

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

ORDER PAPER

No. 24

and NOTICE PAPER

FIRST SESSION, FORTIETH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

SITTING AT 10:00 A.M.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Hon. Ms. SELBY -

(No. 2) – The Protecting Affordability for University Students Act (Council on Post-Secondary Education Act Amended)/Loi sur la protection de l'accessibilité aux études universitaires (modification de la Loi sur le Conseil de l'enseignement postsecondaire)

Hon. Mr. RONDEAU -

(No. 8) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Use of Child Safety Seats)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (utilisation de sièges de sécurité pour enfants)

Hon, Mr. CHOMIAK -

(No. 13) – The Renewable Energy Jobs Act/Loi sur les emplois dans le domaine de l'énergie renouvelable

Hon. Mr. SWAN -

(No. 15) – The Fortified Buildings Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les bâtiments fortifiés

Hon. Mr. RONDEAU -

(No. 16) – The Consumer Protection Amendment Act (Improved Enforcement and Administration)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection du consommateur (amélioration des dispositions d'application)

Mrs. ROWAT -

(No. 200) – The Seniors' Rights Act/Loi sur les droits des aînés

Mr. Briese –

(No. 205) – The Municipal Amendment and City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment Act (Defamation Protection)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les municipalités et la Charte de la ville de Winnipeg (protection contre les accusations de diffamation)

Mrs. MITCHELSON –

(No. 207) – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services à l'enfant et à la famille

Mr. GRAYDON -

(No. 208) – The Remembrance Day Awareness Act and Amendments to The Public Schools Act/Loi sur la sensibilisation au jour du Souvenir et modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques

Mr. GOERTZEN -

(No. 209) – The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Conflict of Interest Amendment Act (Cooling-Off Periods Related to Independent Officers)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les conflits d'intérêts au sein de l'Assemblée législative et du Conseil exécutif (périodes de restriction imposées aux hauts fonctionnaires indépendants)

Mr. SMOOK –

(No. 210) – The Participation of Manitoba in the New West Partnership Act/Loi sur la participation du Manitoba au nouveau partenariat de l'Ouest

Mr. GAUDREAU –

(No. 212) – The Apprenticeship Recognition Act/Loi sur la reconnaissance de l'apprentissage

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Mr. GOERTZEN

Mrs. ROWAT

Mr. GRAYDON

Mr. Briese

Mr. WISHART

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ADJOURNED DEBATE (EIGHTH DAY OF DEBATE):

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS –

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 of the words after "House" and substituting:

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

- a) breaking the Premier's promise not to increase taxes; and
- b) imposing \$184 million in new taxes on hard pressed Manitoba families, who are also facing higher hydro rates and property taxes, increased child care fees and a range of other hidden taxes; and
- c) driving gas prices higher at a time when gas prices in Manitoba have already increased 12% so far this year, further increasing the burden on Manitoba families, while cutting spending on Manitoba's crumbling infrastructure; and
- d) failing to take action to build safe communities as Manitoba has become the violent crime capital of Canada with Winnipeg's murder rate reaching an all time high in 2011; and
- e) failing to recognize the importance of agriculture, food production and rural communities; and
- f) failing to take action to protect Manitobans from future floods and failing to adequately compensate families for past damages; and
- g) failing Manitoba students who scored among the lowest in Canada on national and international reading, math and science tests; and
- h) creating an even bigger sinkhole of debt, now at \$27.6 billion and rising, which as a result will force Manitoba families to pay higher taxes in the years ahead; and
- i) failing to encourage greater trade opportunities with Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan by refusing to join the New West Partnership; and

- j) failing to undertake a review of program spending across all government services; and
- k) failing to tackle the red tape burden that is hurting business and private investment in Manitoba; and
- 1) failing to comply with recommendations of the Public Utilities Board to carry out an independent review of Manitoba Hydro's capital program; and
- m) mismanaging \$35 billion in federal transfer payments received since 2000; and
- n) failing to offer a plan to encourage private investment to create opportunity and wealth so Manitobans can feel hope that our province will one day emerge from the hole of debt and dependency and see a brighter future.

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

(Mr. SCHULER – 25 mins)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Mr. ASHTON -

(No. 3) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Speed Limits in School Zones)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (limites de vitesse dans les zones scolaires)

Hon. Mr. SWAN -

(No. 4) – The Missing Persons Act/Loi sur les personnes disparues

Hon. Mr. ASHTON -

(No. 5) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Inter-City Bus Service)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (service d'autobus interurbain)

Hon. Ms. OSWALD -

(No. 6) – The Regional Health Authorities Amendment Act (Improved Fiscal Responsibility and Community Involvement)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les offices régionaux de la santé (accroissement de la responsabilité financière et de la participation communautaire)

Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS -

(No. 7) – The Community Renewal Act/Loi sur la revalorisation des collectivités (Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Ms. ALLAN -

(No. 9) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Community Use of Schools)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (utilisation communautaire des écoles)

Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS -

(No. 10) – The Securities Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les valeurs mobilières

Hon. Mr. SWAN -

(No. 11) – The Criminal Property Forfeiture Amendment Act (Administrative Forfeiture and Miscellaneous Amendments)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la confiscation de biens obtenus ou utilisés criminellement (confiscation administrative et modifications diverses)

Hon. Mr. RONDEAU –

(No. 12) – The Consumer Protection Amendment Act (Motor Vehicle Work and Repairs)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection du consommateur (travaux et réparations concernant les véhicules automobiles)

Hon, Ms. OSWALD -

(No. 14) – The Protection for Persons in Care Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection des personnes recevant des soins

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR MONDAY:

Hon. Mr. RONDEAU -

(No. 17) – The Non-Smokers Health Protection Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection de la santé des non-fumeurs

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR THURSDAY:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Mr. BRIESE – Downloading of Provincial Responsibilities

2. WHEREAS the Provincial Government from time to time mandates new public responsibilities; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government routinely requires compliance and enforcement activities for these new responsibilities to be conducted by local governments; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has also downloaded certain responsibilities for which it was once responsible onto local governments; and

WHEREAS local governments may not necessarily have the required technical and financial resources to readily fulfill these duties, therefore forcing them to incur additional costs in order to meet these added responsibilities; and

WHEREAS the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) has passed numerous resolutions stating the high costs involved with fulfilling these new responsibilities places an undue burden on local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS the Federal and Provincial Governments created clear lines of jurisdiction through discussion and active dialogue that is codified in the Constitution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to enter into meaningful discussions with the Association of Manitoba Municipalities and other stakeholders to more clearly delineate the jurisdictional boundaries between the two levels of government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider providing sufficient financial and technical resources to local governments to help them implement any new obligations the Provincial Government mandates of them.