



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 46

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

The following Bill was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined:

(No. 224) – The Fatality Inquiries Amendment Act (Overdose Death Reporting)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les enquêtes médico-légales (rapport sur les décès par surdose)

[Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas)]

Mr. TEITSMA, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development, presented its Third Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on April 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 254 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- **Bill (No. 41)** – The Fair Registration Practices in Regulated Professions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les pratiques d'inscription équitables dans les professions réglementées
- **Bill (No. 61)** – The Apprenticeship and Certification Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'apprentissage et la reconnaissance professionnelle

Committee Membership

- Hon. Mr. EICHLER
- Hon. Mr. HELWER
- Mr. LINDSEY
- Mr. MOSES
- Mr. SMOOK
- Mr. TEITSMA

Your Committee elected Mr. TEITSMA as the Chairperson.
Your Committee elected Mr. SMOOK as the Vice-Chairperson.

As per the Sessional Order passed by the House on October 7, 2020 and further amended on December 3, 2020, Rule 83(2) was waived for the April 8, 2021 meeting, reducing the membership to six Members (4 Government and 2 Official Opposition).

Non-Committee Members Speaking on Record

- Ms. LAMOUREUX

Public Presentations

Your Committee heard the following eight presentations on **Bill (No. 41)** – The Fair Registration Practices in Regulated Professions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les pratiques d'inscription équitables dans les professions réglementées:

Katherine Stansfield	Manitoba Alliance of Health Regulatory Colleges
Jessica Praznik	Immigration Partnership Winnipeg
Lizeth Argila	SEED Winnipeg Inc.
Seid Ahmed	Manitoba Association of Newcomers Serving Organizations
Monika Feist	Success Skills Centre
Vikoria Vladimirova	Eastman and Interlake Region
Shawna Finnegan	Private Citizen
Darcia Senft	Law Society of Manitoba

Public Presentations

Your Committee heard the following 12 presentations on **Bill (No. 61)** – The Apprenticeship and Certification Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'apprentissage et la reconnaissance professionnelle:

Tanya Palson	Private Citizen
Ramona Coey	Mechanical Contractors Association of Manitoba
Kyle Kalcsics	Local 254 Plumbers & Pipe Fitters
Marc Lafond	Operating Engineers Local 987
Aarti Sharma	Private Citizen
Kevin Rebeck	Manitoba Federation of Labour
Ron Hambley	Winnipeg Construction Association
Sudhir Sandhu	Manitoba Building Trades
Shawn Kettner	Private Citizen
Patrick Falconer	Private Citizen
Peter Wightman	Construction Labour Relation Association of Manitoba
Robert Duarte	The Iron Workers

Written Submissions

Your Committee received the following three written submissions on **Bill (No. 61)** – The Apprenticeship and Certification Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'apprentissage et la reconnaissance professionnelle:

Darryl Harrison	Winnipeg Construction Association
Yvette Milner	Merit Contractors Association
Ramona Coey	Mechanical Contractors Association of Manitoba

Bills Considered and Reported

- **Bill (No. 41)** – The Fair Registration Practices in Regulated Professions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les pratiques d'inscription équitables dans les professions réglementées

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 61)** – The Apprenticeship and Certification Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'apprentissage et la reconnaissance professionnelle

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. TEITSMA, the Report of the Committee was received.

Mr. REYES, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs, presented its Fourth Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on April 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- **Bill (No. 13)** – The Public Sector Construction Projects (Tendering) Act/Loi sur les projets de construction dans le secteur public (appels d'offres)
- **Bill (No. 17)** – The Drivers and Vehicles Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les conducteurs et les véhicules
- **Bill (No. 20)** – The Vehicle Technology Testing Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur la mise à l'essai des technologies des véhicules (modification de diverses lois)
- **Bill (No. 23)** – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Control of Traffic by Flag Persons)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (contrôle de la circulation par des signaleurs)
- **Bill (No. 28)** – The Water Resources Administration Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'aménagement hydraulique

Committee Membership

- Hon. Mrs. GUILLEMARD
- Mr. MICHALESKI
- Mr. REYES (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. SANDHU
- Hon. Mr. SCHULER
- Mr. WIEBE

Your Committee elected Mr. MICHALESKI as the Vice-Chairperson.

Non-Committee Members Speaking on Record

- Hon. Mr. GERRARD

As per the Sessional Order passed by the House on October 7, 2020 and further amended on December 3, 2020, Rule 83(2) was waived for the April 8, 2021 meeting, reducing the membership to six Members (4 Government and 2 Official Opposition).

Public Presentations

Your Committee heard the following 10 presentations on **Bill (No. 13)** – The Public Sector Construction Projects (Tendering) Act/Loi sur les projets de construction dans le secteur public (appels d'offres)

Paul Moist	Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives Manitoba
Kevin Rebeck	Manitoba Federation of Labour
Sudhir Sandhu	Manitoba Building Trades
Tanya Palson	Private citizen
Chris Lorenc	President, Manitoba Heavy Construction Association
Jeff Skinner	IBEW 2085
Kyle Kalsics	Local 254 Plumbers & Pipe Fitters
Marc Lafond	Operating Engineers Local 987
Aarti Sharma	Private citizen
Kyley Parker	Private citizen

Written Submissions

Your Committee received the following four written submissions on **Bill (No. 13)** – The Public Sector Construction Projects (Tendering) Act/Loi sur les projets de construction dans le secteur public (appels d'offres)

Darryl Harrison	The Winnipeg Construction Association
Yvette Milner	Merit Contractors Association of Manitoba
Nathan Koslowsky	CLAC Local 152
Mike Martens	Progressive Contractors Association of Canada

Your Committee received the following written submission on **Bill (No. 20)** – The Vehicle Technology Testing Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur la mise à l'essai des technologies des véhicules (modification de diverses lois)

Denys Volkov	Association of Manitoba Municipalities
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Bills Considered and Reported

- **Bill (No. 13)** – The Public Sector Construction Projects (Tendering) Act/Loi sur les projets de construction dans le secteur public (appels d'offres)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 17)** – The Drivers and Vehicles Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les conducteurs et les véhicules

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 20)** – The Vehicle Technology Testing Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur la mise à l'essai des technologies des véhicules (modification de diverses lois)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 23)** – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Control of Traffic by Flag Persons)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (contrôle de la circulation par des signaleurs)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 28)** – The Water Resources Administration Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'aménagement hydraulique

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. REYES, the Report of the Committee was received.

Hon. Mr. PALLISTER, the First Minister, made a statement regarding the Passing of Prince Philip.

Mr. KINEW and, by leave, Hon. Mr. GERRARD commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Hon. Ms. GORDON, Ms. FONTAINE, Hon. Ms. CLARKE, Messrs. WIEBE and REYES made Members' Statements.

The following petitions were presented and read to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba:

Mr. BUSHIE – To urge the Provincial Government to reverse changes to the nursery school grants and to end the freeze on childcares operating grants while committing to keeping public childcare affordable and accessible for all Manitoban Families.

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – To urge the Provincial Government to provide financing for upgrades to the cochlear implant covered under Medicare, or provide funding assistance through the Cochlear Implant Speech Processor Replacement Program, to assist with the replacement costs associated with a device upgrade.

Mr. MALOWAY – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately demand Dynacare maintain all the phlebotomy (blood sample) sites existing prior to the Covid-19 public health emergency, and allow all Manitobans to get their blood and urine tests done when visiting their doctor, thereby facilitating local access to blood testing services.

Mr. MOSES – To urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

Mr. SANDHU – To urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

Mr. WIEBE – To urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

The House resumed the Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. FIELDING:

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

And the proposed amendment moved by Mr. KINEW 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) refusing to learn the lessons of the pandemic by further reducing healthcare funding and holding it to below the inflation rate, compromising bedside care and failing to prepare for a potential third wave; and
- b) cutting emergency acute care funding while spending millions on the Health Transformation Office to cut nurses and other front line health care workers and close rural ERs; and

- c) failing to invest in rural and northern healthcare to ensure all Manitobans have access to the care they need close to home by freezing doctor and nurse recruitment efforts; and
- d) cutting the health capital budget, which means less investments in services, such as a seizure clinic, and new technology and refusing to invest in training for frontline health professionals, such as nurses to help Manitobans get quality care; and
- e) failing to improve long term care and home care for seniors after the Maples and Parkview Place tragedies by cutting long term care funding; and
- f) failing to provide any funding or details on addressing the failing vaccine rollout, while freezing funding for the Emergency Measures Office which assists with logistics and planning; and
- g) compromising the Crown Corporation, Manitoba Hydro, by trying to influence Manitoba Hydro operations and continuing their unconstitutional wage freezes, by refusing to repeal Bill 28, which has caused a strike for members of IBEW; and
- h) failing to be transparent with Manitobans with its plans to increase hydro rates this year after raising their rates in last year's budget; and
- i) failing to be transparent with its plan to privatize Manitoba Hydro; and
- j) providing millions in funds for insurance brokers but refusing to pay a fair wage to employees of Manitoba Public Insurance; and
- k) jeopardizing access to rural broadband by pursuing privatization and failing to provide investments to ensure rural and northern communities can get connected to highspeed internet; and
- l) continuing to reduce education funding, cutting literacy and learning supports and supports for children with exceptional needs, compromising children's success and their ability to catch up after the pandemic; and
- m) requiring educators to pay out of pocket to meet the educational needs of children because of inadequate educational funding; and
- n) failing to implement a universal school breakfast program and cutting supports for food security in the north, to ensure every child succeeds in the classroom; and
- o) refusing to provide menstrual products in schools, to make sure no student is subjected to period poverty; and
- p) continuing to cut funding for post-secondary institutions which will raise tuition, making education less affordable and accessible, cutting supports for apprentices and adult literacy, hindering Manitoba's economic recovery; and

- q) failing to provide any additional aid for small businesses or communities suffering job losses to ensure their success and economic recovery during and after the pandemic; and
- r) failing to adequately fund public childcare after five years of funding freezes and opening up public dollars to for-profit centers, all while cutting subsidies for families; and
- s) refusing to invest in local mental health supports and ignoring the addictions and homelessness crisis, while refusing to invest in supports such as a safe consumption site or building new social and affordable housing units; and
- t) failing to address climate change by continuing a court challenge on carbon pricing, while cutting its own Climate and Green Plan Implementation Office; and
- u) charging people more fees for government services, such as Park Passes, during a pandemic when more Manitobans are trying to get outside; and
- v) refusing to fund improvements for the North End Sewage Treatment Plant to help save Lake Winnipeg; and
- w) cutting funding to municipalities compromising their ability to fund services and priorities such as transit; and
- x) failing to support agricultural producers during what is anticipated to be a year of drought, by cutting risk management and support programs and cutting funding for Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation; and
- y) failing to provide support for women, BIPOC, newcomers and low-income Manitobans to fully assist in a social and economic recovery from the pandemic, including training and credential recognition; and
- z) failing to provide targeted supports with racialized, workplace and geographic data in mind while refusing to implement a living wage for Manitobans; and
- aa) cutting Indigenous and Northern Relations budget by millions, compromising consultation and reconciliation efforts and freezing supports from Community Economic Development Fund and refusing to include representatives of the Métis nation in its pandemic response; and
- bb) cutting the Sports, Culture and Heritage budget by millions, including the Status of Women, which further jeopardizes economic recovery for women and recreation opportunities for children; and
- cc) failing to match the commitment of Manitobans who have worked together heroically and sacrificed collectively to fight COVID-19; and
- dd) failing to have any Members of the Provincial Government caucus stand up against this budget.

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

And the proposed sub-amendment moved by Hon. Mr. GERRARD as follows:

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

- ee) failing to adhere to the most basic standards of honesty, competence and human decency, with a budget that gaslights Manitobans with empty promises while denying the basic necessities of life of housing, food, clean water and lifesaving and enabling medications and devices; and
- ff) failing utterly to learn from its own catastrophic failures and incompetence in mishandling the second wave of COVID-19, business supports and the vaccine rollout, and choosing to plow ahead with radical right-wing policies that will eviscerate public services and the families and communities who depend on them; and
- gg) failing the basic obligations of every government in a crisis, to place the common good ahead of blind partisanship and ideology, choosing instead to present a budget that steals from the poor and gives to the rich, loots the public treasury while running up billions in debt in order to cut cheques that enriches itself and its political cronies.

And the debate continuing on the sub-amendment,

And Messrs. ALTOMARE, ISLEIFSON, LINDSEY and LAGASSÉ having spoken.

And Mr. LAMONT speaking at 12:30 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

The House then adjourned at 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 12, 2021.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.