

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 23

FOURTH SESSION, FORTIETH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER 1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker presented:

Certificate of Election respecting Ms. Amanda LATHLIN, the newly elected Member for The Pas. (Sessional Paper No. 26)

Ms. Amanda LATHLIN, Member for the Electoral Division for The Pas, was conducted by Hon. Mr. SELINGER and Hon. Mr. ROBINSON to the floor of the House in front of Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Mr. SELINGER then said:

Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present to you Ms. Amanda LATHLIN, Member for the Constituency of The Pas, who has taken the Oath and signed the Roll, and now claims the right to take her seat.`

Mr. Speaker thereupon said:

On behalf of all Honourable Members, I wish to welcome you to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba and to wish you well in your parliamentary career.

Ms. LATHLIN then advanced to the Chair, shook hands with Mr. Speaker and took her seat.

On motion of Hon. Ms. BLADY, Bill (No. 16) – The Terry Fox Legacy Act/Loi commémorative de Terry Fox, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mrs. Rowat – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government and the Minister of Children and Youth Opportunities to ensure that the rights of all Manitoba children are respected and that the opinions of children are taken into consideration when decisions that affect them are made and to correct the tragic systemic flaws that have failed Manitoba children in the recent past. (N. Morham, V. Beaudry, T. Moore and others)

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge that the Provincial Government improve the safety at the pedestrian corridor at the intersection of PTH# 206 and Cedar Avenue in Oak Bank by considering such steps as highlighting pavement markings to better indicate the location of the shoulders and crosswalk, as well as installing a lighted crosswalk structure. (B. Dunlop, R. Cook, R. Turyle and others)

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to direct Manitoba Hydro to immediately engage with MBLC/CAEPLA in order to negotiate a fair business agreement that addresses the many legitimate concerns of farm families affected by the BiPole III transmission line. (R. Klassen, L. Klassen, R. Brash and others)

Mr. SMOOK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister responsible for Manitoba Hydro to immediately provide a written explanation to all Members of the Legislative Assembly regarding what criteria were used and the reasons for selecting the preferred routing for the Minnesota-Manitoba Transmission Line including whether or not this routing represented the least intrusive option to residents of Tache, Springfield, St. Anne, Stuartburn, Piney and La Broquerie. (H. Maurer, N. Maurer, T. Wiens and others)

Mr. EWASKO – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government and the Minister of Health to ensure that the Beausejour District Hospital and Primary Care Centre have a primary care physician available on weekends and holidays to better provide area residents with this essential service. (D. Evers, B. Birch, A. Rittwage and others)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Ms. ALLAN and Messrs. HELWER, RONDEAU, MARTIN and MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) made Members' Statements.

The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. DEWAR:

THAT this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government.

And the proposed amendment moved by Mr. PALLISTER as follows:

THAT the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "House" and substituting:

therefore regrets that this budget neglects the priorities of Manitobans by:

- a) failing to recognize that Manitobans are tired of broken promises such as: balancing the budget by 2014 and not raising taxes; not respecting the right to vote on tax increases and not recognizing that Manitobans want a change for the better; and
- b) failing to recognize Manitobans are paying more and getting less due to front line services like health care and education being ranked last and also due to an average family in Winnipeg having to pay \$3,200 more in provincial taxes than a comparable average family living in Regina; and

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c) failing to acknowledge that government waste has caused the provincial debt to double since 2008 requiring Manitobans to pay more than \$800 million in debt interest charges which threatens Manitoba's future as that money cannot be invested to protect essential frontline services, reduce health care wait times or improve education results for our children.

As a consequence, the Provincial Government has thereby lost the confidence of this House and the people of Manitoba.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Hon. Ms. Braun, Mrs. Stefanson, Messrs. Wiebe and Wishart, Hon. Mr. Allum and Mrs. Mitchelson having spoken.

And Hon. Ms. WIGHT speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in her name.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 5, 2015.

Hon. Daryl REID, Speaker.