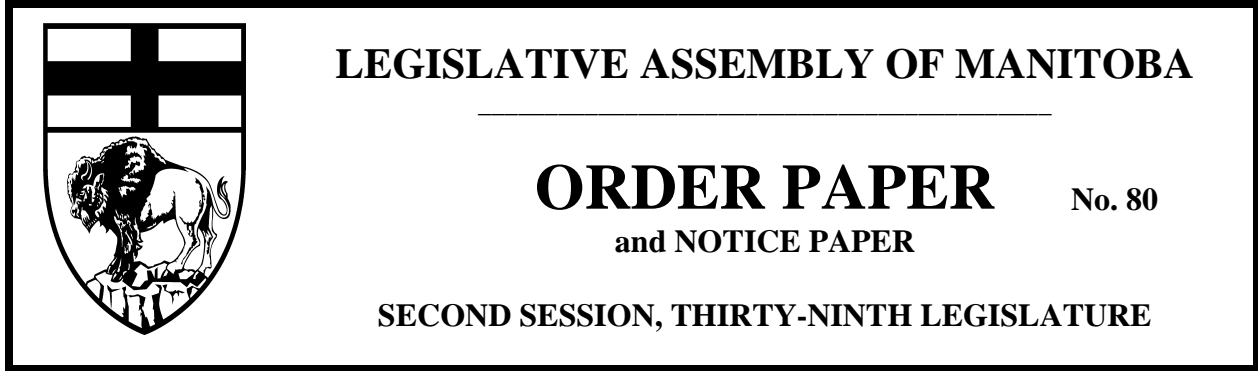


Monday, October 6, 2008



PRAYER

SITTING AT 1:30 P.M.

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Hon. Mr. SELINGER –

(No. 41) – The Social Work Profession Act/Loi sur la profession de travailleur social

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

Mr. BOROTSIK –

(No. 238) – The Crown Corporations Public Review and Accountability Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'examen public des activités des corporations de la Couronne et l'obligation redditionnelle de celles-ci

Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 239) – The Smoking Banned on School Grounds Act (The Non-Smokers Health Protection Act and The Public Schools Act Amended)/Loi interdisant de fumer sur les terrains scolaires (modification de la Loi sur la protection de la santé des non-fumeurs et de la Loi sur les écoles publiques)

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Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK –

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(Mr. DYCK)

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR THURSDAY:

Mr. BRIESE – State of Rural Health Care

27. WHEREAS rural health care has not been a priority of the Provincial Government; and

WHEREAS shortages of doctors, nurses, lab technologists, and other health care professionals have threatened the stability and accessibility of rural health care; and

WHEREAS there are currently 17 emergency rooms closed throughout rural Manitoba due to these shortages, with many more are operating on reduced hours, leaving tens of thousands of Manitobans without access to emergency care; and

WHEREAS Emergency Medical Services in various parts of the province have been suspended due to ongoing shortages of personnel; and

WHEREAS a lack of access to emergency care threatens the safety and health of rural Manitobans; and

WHEREAS rural Manitobans face wait times of many weeks, months and even years for diagnostic tests, appointments with specialists, and surgeries; and

WHEREAS these wait times are detrimental to rural Manitobans' quality of life; and

WHEREAS nursing shortages have forced personal care homes throughout rural Manitoba to stop admitting patients, even though there are beds available; and

WHEREAS this has forced seniors to move away from their communities and created significant hardship for these Manitobans and their families; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has failed to significantly increase the number of nurse practitioner positions in rural communities and thus failed to make good use of Manitoba's health care resources; and

WHEREAS certain health care services are not available throughout rural Manitoba, including midwifery, which is only available in seven of the eleven rural Regional Health Authorities; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government's health care record, particularly in rural communities, has been a profound disappointment to Manitobans.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba condemn the Minister of Health for this failure to resolve the very serious problems facing health care in Manitoba.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING:

The Standing Committee on PUBLIC ACCOUNTS will meet in Room 255, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba on Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (or until 10:00 p.m. if necessary) to consider the following Reports referred:

- Auditor General's Report – Review of the Workers Compensation Board dated January 2006.
- Auditor General's Report – Audit of the Public Accounts for the year ending March 31, 2007.
- Public Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2007, Volumes 1, 2, 3 and 4.