Friday, March 10, 2023



PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

SITTING AT 10:00 A.M.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN -

(No. 11) – The Reducing Red Tape and Improving Services Act, 2023/Loi de 2023 visant la réduction du fardeau administratif et l'amélioration des services

Hon. Mr. CULLEN -

(No. 14) – The Budget Implementation and Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2023/Loi d'exécution du budget de 2023 et modifiant diverses dispositions législatives en matière de fiscalité

Hon. Mr. REYES -

(No. 25) – The Workers Compensation Amendment Act (Wildfire Firefighters)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les accidents du travail (pompiers affectés aux incendies échappés)

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN -

(No. 26) – The Limitations Amendment and Public Officers Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les délais de prescription et la Loi sur les officiers publics

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN -

(No. 27) – The Intimate Image Protection Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection des images intimes

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN -

(No. 28) - The Local Government Statutes Amendment Act/Loi modifiant certaines lois concernant les administrations locales

Hon. Mr. GERRARD -

(No. 214) – The Ecological Reserves Amendment Act (Ecological Corridors)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les réserves écologiques (corridors écologiques)

Mr. MALOWAY -

(No. 219) – The Consumer Protection Amendment and Farm Machinery and Equipment Amendment Act (Right to Repair — Vehicles and Other Equipment)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection du consommateur et la Loi sur les machines et le matériel agricoles (droit de réparer les véhicules et le matériel)

Mr. MALOWAY -

(No. 220) – The New Motor Vehicle Buyers' Rights Act/Loi sur la protection des droits des acheteurs de véhicules automobiles neufs

MLA ASAGWARA -

(No. 226) – The Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le dépistage systématique des déficiences auditives chez les nouveau-nés

Mr. SANDHU-

(No. 227) – The Workplace Safety and Health Amendment Act (Access to Washrooms for Delivery Persons)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la sécurité et l'hygiène du travail (accès aux toilettes lors de livraisons)

MLA MARCELINO -

(No. 228) - The Pay Transparency Act/Loi sur la transparence salariale

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Mr. Altomare Hon. Mr. Gerrard Ms. Lamoureux Ms. Lathlin Mr. Maloway MLA Marcelino Mr. Moses Mr. Redhead Mr. SALA Mr. SANDHU Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas)

ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ADJOURNED DEBATE (FOURTH DAY OF DEBATE):

Hon. Mr. CULLEN -

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

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

THAT the Motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "House" and substituting the following words:

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

a) breaking Manitobans trust for seven years through supporting Brian Pallister and making deep cuts to health care, including closing Emergency Rooms, cutting cancer care and firing nurses, cutting education, including teachers and EAs, supporting and seconding Bill 64 and ignoring local community voices, raising the cost of living by raising rent and hydro bills by hundreds of dollars at the cabinet table, sending money to billionaires as well as failing Manitobans in many other ways while failing to be responsible and failing to balance the budget despite record revenue increases, increased federal transfers and funds from Manitoba Hydro, failing to properly address health care and also reverse cuts to roads and highways in rural and northern Manitoba and failing to apologize for years of underspending and annual cuts including failing to address homelessness in local communities.

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

And the Proposed Motion of Mr. LAMONT in sub-amendment as follows:

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

- b) failing to recognize that a budget full of big promises will not make up for seven years of cuts and freezes to all areas of government and failing to stand up for people in need; and
- c) failing to recognize the importance that increased federal transfers have had to strengthen Manitoba's fiscal outlook; and

- d) failing to mention Indigenous Reconciliation even just once, which depicts an utter lack of inclusivity in a budget document touted as 'Historic Help for Manitobans'; and
- e) failing to ensure that provincial revenues as a result of increased rebates from the education property tax are fully replaced with additional yearly increments which are sufficient to ensure Manitoba's education system continues to be well funded; and
- failing to recognize that the Provincial Government's commitment to nursing seat increases is only a drop in the bucket for the needs of Manitoba's healthcare system, and further, makes no commitment nor mention of a retention strategy of these professionals; and
- g) failing to increase funding for physician recruitment and retention initiatives, despite a dire need of family and specialist physicians province-wide, especially in rural and northern Manitoba; and
- h) failing to make meaningful progress on the retention and recruitment of allied healthcare professionals who are critical to the provision of health care by not even making mention of contract renegotiations with Allied Health professionals which has not been renewed for five years; and
- i) failing to sufficiently reverse course from the disastrous NDP health policy of hallway medicine to avoid preventative deaths in Manitoba Emergency Rooms; and
- j) failing to increase the number of long term care beds in Manitoba; and
- k) failing to sufficiently support home care and palliative care services to keep people at home, which has contributed to the disastrous bottleneck of patients in hospital hallways; and
- failing to recognize that IQ should not be the sole determinant of eligibility for CLDS funding, and that many individuals with a normal or higher IQ who have a learning disability or an executive function defect are in need of support as well; and
- m) failing to recognize the urgency of addressing climate change and in assisting Manitoba industries to adapt to the changes of moving away from fossil fuels and towards increased electricity use. (Mr. BRAR - 1 minute)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

DEBATE ON SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN -

(No. 6) – The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d'assurance publique du Manitoba

(Question Period – 15 minutes)

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN -

(No. 7) – The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis

(Mr. WIEBE – 28 minutes)

Hon. Mr. SMITH (Lagimodière) -

(No. 9) – The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment and Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis et la Loi sur la Société manitobaine des alcools et des loteries

(MLA ASAGWARA - 20 minutes)

SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Mr. SMITH (Lagimodière) -

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

Hon. Mr. NESBITT -

(No. 8) – The Off-Road Trails Safety and Maintenance Act/Loi sur la sécurité et l'entretien des sentiers pour véhicules à caractère non routier

(Recommended by Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. CULLEN -

(No. 10) – The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment Act (Social Responsibility Fee Repealed)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis (abrogation de la taxe de responsabilité sociale)

(Recommended by Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN -

(No. 12) - The Minor Amendments and Corrections Act, 2023/Loi corrective de 2023

Hon. Mr. NESBITT -

(No. 13) – The Wildlife Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la conservation de la faune

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN -

(No. 15) – The Court of King's Bench Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Cour du Banc du Roi

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN -

(No. 16) – The Domestic Violence and Stalking Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la violence familiale et le harcèlement criminel

Hon. Ms. GORDON -

(No. 17) – The Regulated Health Professions Amendment Act (2)/Loi nº 2 modifiant la Loi sur les professions de la santé réglementées

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN -

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

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN -

(No. 19) - The Provincial Offences Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les infractions provinciales

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN -

(No. 20) – The Conflict of Interest (Members and Ministers) Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les conflits d'intérêts des députés et des ministres

Hon. Mr. PIWNIUK -

(No. 21) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code de la route

Hon. Mr. PIWNIUK -

(No. 22) – The Emergency Measures Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les mesures d'urgence

Hon. Ms. SQUIRES -

(No. 23) – The Vulnerable Persons Living with a Mental Disability Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les personnes vulnérables ayant une déficience mentale

Hon. Mr. NESBITT -

(No. 24) – The Wildfires Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les incendies échappés (Recommended by Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. TEITSMA-

(No. 29) - The Life Leases Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les baux viagers

Hon. Mr. SMITH (Lagimodière) -

(No. 30) – The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment and Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation Amendment Act (2)/Loi nº 2 modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis et la Loi sur la Société manitobaine des alcools et des loteries

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR MONDAY:

Hon. Mr. JOHNSON -

(No. 31) - The Animal Care Amendment Act (2)/Loi nº 2 modifiant la Loi sur le soin des animaux

Hon. Ms. SQUIRES -

(No. 32) – An Act respecting Child and Family Services (Indigenous Jurisdiction and Related Amendments)/Loi concernant les services à l'enfant et à la famille (champ de compétence autochtone et modifications connexes)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Mr. ALTOMARE – Calling on the Provincial Government to Stop Underfunding Education

5. WHEREAS adequately funded education supports the development of Manitoba's children and has the potential to break cycles of poverty, close the gap in social inequality and create a more inclusive society; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government under this Premier has acted just like Brian Pallister by inadequately funding education, which negatively impacts Manitoba's students; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has consistently underspent its budgets for education and strategic education infrastructure investments by millions of dollars, nearing \$220 million in the 2021-2022 year alone; and

WHEREAS rising costs, increased enrollment and inadequate funding have forced school divisions such as Brandon School Division, Seven Oaks, Pembina Trails and more to cut programs which the most vulnerable students and families rely upon such as all-day kindergarten, speech-language pathology, psychology and reading recovery; and WHEREAS school divisions across the province have had to cut staff positions including teachers, education assistants, librarians and more because of the Provincial Government's underfunding of education, which has increased class sizes and reduced the amount of direct engagement educators have with children; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government's reduced its share of funding education from 62.4% to 56.4% while attempting to undermine education with Bill 64, a bill that was seconded by the Premier; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government previously promised to implement a new education funding model by 2023-2024 but has instead delayed it to 2024-2025 in order to hide its reduction in funding until after the next election.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba condemn the Provincial Government for its failure to properly fund schools, teachers and communities and urge the Provincial Government to stop underfunding education, and to release its hidden education funding model.