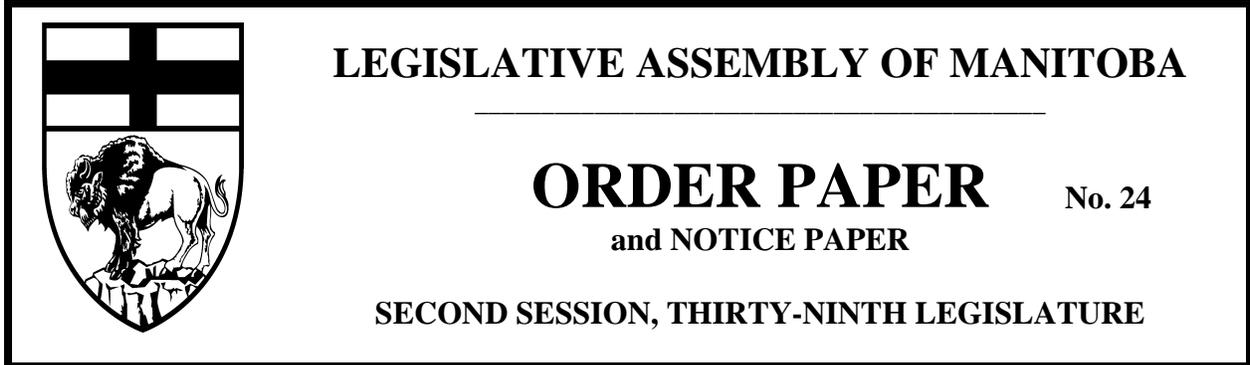


Wednesday, April 16, 2008



PRAYER

SITTING AT 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH –

(No. 16) – The Child Care Safety Charter (Community Child Care Standards Act Amended)/Charte sur la sécurité des enfants en garderie (modification de la Loi sur la garde d'enfants)

Hon. Ms. OSWALD –

(No. 18) – The Testing of Bodily Fluids and Disclosure Act/Loi sur l'analyse de fluides corporels et la communication des résultats d'analyse

Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 206) – The Elections Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi électorale

Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 207) – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Hydro-Manitoba

Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 208) – The Crown Appointment Review Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur l'examen des nominations au sein des sociétés d'état (modification de diverses lois)

Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 210) – The Winter Spreading of Manure and Biosolids Prohibition Act/Loi interdisant l'épandage hivernal de déjections et de biosolides

Mr. LAMOUREUX –

(No. 211) – The Environment Amendment Act (Methamphetamine)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'environnement (méthamphétamine)

Mr. EICHLER –

(No. 213) – The Set Date Elections and Electoral Fairness Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur la tenue d'élections à date fixe et l'équité électorale (modification de diverses lois)

Mrs. DRIEDGER –

(No. 219) – The Government-Issued Photo Identification Act/Loi sur les cartes-photos d'identité délivrées par le gouvernement

Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 226) – The Social Inclusion and Anti-Poverty Act/Loi sur l'inclusion sociale et la lutte contre la pauvreté

Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 227) – The Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Reporting Act/Loi sur la déclaration obligatoire de l'ensemble des troubles causés par l'alcoolisation fœtale

Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 228) – The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reporting Act/Loi sur l'obligation de faire rapport des émissions de gaz à effet de serre

Mr. HAWRANIK –

(No. 229) – The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Amendment Act (Elimination of Benefits for Auto Thieves)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d'assurance publique du Manitoba (non-admissibilité aux prestations — voleurs d'automobiles)

PETITIONS

Mr. MCFADYEN

Mr. MAGUIRE

Mrs. TAILLIEU

Mr. DYCK

Mr. LAMOUREUX

Mr. BRIESE

Mr. CULLEN

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ADJOURNED DEBATE (FIFTH DAY OF DEBATE):

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. SELINGER –

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

And the Proposed Motion of Mr. MCFADYEN in amendment thereto as follows:

That the Motion be amended by deleting all the words after "House" and substituting:

therefore regrets that this budget fails to address the priorities of Manitobans by:

- (a) failing to move Manitoba forward towards achieving its true potential and becoming more competitive both within Canada and internationally; and
- (b) increasing Manitoba's reliance on the taxpayers of other provinces through equalization payments; increasing spending by over 6% without any emphasis on getting results for Manitobans; and
- (c) continuing to channel billions into taxpayer funded projects at the expense of private investment which is the true basis for a wealthy society; and
- (d) neglecting to reduce taxes which are increasing out of line with taxes charged in other places with \$9 of new spending for every dollar of tax relief; and
- (e) increasing Manitoba's staggering debt load rather than doing what all responsible families and governments across Canada are doing in good economic times, which is to reduce debt; and
- (f) ignoring the priorities of Manitobans by failing to provide adequate resources to combat crime and put an end to the revolving door justice system; and
- (g) raising Pharmacare deductibles yet again, forcing seniors and low-income Manitobans to bear the brunt of wasteful spending decisions; and

- (h) failing to end hallway medicine, as promised, while at the same time nearly doubling the health care budget; and
- (i) ignoring the City of Brandon, Manitoba’s second largest urban centre; and
- (j) extending the tuition freeze for yet another year and weakening our universities and colleges; and
- (k) failing to plan for and meet the urgent infrastructure, education, and child care needs of growing communities throughout the province; and
- (l) neglecting to better protect Manitoba’s most vulnerable children in the care of the child welfare system; and
- (m) abandoning rural Manitobans through punitive regulations and the lack of a long-term plan to grow the rural economy; and
- (n) failing to address the challenges facing the cattle and pork sectors as they deal with low commodity prices, the impact of the high Canadian dollar, rising input costs, pending Country of Origin Labeling, and the extension of the moratorium on the hog industry; and
- (o) failing to provide a strategy to deal with the more than four dozen boil water advisories in Manitoba; and
- (p) postponing any significant progress on greenhouse gas emissions targets until beyond the scope of the current government’s mandate; and
- (q) neglecting to reverse the misguided political decision to run BiPole III down the West Side of Lake Winnipeg, thereby abandoning East Side communities, wasting \$1.5 billion, and mortgaging the future of Manitoba children.

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

(Mr. DYCK – 20 mins.)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

DEBATE ON SECOND READINGS:

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. BJORNSON –

(No. 2) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Trans Fats and Nutrition)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (gras trans et nutrition)

(Mr. EICHLER)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK –

(No. 3) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code de la route
(Mrs. ROWAT)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK –

(No. 4) – The Provincial Court Amendment Act (Family Mediators and Evaluators)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Cour provinciale (médiateurs et enquêteurs familiaux)
(Mr. DYCK)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK –

(No. 5) – The Witness Security Act/Loi sur la sécurité des témoins
(Mr. HAWRANIK)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. SELINGER –

(No. 6) – The Securities Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les valeurs mobilières
(Mrs. STEFANSON)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH –

(No. 7) – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act (Child Pornography Reporting)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services à l'enfant et à la famille (obligation de signaler la pornographie juvénile)
(Mr. BRIESE) (Stands)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. MELNICK –

(No. 8) – The Phosphorus Reduction Act (Water Protection Act Amended)/Loi sur la réduction du phosphore (modification de la Loi sur la protection des eaux)
(Mr. HAWRANIK)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. OSWALD –

(No. 9) – The Protection for Persons in Care Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection des personnes recevant des soins
(Mr. HAWRANIK)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. ROBINSON –

(No. 10) – The Legislative Library Act/Loi sur la Bibliothèque de l'Assemblée législative
(Mr. HAWRANIK)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. OSWALD –

(No. 11) – The Optometry Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'optométrie
(Mr. HAWRANIK)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. SELINGER –

(No. 12) – The Securities Transfer Act/Loi sur le transfert des valeurs mobilières
(Mr. DYCK)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX –

(No. 13) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Damage to Infrastructure)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (dommages causés à l'infrastructure)
(Mr. EICHLER)

SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK –

(No. 14) – The Criminal Property Forfeiture Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la confiscation de biens obtenus ou utilisés criminellement
(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. RONDEAU –

(No. 15) – The Climate Change and Emissions Reductions Act/Loi sur les changements climatiques et la réduction des émissions de gaz à effet de serre
(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS –

(No. 17) – The Environment Amendment Act (Permanent Ban on Building or Expanding Hog Facilities)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'environnement (interdiction permanente visant la construction ou l'agrandissement d'installations réservées aux porcs)

Hon. Mr. SWAN –

(No. 19) – The Liquor Control Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK –

(No. 20) – The Gunshot and Stab Wounds Mandatory Reporting Act/Loi sur la déclaration obligatoire des blessures par balle et par arme blanche

Hon. Mr. SWAN –

(No. 21) – The Advisory Council on Workforce Development Act/Loi sur le Conseil consultatif du développement de la main-d'œuvre
(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR THURSDAY:

Hon. Ms. ALLAN –

(No. 22) – The Worker Recruitment and Protection Act/Loi sur le recrutement et la protection des travailleurs

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR TUESDAY NEXT:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Mr. MARTINDALE – **Trafficking in Human Beings**

3. WHEREAS all people and persons irrespective of differences possess a fundamental right to self-determination and this right and the exercise of it are essential to any democratic society; and

WHEREAS slavery, torture, and imprisonment are perhaps the most heinous violation of this fundamental right; and

WHEREAS over ninety-five per cent of people who are trafficked are women and children and approximately eighty per cent of victims are trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation where class, race, and gender oppression come together to create the worst possible exploitation; and

WHEREAS many of the women being trafficked are from Eastern Europe; and

WHEREAS many of the women lured into the global sex trade experience dire poverty in their countries of origin and are attracted by the prospect of a well-paid job as a domestic servant, waitress, or factory worker in industrialized countries; and

WHEREAS upon arrival at their destination these women are stripped of their material belongings, their passports and identification documents are stolen, and they are immediately exploited by being forced to work as prostitutes in brothels, massage parlours, or in private homes, all under deplorable conditions; and

WHEREAS HIV/ AIDS, venereal diseases, unwanted pregnancies, drug addiction, physical and psychological trauma, and the daily ravaging of their person by so-called “clients” are all the consequences of the forced confinement and torture of these women and children; and

WHEREAS, in Canada, human trafficking is covered by a wide range of Criminal Code offences including kidnapping, forcible confinement, extortion, assault, sexual assault, prostitution-related offences and organized crime offences, as well as a new human trafficking offence in the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act that attracts severe penalties of up to life imprisonment and/or a one million dollar fine; and

WHEREAS this traffic in women and children is a global issue that transcends national boundaries and necessitates a coordinated response on the part of the world's governments in terms of monitoring, investigating and prosecuting of this type of criminal activity in order to end this brutal exploitation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Federal Government to work with all interested parties, be it government, non-governmental, business, or otherwise, in order to develop an international strategy to collectively combat this phenomenon of international exploitation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly urge the Provincial Government to consider working in concert with other jurisdictions in order to raise the profile of this issue.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING:

The Standing Committee on PUBLIC ACCOUNTS will meet in Room 255, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba on April 23, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. to consider the Auditor General's Report – A Review of Crown Corporations Council and Compliance Audits dated March 2004.