

Tuesday, April 18, 2017



PRAYER

SITTING AT 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

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(No. 202) – The Insurance Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les assurances

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER –

(No. 203) – The Electoral Divisions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les circonscriptions électorales

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER –

(No. 204) – The Statutory Holidays Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur les jours fériés (modification de diverses dispositions législatives)

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER –

(No. 205) – The Brookside Cemetery Recognition Act/Loi sur la désignation du cimetière Brookside

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER –

(No. 206) – The Legal Profession Amendment Act (Queen's Counsel Appointments)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la profession d'avocat (nomination de conseillers de la Reine)

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ADJOURNED DEBATE (FOURTH DAY OF DEBATE):

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. FRIESEN –

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

And the Proposed Motion of Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) in amendment thereto as follows:

THAT the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "House" and submitting:

therefore regrets that this budget neglects the priorities of Manitobans, ignores the needs of families and seniors and fails to present a clear, strategic and inclusive vision for the future of Manitoba by:

- a) going back on the promise to protect front line services and making deep cuts to the services families depend on; and
- b) closing three emergency rooms and an urgent care centre in Winnipeg, leaving families in north and south Winnipeg without timely access to emergency or urgent care; and

- c) cutting the health infrastructure budget by 20 per cent after cancelling \$1 billion in health projects including critical facilities like CancerCare, an ACCESS centre or primary care clinics in the north; and
- d) ignoring the campaign promise to build thousands of personal care home beds after eliminating the Hospital Home Team program and cancelling personal care home projects in Winnipeg and rural Manitoba; and
- e) making no real investment in healthcare prevention and healthy living programs which keep families and seniors out of emergency rooms; and
- f) refusing to raise the minimum wage for a second year, hurting low-income workers, who are predominantly women, while failing to offer any job creation strategy for Manitoba workers; and
- g) cutting millions of dollars from Manitoba's housing budget and failing to match the Federal Government's housing commitment; and
- h) failing to make the communities families and seniors live in safer, without any new commitments to prevent crime and deal with the root causes of crime; and
- i) refusing to reverse their changes to the Provincial Nominee Program, including removing the additional fee and removing any incentives for newcomers to settle down in Manitoba; and
- j) failing to provide any investments in promoting gender equality and closing the pay gap for women in the workplace, while removing capacity within the Status of Women Secretariat; and
- k) investing so little into Manitoba's childcare system that it only addresses three per cent of the childcare waitlist; and
- l) raising post-secondary tuition fees by up to seven per cent and deregulating course fees; and
- m) balancing the budget on the backs of students by raising taxes on recent post-secondary graduates up to \$2,500 a year, while refusing to make investments in universities and colleges; and
- n) failing to present any kind of strategy for training and long term job creation in Manitoba to grow the province's economy and support youth in changing and uncertain economic times; and

- o) making no new commitment to build new K-12 schools, such as Waterford Green or in south Brandon, as well as no new investments in science labs, shops, classrooms or gyms for public schools and cutting the education infrastructure budget by nearly 30 per cent, following the Provincial Government's short-sighted elimination of the small-class size initiative; and
- p) cutting tax credits for post-secondary students but giving political donors a tax break on donations; and
- q) cutting spending on highways by nearly \$30 million, on top of a previous cut of nearly \$50 million in the previous budget, at a time when investment in strategic infrastructure is necessary to grow the economy; and
- r) making almost no investment for northern Manitoba without a long term strategy to grow the north's economy or a plan to revive the economy of Churchill or a plan to work with Indigenous groups to create a sustainable vision for the communities in the north; and
- s) failing to provide any real strategy to combat climate change after the Provincial Government brought in a regressive bill to weaken water protection standards and environmental regulations; and

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

And the Proposed Motion of Ms. KLASSEN in sub-amendment thereto as follows:

THAT the amendment be amended by adding after clause (s) the following clauses:

- t) failing to address the most vulnerable by not increasing Employment Income Assistance amounts to 75% of the Market Basket Measure; and
- u) failing to support advancements in Mental Health Care by freezing the overall mental health funding; and
- v) failing to support community development and home repairs in Manitoba by freezing funding to Neighbourhoods Alive!; and
- w) failing to support science and innovation by not updating technology systems; and
- x) failing to develop a duty to consult on a framework for Indigenous communities; and
- y) failing to support Justice diversion programs like Drug Courts, Mental health Courts and Youth Justice Committees; and
- z) failing to protect the environment by cutting funding to the Clean Environment Commission, Water Science and Watershed Management; and

- aa) failing to invest in the promotion of practical home ownership opportunities for Indigenous families; and
 - bb) failing to support public education by cutting funding to school divisions; and
 - cc) failing to provide multi-year agreements to community development organizations; and
 - dd) failing to support the vulnerable by cutting the funding for victim services; and
 - ee) failing to support community safety by cutting funding for crime prevention; and
 - ff) failing to support people with disabilities; and
 - gg) failing to support Children in Care by continuing to claw back the children's special allowance while cutting funding to CFS organizations who have demonstrated positive results; and
 - hh) failing to provide funding for a suicide prevention plan; and
 - ii) failing to provide an economic plan for First Nation communities; and
 - jj) failing to invest in northern or rural health care by not increasing budgets to inflation; and
 - kk) failing to uphold the Jordan's principal resolution as unanimously voted by this House by cutting the funding to Indigenous health - Intergovernmental Strategic Relations by almost one million dollars or 33% of the total budget; and
 - ll) failing to commit funding for the Kelvin High School gym and the Dakota Alumni field.
(Hon. Ms. SQUIRES – 10 mins.)
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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

(96 hrs. 32 mins.)

REPORT STAGE AMENDMENTS:

Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON –

(No. 17) – The Court Security Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la sécurité dans les tribunaux

[Amendment (1) – Mr. SWAN]

CONCURRENCE AND THIRD READINGS:

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN –

(No. 2) – The Securities Amendment Act (Reciprocal Enforcement)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les valeurs mobilières (exécution réciproque)

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN –

(No. 3) – The Pooled Registered Pension Plans (Manitoba) Act/Loi du Manitoba sur les régimes de pension agréés collectifs

Hon. Mr. PEDERSEN –

(No. 6) – The Manitoba East Side Road Authority Repeal Act/Loi abrogeant la Loi sur la Commission manitobaine d'aménagement de la route située du côté est

Hon. Mr. CULLEN –

(No. 7) – The New West Partnership Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur la mise en œuvre de l'Accord commercial du nouveau partenariat de l'Ouest (modification de diverses dispositions législatives)

Hon. Mr. WISHART –

(No. 10) – The Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology

Hon. Mr. WISHART –

(No. 12) – The Teachers' Pensions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la pension de retraite des enseignants

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN –

(No. 13) – The Regulated Health Professions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les professions de la santé réglementées

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN –

(No. 14) – The Emergency Medical Response and Stretcher Transportation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les interventions médicales d'urgence et le transport pour personnes sur civière

Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON –

(No. 15) – The Department of Justice Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le ministère de la Justice

DEBATE ON SECOND READINGS:

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON –

(No. 16) – The Fatality Inquiries Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les enquêtes médico-légales

(Mr. MALOWAY)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. SCHULER –

(No. 19) – The Efficiency Manitoba Act/Loi sur la Société pour l'efficacité énergétique au Manitoba

(Mr. MALOWAY – 29 mins)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. SCHULER –

(No. 20) – The Crown Corporations Governance and Accountability Act/Loi sur la gouvernance et l'obligation redditionnelle des corporations de la Couronne

(Mr. SWAN)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. FRIESEN –

(No. 21) – The Fiscal Responsibility and Taxpayer Protection Act/Loi sur la responsabilité financière et la protection des contribuables

(Mr. ALLUM)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. FRIESEN –

(No. 22) – The Regulatory Accountability Act and Amendments to The Statutes and Regulations Act/Loi sur la responsabilisation en matière de réglementation et modifiant la Loi sur les textes législatifs et réglementaires

(Mr. ALLUM – 11 mins)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mrs. COX –

(No. 23) – The Fisheries Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la pêche – **Designated Bill**

(Mr. SWAN)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON –

(No. 25) – The Cannabis Harm Prevention Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur la réduction des méfaits du cannabis (modification de diverses dispositions législatives)

(Mr. MALOWAY)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. FRIESEN –

(No. 28) – The Public Services Sustainability Act/Loi sur la viabilité des services publics

(Question Period – 2 mins)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN –

(No. 29) – The Health Sector Bargaining Unit Review Act/Loi sur la restructuration des unités de négociation dans le secteur de la santé

(Mr. MALOWAY)

SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON –

(No. 18) – The Legislative Security Act/Loi sur la sécurité de la Cité législative

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN –

(No. 24) – The Red Tape Reduction and Government Efficiency Act, 2017/Loi de 2017 sur la réduction du fardeau administratif et l'efficacité du gouvernement – **Designated Bill**

Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON –

(No. 26) – The Election Financing Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le financement des élections

Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON –

(No. 27) – The Elections Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi électorale – **Designated Bill**
(Recommended by His Honour, the Administrator)

Hon. Ms. CLARKE –

(No. 30) – The Local Vehicles for Hire Act/Loi sur la gestion locale des véhicules avec chauffeur – **Designated Bill**

Hon. Mr. WISHART –

(No. 31) – The Advanced Education Administration Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'administration de l'enseignement postsecondaire – **Designated Bill**

DEBATE ON GOVERNMENT MOTION:

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. MICKLEFIELD –

THAT notwithstanding any Rule or Practice of this House, Bill (No. 213) – The Civil Service Amendment Act (Employment Preference for Reservists with Active Service)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la fonction publique (embauche préférentielle des réservistes ayant été en activité de service) be reinstated during the 2nd Session of the 41st Legislature at the stage it was at when the 1st Session of the 41st Legislature was prorogued.

(Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) – unlimited)

DEBATE ON GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION:

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN – Long Term, Sustainable and Flexible Healthcare Funding

WHEREAS health care is the single largest budget item for provinces and territories, each of whom is responsible for the delivery of quality health services for Canadians; and

WHEREAS provinces pay more than 75 per cent of health care costs and the Federal Government continues to reduce growth in health care funding; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government’s unilateral approach and refusal to engage in a discussion around the importance of a long term and sustainable partnership on health care funding should be of concern to every Manitoban; and

WHEREAS Manitoba is facing a challenging fiscal situation and the Federal Government’s decision to reduce health care funding by more than \$1 billion over the next 10 years is going to put additional strain on the ability to provide services to Manitobans; and

WHEREAS federal funding is essential in order to address the increasing costs associated with the health care needs of the province’s growing and aging population.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be urged to reiterate the position of other governments representing 90 percent of Canada’s population, that is, before any further discussion takes place on a renewed Health Accord, the First Ministers request a meeting with the Prime Minister regarding the need for long term, sustainable and flexible funding for the healthcare system and that if this is not accomplished, any proposed reduction in healthcare funding be delayed until 2018/19.

(Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) – 17 mins)
