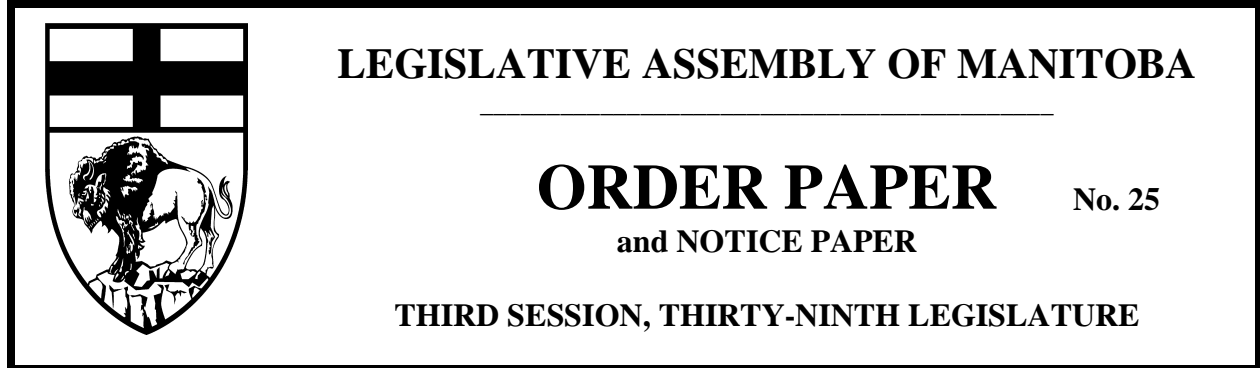


Wednesday, April 15, 2009



PRAYER

SITTING AT 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Hon. Mr. SELINGER –

(No. 8) – The Civil Service Superannuation Amendment Act (Enhanced Manitoba Hydro Employee Benefits and Other Amendments)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la pension de la fonction publique (prestations améliorées à l'intention des employés d'Hydro-Manitoba et autres modifications)

Hon. Ms. ALLAN –

(No. 17) – The Workers Compensation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les accidents du travail

Mr. LAMOUREUX –

(No. 202) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Bicycle Helmets)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (casques de bicyclettes)

Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 214) – The Elections Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi électorale

Mr. LAMOUREUX –

(No. 215) – The Elections Amendment and Elections Finances Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi électorale et la Loi sur le financement des campagnes électorales

Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 216) – The Crown Appointment Review Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur l'examen des nominations au sein des sociétés d'Etat (modification de diverses lois)

Mr. GOERTZEN –

(No. 222) – The Justice for Victims of Child Pornography Act/Loi sur l'indemnisation des victimes de pornographie juvénile

Mr. LAMOUREUX –

(No. 227) – The Grandparents' Day Recognition Act/Loi sur la reconnaissance de la Fête des grands-parents

Mr. GRAYDON –

(No. 229) – The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Amendment Act (Justice for Victims of Serious Automobile Accidents)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d'assurance publique du Manitoba (justice pour les victimes d'accidents d'automobile graves)

Mr. MCFADYEN –

(No. 231) – The Elections Finances Amendment Act (Abolishing the Vote Tax)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le financement des campagnes électorales (abolition de la subvention sur les votes)

Mrs. STEFANSON –

(No. 232) – The Climate Change and Emissions Reduction Amendment Act (Ministerial Accountability for Failure to Meet Targets)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les changements climatiques et la réduction des émissions de gaz à effet de serre (responsabilité ministérielle en cas de non-réalisation des objectifs)

Mr. GRAYDON –

(No. 233) – The Legal Profession Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la profession d'avocat

Mr. FAURSCHOU –

(No. 234) – The Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les divulgations faites dans l'intérêt public (protection des divulgateurs d'actes répréhensibles)

Mr. FAURSCHOU –

(No. 235) – The Pet Cemeteries and Crematoriums Act/Loi sur les cimetières et les crématoriums pour animaux de compagnie

PETITIONS

Mr. SCHULER

Mr. DYCK

Mr. LAMOUREUX

Mr. BRIESE

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ADJOURNED DEBATE (SEVENTH 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) increasing our province’s debt to an all time high of \$21.1 billion, which creates a credit card bill of \$18,380, for every man, woman and child in the province. Hard working Manitoba families will be forced to pay off this bill in the months and years ahead; and

(b) gambling with incomes and social programs by increasing our dependence on Ottawa handouts to a record level of \$3.8 billion, more than double the handouts we received in 1999, which is like a family with a \$60,000 income relying on neighbours for \$22,000 a year, when those neighbours are now in serious financial trouble; and

(c) running a deficit, and misleadingly calling it a surplus, by using the misleading accounting practise of calling Crown income “revenue” when in fact that income is not available to government because it is required to meet obligations such as Manitoba Hydro’s record \$7.4 billion long-term debt; and

(d) attempting to introduce a new misleading accounting practise with a proposal to reduce by over 80 percent the minimum payment on Manitoba’s credit card debt, taking that repayment to \$17.54 per person this year on a bill of \$18,380; and

(e) failing to announce a plan to tackle corruption, waste and mismanagement within government by:

(i) endorsing the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority “brown envelope” tendering scheme; and

(ii) failing to repeal the “vote tax,” leaving the New Democratic Party in line to pocket one million dollars over four years at the expense of Manitoba taxpayers; and

(iii) failing to cancel the reckless and environmentally harmful west side BiPole III project and instead proceed with the east side line, which is supported by the vast majority; would protect the Boreal forest; would protect the Riding Mountain UNESCO biosphere reserve, provide a far more reliable back up to BiPole I and II; save forty megawatts of line loss which will allow for the closure of a coal-fired power plant and save Manitoba Hydro ratepayers a minimum of \$640 million or \$2,000 for every family in the province; and

(f) failing to offer a plan to create opportunity and wealth, so Manitobans can feel hope that we will one day emerge from the hole of debt and dependency and see a brighter future.

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

And the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. GERRARD in sub-amendment thereto as follows:

THAT the amendment be amended by adding thereto the following words:

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

- (g) failure to put patients first by continuing to base RHA spending on global budgets rather than services delivered; and
- (h) failure to provide full emergency services at our community hospitals, including Seven Oaks; and
- (i) failure to account for the health care costs of the diabetes epidemic; and
- (j) neglecting the need to address the diabetes epidemic facing Manitoba; and
- (k) failure to consider historical recession data from the 1990s in projecting corporation income tax levels; and
- (l) continuing to ignore the need to set targets for cleaning up Lake Winnipeg and other Manitoba lakes suffering from toxic alga blooms; and
- (m) failure to address climate change by running a carbon-neutral government; and
- (n) failing to mention rapid transit in the budget speech; and
- (o) failure to implement a plan to reduce child poverty rates in Manitoba; and
- (p) failing to create an adequate action plan and funding for early childhood education in Manitoba; and
- (q) failure to support the agricultural sector by refusing to fund eco-friendly farming practices such as a province-wide ALUS program and;
- (r) refusing to acknowledge the damage the payroll tax has on economic growth; and
- (s) failure to act on economic development for First Nations and rural Manitobans; and
- (t) failure to support reductions in wait times for post-secondary institutions; and
- (u) failure to recognize the need for, and address the establishment of, a Manitoba Science, Engineering and Humanities Research Council; and
- (v) failure to address Northern Manitoba housing issues;

(Mrs. ROWAT – 15 mins.)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

(97 hrs. 27 mins.)

CONCURRENCE AND THIRD READINGS:

Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK –

(No. 2) – The Animal Care Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le soin des animaux
(amended – Committee)

DEBATE ON SECOND READINGS:

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS –

(No. 3) – The Forest Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les forêts
(Mr. DYCK)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. ASHTON –

(No. 4) – The Community Revitalization Tax Increment Financing Act/Loi sur le financement
fiscal de la revitalisation urbaine
(Mr. DYCK)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX –

(No. 5) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Promoting Safer and Healthier Conditions in
Motor Vehicles)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (promotion de la santé et de la sécurité dans les
véhicules automobiles)
(Mr. DYCK)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS –

(No. 6) – The East Side Traditional Lands Planning and Special Protected Areas Act/Loi sur
l'aménagement des terres traditionnelles situées du côté est et les zones protégées spéciales
(Mr. DYCK)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK –

(No. 7) – The Food Safety and Related Amendments Act/Loi sur la salubrité des aliments et
modifications connexes
(Mr. DYCK)

SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Mr. SELINGER –

(No. 9) – The Social Work Profession Act/Loi sur la profession de travailleur social

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK –

(No. 11) – The Highway Traffic Amendment and Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code de la route et la Loi sur la Société d'assurance publique du Manitoba

Hon. Mr. SELINGER –

(No. 12) – The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la location à usage d'habitation

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Ms. OSWALD –

(No. 13) – The Medical Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi médicale

Hon. Mr. SELINGER –

(No. 14) – The Consumer Protection Amendment Act (Payday Loans)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection du consommateur (prêts de dépannage)

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK –

(No. 15) – The Victims' Bill of Rights Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Déclaration des droits des victimes

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK –

(No. 16) – The Police Services Act/Loi sur les services de police

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR THURSDAY:

Hon. Ms. OSWALD –

(No. 18) – The Regulated Health Professions Act/Loi sur les professions de la santé réglementées

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR TUESDAY NEXT:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Ms. MARCELINO – 100th Anniversary of Chinese Settlement in Manitoba

2. WHEREAS 2009 marks 100 years of Chinese settlement in Manitoba and Winnipeg's Chinatown will celebrate this anniversary throughout the year; and

WHEREAS Winifred Paktong, the first Chinese female born in Manitoba, who was named after her hometown of Winnipeg, is still alive and will be celebrating her ninety-seventh birthday on May 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS nearly 18,000 people of Chinese descent currently reside in the province; and

WHEREAS China is the third largest source of recent immigrants to Manitoba at 5.6% of the new immigrant population in 2007; and

WHEREAS the government of Manitoba recognizes that immigration contributes significantly to sustaining economic development and strengthens respect for cultural diversity; and

WHEREAS the Manitoban Chinese community is a diverse and vibrant population that contributes to the province's rich multicultural mosaic;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba congratulate the Chinese community on the 100th anniversary of its settlement in Manitoba and recognize the vital role it plays in the province; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba thank the community for its contributions to the Manitoba Mosaic.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

The Standing Committee on CROWN CORPORATIONS will meet in Room 255, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba on Monday, May 4, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the Annual Reports of the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission for the fiscal years ending March 31, 2005, March 31, 2006, March 31, 2007 and March 31, 2008.

The Standing Committee on CROWN CORPORATIONS will meet in Room 255, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba on Monday, June 1, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the Annual Reports of the Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board for the fiscal years ending March 31, 2005, March 31, 2006, March 31, 2007 and March 31, 2008.

The Standing Committee on CROWN CORPORATIONS will meet in Room 255, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba on Thursday, June 25, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the Annual Reports of the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation for the fiscal years ending February 28, 2006, February 28, 2007 and February 29, 2008.

The Standing Committee on CROWN CORPORATIONS will meet in Room 255, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba on Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the following Reports referred:

- Annual Reports of The Workers Compensation Board for the years ending December 31, 2006 and December 31, 2007;
- Annual Reports of the Appeal Commission and Medical Review Panel for the years ending December 31, 2006 and December 31, 2007; and
- Five Year Plans of The Workers Compensation Board for 2006 to 2010, 2007 to 2011 and 2008 to 2012.