

PRAYER

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Hon. Mr. JOHNSON presented:

Annual Report of the Office of the Fire Commissioner for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020. (Sessional Paper No. 50)

Madam Speaker presented:

Annual Report of the Information and Privacy Adjudicator for the year ending December 31, 2020. (Sessional Paper No. 51)

Annual Report of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner for the year ending December 31, 2020. (Sessional Paper No. 52)

Hon. Mr. PALLISTER, the First Minister, made a statement regarding the retirement of Todd Miclash.

Mr. KINEW and, by leave, Mr. LAMONT commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Hon. Mr. WHARTON, Mr. KINEW, Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE, Messrs. SALA and WISHART made Members' Statements.

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

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – To urge the Provincial Government to provide financing for upgrades to the cochlear implant covered under Medicare, or provide funding assistance through the Cochlear Implant Speech Processor Replacement Program, to assist with the replacement costs associated with a device upgrade.

Ms. LAMOUREUX – To urge the Provincial Government to provide financing for upgrades to the cochlear implant covered under Medicare, or provide funding assistance through the Cochlear Implant Speech Processor Replacement Program, to assist with the replacement costs associated with a device upgrade.

Mr. MALOWAY – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately demand Dynacare maintain all the phlebotomy (blood sample) sites existing prior to the Covid-19 public health emergency, and allow all Manitobans to get their blood and urine tests done when visiting their doctor, thereby facilitating local access to blood testing services.

Mr. SALA – To urge the Provincial Government to reverse changes to the nursery school grants and to end the freeze on childcares operating grants while committing to keeping public childcare affordable and accessible for all Manitoban Families.

By leave, it was agreed to amend the Sessional Order passed by the House on March 15, 2021, by deleting item #5 and replacing it with the following:

5. On March 22, 2021, the House will consider Interim Supply. Once Concurrence and Third Reading of The Interim Appropriation Act passes, the Government House Leader may call Second Readings of Bills which may be considered Specified. At 4:55 p.m. the Speaker will interrupt debate on Bills, to allow for Royal Assent of The Interim Appropriation Act, with the House to not see the clock until Royal Assent is granted.

Hon. Mr. FIELDING delivered to Madam Speaker a message from Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Manitoba as follows:

Janice FILMON Lieutenant Governor

I have been informed of a proposed Bill, The Interim Appropriation Act, 2021, which will provide interim authority to make expenditures from the Consolidated Fund effective April 1, 2021 pending approval of The Appropriation Act, 2021.

The Bill also provides for payments to develop or acquire inventory and against certain liabilities accrued and unpaid as of March 31, 2021. The Bill will also provide a portion of commitment authority for future years.

I recommend the proposed Bill to the Legislative Assembly.

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(Sessional Paper No. 53)

The House resolving into Committee of Supply.

Mr. PIWNIUK, Chairperson of the Committee of Supply, presented the Report of the Proceedings of the Committee of March 22, 2021 as follows:

IN THE COMMITTEE

The following Resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED that there be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022, a sum not exceeding \$11,772,882,000, being 75% of the total amount set out in the 2020 Estimates (including Supplementary Estimates), for the purposes set out in Part A (Operating Expenditures) of those Estimates.

RESOLVED that there be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022, a sum not exceeding \$649,989,000 being 90% of the total amount set out in the 2020 Estimates (including Supplementary Estimates), for the purposes set out in Part B (Capital Investments) of those Estimates.

RESOLVED that there be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022, a sum not exceeding \$332,532,000 being 90% of the total amount set out in the 2020 Estimates (including Supplementary Estimates), for the purposes set out in Part C (Loans and Guarantees) of those Estimates.

RESOLVED that there be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022, a sum not exceeding \$2,005,097,000 being 90% of the total amount set out in the 2020 Estimates (including Supplementary Estimates), for the purposes set out in Part D (Capital Investments by Other Reporting Entities) of those Estimates.

Resolutions were reported and the Report was received.

Hon. Mr. FIELDING moved:

THAT there be granted to Her Majesty on account of Certain Expenditures of the Public Service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022, out of the Consolidated Fund for the purposes set out in the 2020 Estimates (including Supplementary Estimates), sums not exceeding:

- \$11,772,882,000, being 75% of the total amount voted as set out in Part A (Operating Expenditures) of those Estimates,
- \$649,989,000, being 90% of the total amount voted as set out in Part B (Capital Investment) of those Estimates,
- \$332,532,000, being 90% of the total amount voted as set out in Part C (Loans and Guarantees) of those Estimates,
- \$2,005,097,000, being 90% of the total amount voted as set out in Part D (Capital Investments by Other Reporting Entities) of those Estimates.

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. FIELDING moved:

THAT Bill (No. 70) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2021/Loi de 2021 portant affectation anticipée de crédits, be now read a First Time and ordered for Second Reading immediately.

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. FIELDING moved:

THAT Bill (No. 70) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2021/Loi de 2021 portant affectation anticipée de crédits, be now read a Second Time and be referred to Committee of the Whole.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. FIELDING having spoken,

And Mr. WASYLIW and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. WASYLIW and LAMONT and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The House resolving into Committee of the Whole.

Bill (No. 70) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2021/Loi de 2021 portant affectation anticipée de crédits, was considered in Committee of the Whole and reported without amendment.

On motion of Hon. Mr. FIELDING, Bill (No. 70) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2021/Loi de 2021 portant affectation anticipée de crédits, as reported from the Committee of the Whole, was concurred in and read for a Third Time and passed.

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 63) – The Petty Trespasses Amendment and Occupiers' Liability Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'intrusion et la Loi sur la responsabilité des occupants, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. FRIESEN having spoken,

And Ms. FONTAINE, Mr. LAMONT and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Ms. FONTAINE having spoken,

And Mr. BUSHIE speaking at 4:55 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

Her Honour, Janice FILMON, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Manitoba, having entered the House at 5:00 p.m., and being seated on the Throne:

Madam Speaker addressed Her Honour in the following words:

Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of Manitoba asks Your Honour to accept the following Bill:

(No. 70) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2021/Loi de 2021 portant affectation anticipée de crédits

To this Bill the Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

"In Her Majesty's name, the Lieutenant Governor thanks the Legislative Assembly, and assents to this Bill".

At 5:01 p.m., Her Honour was then pleased to retire.

The House then adjourned at 5:03 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 23, 2021.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER, Speaker.