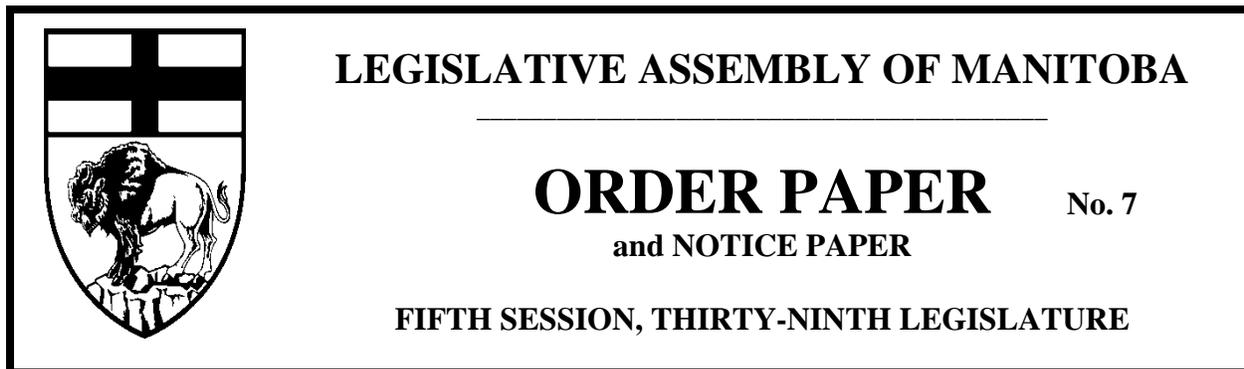


Wednesday, November 24, 2010



PRAYER

SITTING AT 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX –

(No. 5) – The City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment Act (Historic Property Designations)/Loi modifiant la Charte de la ville de Winnipeg (désignations de biens historiques)

Hon. Ms. HOWARD –

(No. 6) – The Workers Compensation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les accidents du travail

Hon. Mr. SWAN –

(No. 8) – The Legal Aid Manitoba Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d'aide juridique du Manitoba

Mrs. MITCHELSON –

(No. 200) – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services à l'enfant et à la famille

Mrs. TAILLIEU –

(No. 203) – The Regulatory Accountability and Transparency Act/Loi sur la responsabilité et la transparence en matière réglementaire

Ms. SELBY –

(No. 204) – The Consumer Rights Day Act/Loi sur la journée des Droits du consommateur

PETITIONS

Mr. BOROTSIK
Mrs. DRIEDGER
Mrs. MITCHELSON
Mr. BRIESE
Mr. GOERTZEN
Mr. PEDERSEN
Mrs. TAILLIEU
Mrs. ROWAT

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ADJOURNED DEBATE (Sixth Day of Debate):

On the Proposed Motion of Mr. JENNISSEN –

THAT the following address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor:

We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, thank your Honour for the gracious speech addressed to us at this Fifth Session of the Thirty-Ninth Legislature of Manitoba.

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

THAT the motion be amended by adding at the end the following words:

But this House regrets:

- a) That the Government's Throne Speech failed to acknowledge that after 11 years, violent crime is rising, waste is rampant and past health care promises have been broken; and
- b) That the Speech did not provide a credible plan to reduce violent crime, reduce waste and improve health care; and

- c) That the Speech endorses large, ongoing deficits and rising debt, which will result in higher taxes for Manitoba families; and
- d) That the Speech failed to acknowledge the Government's misguided plan to raise taxes on Manitoba families starting after October 2011; and
- e) That the Speech failed to take immediate steps to improve Manitoba's competitive position by seeking entry into the New West Partnership; and
- f) That the Speech failed to protect Manitoba seniors and families from hydro rate increases caused by the Premier's interference in Manitoba Hydro; and
- g) That the Speech fails to acknowledge that for 11 years the Government has wasted money on bloated healthcare bureaucracy and boardrooms at the expense of front line care; and
- h) That the Speech fails to acknowledge that the shortage of personal care home beds in Manitoba is a direct result of the Government's failure to plan for the needs of our seniors; and
- i) That the Speech fails to recognize that far too many of our First Nations and Métis people remain on the outside of the economic life of our province or to offer a plan to address this significant failure; and
- j) That the Speech fails to assure parents that their children are learning the skills they need to succeed in today's work force; and
- k) That the Speech continues the Government's divisive policies of neglecting or penalizing Manitoba's farm families and rural communities; and
- l) That the Speech fails to acknowledge the chaos in Manitoba's child welfare system caused by its policies, or to apologize for the tragic abuse and loss of life caused by this Government's political interference in the child welfare system; and
- m) That the Speech fails to deal with the problem of increased drunk driving, or to acknowledge that this reckless behaviour has caused heartache for far too many families; and
- n) That the Speech fails to deal with addictions treatment, or to acknowledge that drug abuse and addiction are contributing to much of the crime that plagues our province, now known as the violent crime capital of Canada; and
- o) That while the Speech contains many good ideas offered by Members of the Opposition, it fails to convince this House that they will actually be implemented; and

- p) That the Speech fails to acknowledge the Government's 11 year track record of failure to keep other promises, like ending hallway medicine, causing this House to realize that the promises contained in the Speech are unlikely to be kept; and
- q) That the current Government has failed in its promises to Manitobans, and as a result it is now clearer than ever that it will require a new government to deliver positive results on crime reduction, fiscal responsibility, job creation, tax relief, protection from rate hikes, access to family physicians, support for farm families, the cleanup of Lake Winnipeg, better sports facilities and infrastructure, stability within Child and Family Services and other goals that are supported by all Manitobans.

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

(Hon. Ms. ALLAN – 27 mins.)

SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Mr. SWAN –

(No. 2) – The City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment Act (Winnipeg Police Service Auxiliary Cadets)/Loi modifiant la Charte de la ville de Winnipeg (cadets auxiliaires du Service de police de Winnipeg)

Hon. Mr. SWAN –

(No. 3) – The Victims' Bill of Rights Amendment Act (Denying Compensation to Offenders and Other Amendments)/Loi modifiant la Déclaration des droits des victimes (refus de versement d'indemnités aux auteurs d'infractions et autres modifications)

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Ms. HOWARD –

(No. 4) – The Retail Businesses Holiday Closing Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les jours fériés dans le commerce de détail

Hon. Mr. BLAIKIE –

(No. 7) – The Polar Bear Protection Amendment Act (International Polar Bear Conservation Centre)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection des ours polaires (Centre international de conservation des ours polaires)

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS, ADDRESSES FOR PAPERS, ORDERS FOR RETURN – ACCEPTED
BUT NOT RETURNED:**

THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE – FOURTH SESSION

WRITTEN QUESTIONS:

Mr. PEDERSEN –

17. In choosing a route for Bipole III, will private landowners be offered an easement or outright purchase of land for the right of way and how will land values for either an easement or purchase be determined?
18. Manitoba Hydro has stated publicly it is not able to use expropriation as a tool for determining right of ways. Will the Government of Manitoba expropriate privately held land on behalf of Manitoba Hydro for Bipole III if landowners are unable to reach suitable terms with Manitoba Hydro?
19. What will be the minimum separation distance between Bipole III and residences, yard sites, and livestock operations?
20. What are Manitoba Hydro's criteria for determining effects on livestock from Bipole III?
21. What is the effect on cellular phone service, GPS guidance systems, and other electronic equipment in proximity to Bipole III?

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR THURSDAY:

Hon. Mr. SWAN –

(No. 9) – The Summary Convictions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les poursuites sommaires

Hon. Ms. HOWARD –

(No. 10) – The Employment Standards Code Amendment Act (Leave for Citizenship Ceremonies)/Loi modifiant le Code des normes d'emploi (congés relatifs aux cérémonies de citoyenneté)

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR TUESDAY:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Mr. SARAN – Federal Cap on Manitoba’s Provincial Nominee Program

1. WHEREAS Manitoba has one of the most successful Provincial Nominee Programs in Canada supported by a broad consensus of business, labour and community leaders; and

WHEREAS provincial nominees to Manitoba are helping to keep our province growing, filling our skilled labour shortage and enriching our social and cultural fabric; and

WHEREAS immigrants settling in Manitoba are more likely to earn more money than federal economic class immigrants upon first arriving and are more likely to stay in the province long-term; and

WHEREAS the retention rate for provincial nominees in Manitoba between 2000 and 2006 was 80% higher than the retention rate for both federal skilled workers and refugees; and

WHEREAS 31% of 2009 provincial nominee arrivals benefited communities outside of Winnipeg and contributed to the vitality of our increasingly diverse regions; and

WHEREAS Manitoba is a leader in improving credential recognition for immigrants as funding for settlement services and language training has increased six-fold since 2000; and

WHEREAS Manitoba has established a nationally-recognized model for the ethical recruitment and retention of Temporary Foreign Workers (TFWs) through the new Worker Recruitment and Protection Act (WRAPA), which protects foreign workers from unregulated recruiters, illegal recruitment fees and exploitive workplace situations and helps connect employers to potential workers; and

WHEREAS Manitoba’s Provincial Nominee Program is recognized as a national leader and a model program by other provinces;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Federal Government to recognize the Provincial Nominee Program’s excellence and consider allowing Manitoba to accept, in 2010, the 5,600 applicants our province is fully capable of absorbing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Federal Government to consider lifting the cap on our provincial program nominees, allowing Manitoba to reach its goal of settling 20,000 new immigrants annually, which is vital to our long-term economic growth.