



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 26

FIFTH SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

The following Bills were read a First Time and had their purposes outlined:

(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. REYES)

(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. CULLEN)

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

(MLA MARCELINO)

Pursuant to Rule 28(1), Mr. PEDERSEN, MLA MARCELINO, Hon. Mr. TEITSMA, Mr. MOSES and Hon. Mr. NESBITT made Members' Statements.

The following petition was presented and read to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba:

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – To urge the Provincial Government to change the requirements for accessing Community Living and disABILITY Services so that these requirements are based on the needs of individuals with specific or nonspecific disabilities, including executive function or a combination of disabilities, rather than solely on the basis of their IQ.

Mr. MALOWAY – To urge the Provincial Government to work with municipalities to establish a province wide tax rebate or other incentive program to encourage residents and businesses to purchase approved home and business security protection systems.

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

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) 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 sub-amendment moved by Mr. LAMONT 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
- f) 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

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- 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
- l) 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.

And the debate continuing on the sub-amendment,

And Mr. BRAR, Hon. Messrs. WHARTON and GERRARD and Mr. ISLEIFSON having spoken.

And Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) 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, March 13, 2023.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.