al Hijra Islamic School
Manitoba Muslim Seniors Association

Bills Considered and Reported

- **Bill (No. 207)** – The Islamic Heritage Month Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur le Mois du patrimoine islamique (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. BLASHKO, the Report of the Committee was received.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), MLA CROSS, Mr. PERCHOTTE, Hon. Mr. KOSTYSHYN, Mrs. COOK and Mr. WASYLIW made Member's statements.

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

Mr. SCHULER – 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. NESBITT – To urge the Premier to financially assist the City of Winnipeg on building this three-lane bridge in each direction to maintain this vital link between northeast Winnipeg, Transcona and the downtown; to urge the Provincial Government to recommend that the City of Winnipeg keep the old bridge fully open to traffic while the new bridge is under construction; to urge the Provincial Government to consider the feasibility of keeping the old bridge open for active transportation in the future.

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.

Mrs. COOK – 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.

Hon. Min. FONTAINE tabled:

Sequence for consideration of the Estimates by the Committee of Supply, dated April 2024.
(Sessional Paper No. 104)

The House resumed 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 the debate continuing,

And Mr. KING, Mrs. STONE, MLA LAGASSÉ, Mr. WHARTON and Mrs. HIEBERT having spoken,

And Mrs. COOK 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 17, 2024.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.