



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 70

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PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O’CLOCK A.M.

Pursuant to Rule 34, the Deputy Opposition House Leader announced that the Private Member’s resolution titled “Expanding Use of Narcan” will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members’ Business.

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

THAT Bill (No. 203) – The Occupiers’ Liability Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la responsabilité des occupants, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And leave having been denied to have the matter remain in the name of Mr. BLASHKO,

And Mr. PERCHOTTE and MLA MOROZ having spoken,

And Hon. Mr. MOSES speaking at 10:30 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

The House resumed the debate on the proposed motion of MLA LAGASSÉ:

THAT Bill (No. 217) – The Men’s Mental Health Awareness Week Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur la Semaine de sensibilisation à la santé mentale des hommes (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And leave having been denied to have the matter remain in the name of MLA PANKRATZ,

And Mrs. HIEBERT, Hon. Min. MARCELINO and MLA REDHEAD having spoken,

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

Mr. EWASKO moved:

Resolution No. 20: Justice for Jordyn

WHEREAS Jordyn Reimer was killed by an impaired driver on May 1, 2022 while acting as a designated driver for her friends; and

WHEREAS the Reimer family has tirelessly advocated for the individuals responsible for her death to be brought to justice; and

WHEREAS the driver was convicted, but the Crown Prosecutors decided not to prosecute the accomplice (JF) who gave the keys to the driver and allowed him to get behind the wheel; and

WHEREAS the Winnipeg Police Services (WPS) had reasonable grounds to believe that the actions of the accomplice (JF) directly led to Jordyn's death; and

WHEREAS WPS investigated and presented a package of evidence and recommendations to the Crown's office that charges be laid; and

WHEREAS the family of Jordyn Reimer have called for the prosecution of the accomplice and the decision to prosecute to be reviewed, but their calls have been unheard and unanswered by both the Minister of Justice and the Premier; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government can review a decision to not lay charges by seeking Crown attorneys from another province to review the evidence; and

WHEREAS there is precedent for referring criminal files to extra-provincial Departments of Justice for review of decisions to not proceed with prosecution, most recently in 2022 the Peter Nygård file was referred to Saskatchewan by the then Minister of Justice and Attorney General, currently the Member for Steinbach; and

WHEREAS in New Zealand there is case law and precedent for charging and convicting individuals of aiding and abetting in the case of impaired driving when a passenger has given the keys to an impaired individual and permitted them to get behind the wheel.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to immediately seek Crown attorneys from another province to review the evidence in the decision to not prosecute the accomplice (JF) in the death of Jordyn Reimer.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. EWASKO having spoken,

And Hon. Min. SCHMIDT and Messrs. BALCAEN and JOHNSON having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. WIEBE, Mr. BALCAEN, Hon. Min. NAYLOR and MLA DELA CRUZ having spoken,

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

During the debate, the Deputy Speaker interjected to advise the Honourable Member for Brandon West that he must table private documents from which he had quoted.

WHEREUPON Mr. BALCAEN advised he would table the documents that afternoon.

1:30 O’CLOCK P.M.

The following Bill was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined:

(No. 221) – The Earlier Screening for Breast Cancer Act/Loi sur l’abaissement du seuil d’admissibilité au dépistage systématique du cancer du sein

(Mrs. COOK)

Hon. Mr. WIEBE, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, made a statement regarding Clarence Woodhouse.

Mr. BALCAEN and, by leave, MLA LAMOUREUX commented on the statement.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), MLA DELA CRUZ, Mrs. COOK, Messrs. BRAR and NARTH and MLA PANKRATZ made Member’s statements.

During Oral Questions, the Speaker interjected and requested the words “not being truthful” spoken by the Honourable Member for Midland be withdrawn and that the Member apologize.

WHEREUPON Mrs. STONE apologized and withdrew their remarks.

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

Mrs. COOK – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately put forward a plan to increase breast cancer screening capacity and lower the breast cancer screening age to 40.

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.

The House resumed the debate on the proposed motion of Hon. Min. MARCELINO:

THAT Bill (No. 7) – The Public Sector Construction Projects (Tendering) Repeal Act/Loi abrogeant la Loi sur les projets de construction dans le secteur public (appels d’offres), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And leave having been denied to have the matter remain in the name of Hon. Mr. WIEBE,

And Ms. BYRAM and Mr. GOERTZEN having spoken,

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

AYE

ASAGWARA	MOROZ
BRAR	MOSES
CABLE	MOYES
CHEN	NAYLOR
COMPTON	OXENHAM
CROSS	PANKRATZ
DELA CRUZ	REDHEAD
DEVGAN	SALA
FONTAINE	SANDHU
KENNEDY	SCHMIDT
KINEW	SCHOTT
KOSTYSHYN	SIMARD
LOISELLE	SMITH
MALOWAY	WASYLIW
MARCELINO	WIEBE 30

NAY

BALCAEN	KHAN
BEREZA	KING
BYRAM	LAGASSÉ
COOK	NARTH
EWASKO	NESBITT
GOERTZEN	PERCHOTTE
GUENTER	PIWNIUK
HIEBERT	STONE
JACKSON	WHARTON
JOHNSON	WOWCHUK..... 20

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

The House resumed the debate on the proposed motion of Hon. Min. MARCELINO:

THAT Bill (No. 9) – 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 the debate continuing,

And Mr. NESBITT having spoken,

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

AYE

ASAGWARA	MOROZ
BLASHKO	MOSES
BRAR	MOYES
CABLE	NAYLOR
CHEN	OXENHAM
COMPTON	PANKRATZ
CROSS	REDHEAD
DELA CRUZ	SALA
DEVGAN	SANDHU
FONTAINE	SCHMIDT
KENNEDY	SCHOTT
KOSTYSHYN	SIMARD
LOISELLE	SMITH
MALOWAY	WASYLIW
MARCELINO	WIEBE30

NAY

BALCAEN	KHAN
BEREZA	KING
BYRAM	LAGASSÉ
COOK	NARTH
EWASKO	NESBITT
GOERTZEN	PERCHOTTE
GUENTER	PIWNIUK
HIEBERT	STONE
JACKSON	WHARTON
JOHNSON	WOWCHUK.....20

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

Hon. Mr. WIEBE moved:

THAT Bill (No. 16) – The Regulatory Accountability Reporting Act and Amendments to the Statutes and Regulations Act/Loi sur la remise de rapports relativement à la responsabilisation en matière de réglementation et modification de la Loi sur les textes législatifs et réglementaires, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. WIEBE having spoken,

And Mrs. COOK having questioned the Minister,

In accordance with sub-rule 2(17) and 2(21), the debate was interrupted to complete consideration of Second Reading of Designated Bills.

And the question period continuing,

And Mr. BALCAEN having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mrs. COOK and MLA LAMOUREUX having spoken,

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

AYE

ASAGWARA
BLASHKO
BRAR
BUSHIE
CABLE
CHEN
COMPTON
CROSS
DELA CRUZ
DEVGAN
FONTAINE
KENNEDY
KINEW
KOSTYSHYN
LAMOUREUX
LOISELLE

MALOWAY
MARCELINO
MOROZ
MOSES
MOYES
NAYLOR
OXENHAM
PANKRATZ
REDHEAD
SALA
SANDHU
SCHMIDT
SCHOTT
SIMARD
SMITH
WASYLIW
WIEBE 33

NAY

BALCAEN	KHAN
BEREZA	KING
BYRAM	LAGASSÉ
COOK	NARTH
EWASKO	NESBITT
GOERTZEN	PERCHOTTE
GUENTER	PIWNIUK
HIEBERT	STONE
JACKSON	WHARTON
JOHNSON	WOWCHUK.....20

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

Hon. Min. NAYLOR, for Hon. Min. ALTOMARE, moved:

THAT Bill (No. 21) – The Public Schools Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques, 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. Min. NAYLOR having spoken,

And Messrs. JACKSON and EWASKO and MLA LAMOUREUX having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. JACKSON and MLA LAMOUREUX having spoken,

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

AYE

ASAGWARA
BLASHKO
BRAR
BUSHIE
CABLE
CHEN
COMPTON
CROSS
DELA CRUZ
DEVGAN
FONTAINE
KENNEDY
KINEW
KOSTYSHYN
LAMOUREUX
LOISELLE

MALOWAY
MARCELINO
MOROZ
MOSES
MOYES
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BALCAEN
BEREZA
BYRAM
COOK
EWASKO
GOERTZEN
GUENTER
HIEBERT
JACKSON
JOHNSON

KHAN
KING
LAGASSÉ
NARTH
NESBITT
PERCHOTTE
PIWNIUK
STONE
WHARTON
WOWCHUK.....20

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

Hon. Min. NAYLOR tabled:

Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 21).

(Sessional Paper No. 129)

The House then adjourned at 5:20 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, October 7, 2024.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.