

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

# **ORDER PAPER**

No. 04

and NOTICE PAPER

FIFTH SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

#### PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

SITTING AT 10:00 A.M.

# **ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Hon. Mr. HELWER -

(No. 4) – The Minimum Wage Adjustment Act, 2022 (Employment Standards Code Amended)/Loi de 2022 sur le rajustement du salaire minimum (modification du Code des normes d'emploi)

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# ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

## **ADJOURNED DEBATE (Third Day of Debate):**

Mr. GUENTER -

THAT the following Address be presented to Her 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 Forty-Second Legislature of Manitoba.

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

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

But this House regrets that the Provincial Government has:

- a) demonstrated to Manitobans that the Premier is continuing former Premier Brian Pallister's agenda of health care cuts and privatization while giving cheques to billionaires; and
- b) refused to reverse its cuts to public health care and is instead pushing through further privatization of Manitoba's public health care system, bringing the province closer to a costlier and inequitable American-style two-tier health care system; and
- c) failed to address the current health care crisis in Manitoba that is putting intense strain on front line health care workers and patients waiting in pain in emergency rooms, especially in pediatric facilities such as the Health Science Centre's Children's Hospital; and
- d) continued to cut northern healthcare and mental health services in the north; and
- e) failed to fill widespread staff vacancies in homecare so that seniors and vulnerable Manitobans have access to quality and timely care; and
- f) refused to call an independent public inquiry into Manitoba's pandemic response to learn from its mistakes and bring forward changes to improve the lives of Manitoba families and strengthen the health care system; and
- g) continued to cut and underfund K-12 education in Manitoba while class sizes keep on increasing, while offering no real plans to support adult education; and
- h) refused to address the addictions crisis by failing to provide investments into harm reduction initiatives including safe consumption sites; and

- i) continued to make misleading statements on safe consumption sites by citing non-existent safe consumption sites in California; and
- j) refused to address the housing crisis by failing to build affordable social and supportive housing; and
- k) failed to act to improve access to mental health services across the province, particularly for youth and children and those living in remote and rural areas, as well as supports for children in Child and Family Services care; and
- failed to take actions to address the epidemic of Missing and Murdered Women, Girls and Two-Spirited people and failed to offer any concrete supports to help prevent domestic violence and to help those fleeing domestic violence; and
- m) failed to outline how the Provincial Government will reduce the number of children in Child and Family Services care and support those who have left the system; and
- n) continued to make life more expensive for average Manitobans by raising taxes on renters, cutting services, hiking hydro rates, attacking workers and increasing the price of essentials at the grocery store while offering no supports for producers; and
- o) refused to support workers while freezing their wages and undermining workers in the public service by leaving positions vacant in important sectors such as highway safety and health care; and
- p) continued to attack collective bargaining in the province while failing to bring in paid sick days or health and safety supports for working Manitobans to keep them safe and healthy at work; and
- q) refused to take concrete initiatives to advance reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of Manitoba yet again by failing to complete legally required duties or make progress to repair the damage caused by former Premier Pallister's hurtful comments; and
- r) refused to increase funding for municipalities like Brandon, Dauphin, Selkirk, Gimli, Thompson and Flin Flon, leaving their budgets frozen for the 7<sup>th</sup> straight year; and
- s) failed to take meaningful action to combat climate change, while pushing ahead with a plan to privatize provincial parks; and
- t) failed to mention the fact the province has failed to even start the Lake Manitoba/Lake St. Martin Channels project while underspending by millions of dollars in infrastructure projects such as highway maintenance and repair and failing to staff road clearing services adequately especially in northern Manitoba; and

- u) continued its attack on post-secondary students and institutions by forging ahead with the plan to cut funding for universities and colleges while increasing tuition and failing to support English language services for newcomers and refugees; and
- v) failed to offer any vision for supporting the people of northern Manitoba as the Provincial Government continues to cut essential business supports for the people of the north; and
- w) offered no supports for producers suffering from high input costs and other challenges during this cost of living crisis; and
- x) failed to support francophone services in Manitoba; and
- y) failed to support an expansion of broadband services in rural and northern Manitoba; and
- z) failed to mention how the Provincial Government will work towards creating an equitable Manitoba for everyone, particularly people of colour, women, Indigenous peoples and members of equity seeking groups; and
- aa) failed to fill vacancies in important positions in the justice department such as Crown attorneys in locations across the province; and
- bb) failed to implement a comprehensive plan to support people with disabilities during this cost of living crisis.

As a consequence of these and many other failings, the Provincial Government has thereby lost the trust and confidence of the people of Manitoba and this House.

(Mr. SALA – 15 minutes)

## **SECOND READINGS:**

Hon. Ms. CLARKE -

(No. 2) – The Official Time Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le temps réglementaire

Hon. Mr. HELWER -

(No. 3) – The Vital Statistics Amendment Act (Name Registration)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les statistiques de l'état civil (forme du nom)

(Recommended by Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

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# **NOTICE PAPER**

#### NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR MONDAY:

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN -

(No. 5) – The Demise of the Crown Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur la dévolution de la Couronne (modification de diverses lois)

Mr. Moses -

(No. 200) – The Black History Month Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur le Mois de l'histoire des Noirs (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)

Mr. SALA -

(No. 201) – The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la location à usage d'habitation

Ms. FONTAINE -

(No. 202) – The Abortion Protest Buffer Zone Act/Loi sur les zones tampons relatives aux manifestations contre l'avortement

Mr. BUSHIE -

(No. 203) – The Orange Shirt Day Statutory Holiday Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi désignant la Journée du chandail orange à titre de jour férié (modification de diverses lois)

Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) -

(No. 204) – The Drivers and Vehicles Amendment Act (Licence Plates for MMIWG2S Awareness)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les conducteurs et les véhicules (plaques d'immatriculation pour la sensibilisation aux femmes, aux filles et aux personnes bispirituelles autochtones disparues et assassinées)

MLA ASAGWARA-

(No. 205) – The Restricting Mandatory Overtime for Nurses Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur la réduction du temps supplémentaire obligatoire des infirmiers (modification de diverses lois)

Mr. KINEW -

(No. 206) – The Louis Riel Act/Loi sur Louis Riel

#### Ms. Fontaine –

(No. 207) – The Criminal Property Forfeiture Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la confiscation de biens obtenus ou utilisés criminellement

## NOTICE OF MOTION FOR THE NEXT THURSDAY OF PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS:

#### PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

# MLA ASAGWARA – Calling on the Provincial Government to Stop Its Private Health Care Agenda and Invest in Manitoba's Public Health Care System

1. WHEREAS the Provincial Government's reckless health cuts started by Brian Pallister and continued under the Premier have created a crisis in Manitoba's health care system, which has adversely affected the quality of care received by patients, families and seniors; and

WHEREAS rather then taking responsibility for her government's health care cuts, the Premier has blamed the state of Manitoba's health care system on there being not enough private health care in the province; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has already cut and privatized key health care services such as outpatient physiotherapy services, sleep apnea machines and life flight medical air ambulance transportation, as well as privatizing home care services for seniors, rather than adequately investing in the public health care system; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has increased spending on private agency nurses by over 200% since 2017-2018; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government spent over \$40 million on private agency nurses in 2021-2022 instead of investing in public sector nurses and other front line health care workers; and

WHEREAS despite clear opposition from front line health care workers and their representatives as well as families, the Provincial Government has continued with its private health care agenda, actively worsening the quality of health care in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS it is a fundamental Canadian value that whether or not a person receives health care should be based on need and not the size of their wallet and privatization goes against the fundamental Canadian values of keeping healthcare public and accessible for everyone; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has failed to improve health care outcomes or advance health care equity and further privatization of health care services will only harm progress in these areas; and

WHEREAS increased private health care will further undermine the public health care system by shifting essential staff to the private sector, which will aggravate the staffing crisis in the health care system and will only worsen the long wait times patients experience in the Emergency Rooms right now.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba condemn the Provincial Government's plans for private health care and call upon the Provincial Government to instead invest in the public health care system.