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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

ORDER PAPER No. 25
and NOTICE PAPER

THIRD SESSION, FORTIETH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

SITTING AT 1:30 P.M.

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Mr. GOERTZEN –

(No. 206) – The Cyberbullying Prevention Act/Loi sur la prévention de la cyberintimidation

Mr. SCHULER –

(No. 211) – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act (No Fee for Registry Checks Respecting Volunteers)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services à l'enfant et à la famille (vérification du registre concernant les mauvais traitements — droits non exigibles à l'égard des bénévoles)

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ADJOURNED DEBATE (THIRD DAY OF DEBATE):

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. HOWARD –

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

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

THAT the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after “House” and substituting:

therefore regrets that this budget neglects the priorities of Manitobans by:

- a) failing to repeal the massive tax and fee increases imposed in Budget 2012 and Budget 2013 including the PST hike the Provincial Government previously referred to as “ridiculous” and promised never to impose; and
- b) disrespecting Manitobans by refusing to hold the legally required referendum before increasing the PST and going to court in 2014 to permanently remove the rights of Manitobans to vote on major tax increases; and
- c) breaking the promise to eliminate the structural deficit of nearly \$400 million created by years of government mismanagement and overspending despite record federal transfers, historically low interest rates and record government revenues; and
- d) failing to address the growing threat to services Manitobans count on such as health and social supports which are severely impacted by the more than \$32 billion provincial debt, a debt which was created by overspending even with record federal transfers, historically low interest rates and record government revenues; and
- e) breaking the promise to seniors by failing to provide promised tax relief; and
- f) neglecting vulnerable Manitobans by ignoring repeated calls from the Official Opposition and anti-poverty coalitions to immediately raise the Employment and Income Assistance rental allowance rates to 75% of median market rents; and
- g) failing to relieve the income tax burden for low income families; and

- h) ignoring repeated calls from the Official Opposition and independent experts to review the Provincial Government's \$25 billion Manitoba Hydro expansion gamble which has already resulted in dramatic hydro rate increases for Manitoba families and will continue to impose dramatic hydro rate increases for generations to come; and
- i) failing to encourage business confidence by stifling economic growth through excessive red tape and worsening the already uncompetitive tax environment by raising the PST; and
- j) continuing the Provincial Government's isolationist trade policies by failing to act on the repeated calls of the Official Opposition, leading employers and industry groups to join the New West Partnership.

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

(Hon. Mr. ASHTON – 2 mins)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

DEBATE ON CONCURRENCE AND THIRD READING:

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. HOWARD –

(No. 32) – The Manitoba Institute of the Purchasing Management Association of Canada Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Institut manitobain de l'Association canadienne de gestion des achats

(Hon. Ms. BLADY)

SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Mr. SWAN –

(No. 3) – The Witness Security Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la sécurité des témoins
(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Ms. BRAUN –

(No. 10) – The Fires Prevention and Emergency Response Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la prévention des incendies et les interventions d'urgence

Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX –

(No. 18) – The Business Practices Amendment Act (Improved Consumer Protection and Enforcement)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les pratiques commerciales (mesures de protection et d'exécution améliorées à l'intention du consommateur)

Hon. Mr. ASHTON –

(No. 21) – The Churchill Arctic Port Canada Act/Loi sur la Société canadienne du Port arctique de Churchill

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. BJORNSON –

(No. 23) – The Cooperative Housing Strategy Act/Loi sur la stratégie en matière d'habitation coopérative

Hon. Mr. SWAN –

(No. 31) – The Police Services Amendment Act (Community Safety Officers)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services de police (agents de sécurité communautaire)

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Ms. OSWALD –

(No. 33) – The Apprenticeship Employment Opportunities Act (Public Works Contracts)/Loi sur les occasions d'apprentissage en milieu de travail (marchés de travaux publics)

Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX –

(No. 34) – The Consumer Protection Amendment Act (High-Cost Credit Products)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection du consommateur (produits de crédit à coût élevé)

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION:

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK – Democracy in Ukraine

WHEREAS Manitoba's identity and cultural landscape have been shaped by strong historical ties with Ukraine; and

WHEREAS democracy, human rights and a strong civil society are values that Manitobans hold dear and want to see respected in a united Ukraine and around the world; and

WHEREAS all Manitobans have expressed deep concern over violence that occurred against democratic protesters under former President Viktor Yanukovich; and

WHEREAS those who sought freedom in Ukraine paid a high price and the people of Ukraine deserve a future where they enjoy the same rights as the people of Manitoba; and

WHEREAS the new government of Ukraine will be undertaking free and fair elections this spring, so that all citizens of Ukraine can exercise their democratic rights; and

WHEREAS in the interest of peace and democracy, the international community has condemned violence in Ukraine, including Russia's military intervention which is a violation of Ukrainian sovereignty and territorial integrity; and

WHEREAS the Government of Manitoba is working together with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress to provide humanitarian assistance for local organizations in Ukraine who are providing medical care for those injured activists.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba recognize and congratulate the new government of Ukraine, and encourage Manitobans to participate as international observers in upcoming elections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba stand with the Ukrainian people through their struggle for freedom and strongly condemn all violence and anti-democratic acts both in Ukraine and perpetrated against Ukraine; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba expresses its condolences to the families and friends of those who were tragically killed during the demonstrations and the Euromaidan movement.

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR TUESDAY:

Hon. Mr. ALLUM –

(No. 37) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Connecting Schools to the Internet)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (branchement à Internet)
