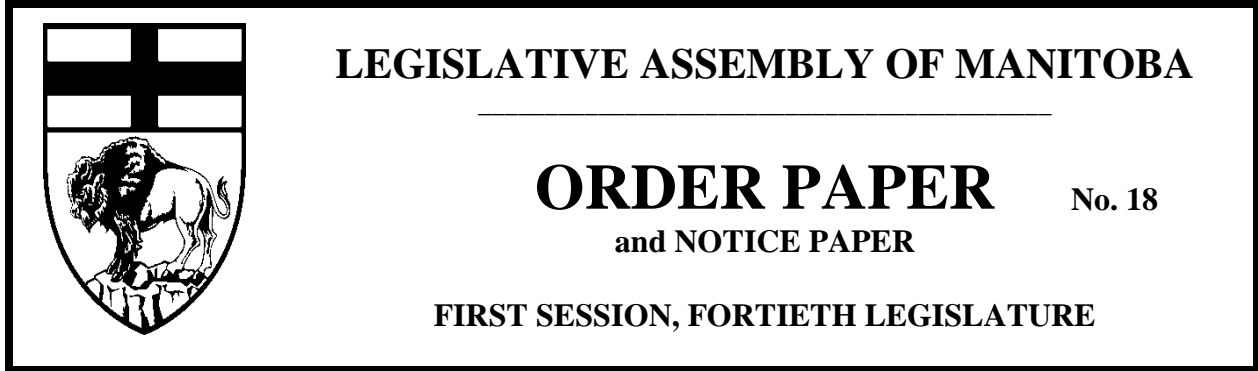


Thursday, April 19, 2012



PRAYER

SITTING AT 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Hon. Ms. SELBY –

(No. 2) – The Protecting Affordability for University Students Act (Council on Post-Secondary Education Act Amended)/Loi sur la protection de l'accessibilité aux études universitaires (modification de la Loi sur le Conseil de l'enseignement postsecondaire)

Hon. Mr. ASHTON –

(No. 3) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Speed Limits in School Zones)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (limites de vitesse dans les zones scolaires)

Hon. Mr. SWAN –

(No. 4) – The Missing Persons Act/Loi sur les personnes disparues

Hon. Mr. ASHTON –

(No. 5) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Inter-City Bus Service)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (service d'autobus interurbain)

Mrs. ROWAT –

(No. 200) – The Seniors' Rights Act/Loi sur les droits des aînés

Mrs. TAILLIEU –

(No. 201) – The Personal Information Protection and Identity Theft Prevention Act/Loi sur la protection des renseignements personnels et la prévention du vol d'identité

Mrs. ROWAT –

(No. 202) – The Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Act/Loi sur le dépistage systématique des déficiences auditives chez les nouveau-nés

Mrs. TAILLIEU –

(No. 203) – The Regulatory Accountability and Transparency Act/Loi sur la responsabilité et la transparence en matière réglementaire

Mr. BRIESE –

(No. 205) – The Municipal Amendment and City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment Act (Defamation Protection)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les municipalités et la Charte de la ville de Winnipeg (protection contre les accusations de diffamation)

Mr. EICHLER –

(No. 206) – The Drivers and Vehicles Amendment Act (Licence Plates for Volunteer Firefighters)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les conducteurs et les véhicules (plaques d'immatriculation pour pompiers volontaires)

Mrs. MITCHELSON –

(No. 207) – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services à l'enfant et à la famille

PETITIONS

Mr. GOERTZEN
Mr. GRAYDON
Mrs. ROWAT
Mr. BRIESE

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ADJOURNED DEBATE (THIRD DAY OF DEBATE):

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS –

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

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

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

therefore regrets this budget fails to address the priorities of Manitobans by:

- a) breaking the Premier's promise not to increase taxes; and
- b) imposing \$184 million in new taxes on hard pressed Manitoba families, who are also facing higher hydro rates and property taxes, increased child care fees and a range of other hidden taxes; and
- c) driving gas prices higher at a time when gas prices in Manitoba have already increased 12% so far this year, further increasing the burden on Manitoba families, while cutting spending on Manitoba's crumbling infrastructure; and
- d) failing to take action to build safe communities as Manitoba has become the violent crime capital of Canada with Winnipeg's murder rate reaching an all time high in 2011; and
- e) failing to recognize the importance of agriculture, food production and rural communities; and
- f) failing to take action to protect Manitobans from future floods and failing to adequately compensate families for past damages; and
- g) failing Manitoba students who scored among the lowest in Canada on national and international reading, math and science tests; and
- h) creating an even bigger sinkhole of debt, now at \$27.6 billion and rising, which as a result will force Manitoba families to pay higher taxes in the years ahead; and
- i) failing to encourage greater trade opportunities with Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan by refusing to join the New West Partnership; and

- j) failing to undertake a review of program spending across all government services; and
- k) failing to tackle the red tape burden that is hurting business and private investment in Manitoba; and
- l) failing to comply with recommendations of the Public Utilities Board to carry out an independent review of Manitoba Hydro's capital program; and
- m) mismanaging \$35 billion in federal transfer payments received since 2000; and
- n) failing to offer a plan to encourage private investment to create opportunity and wealth so Manitobans can feel hope that our province will one day emerge from the hole of debt and dependency and see a brighter future.

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

(Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK – 19 mins)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION:

Hon. Ms. MELNICK – Federal Centralization of Settlement Services

WHEREAS in 1995, the Provincial Government took advantage of the Government of Canada's offer to develop devolved immigration settlement services agreements; and

WHEREAS in 1998, the Governments of Canada and Manitoba signed the Canada-Manitoba Immigration Agreement with two critical components, a Settlement Annex and a Provincial Nominee Program Annex; and

WHEREAS Manitoba's business and community leaders were key architects of the Manitoba immigration model and continue to be strong supporters of this successful approach today; and

WHEREAS Manitoba's successful Provincial Nominee Program accounts for 77% of all immigration to Manitoba; and

WHEREAS preliminary figures show that this program played a key role in bringing nearly 16,000 immigrants to Manitoba in 2011; and

WHEREAS since 1999, under the Provincial Nominee Program, over 100,000 new immigrants have settled in Manitoba with more than 25,000 choosing to settle in rural Manitoba contributing to over 130 communities including Brandon, Winkler, Morden, Steinbach, Dauphin and Neepawa; and

WHEREAS the settlement services component of the Canada-Manitoba Immigration Agreement has ensured an effective, integrated Manitoba model of settlement service delivery that is key to ensuring immigrants have the supports they need to be contributing members of Manitoba's economy; and

WHEREAS this important agreement enables the Provincial Government to work directly with over 200 not-for-profit and institutional service providers to ensure immigrants have arrival orientation, labour market supports, adult language training, and integration services; and

WHEREAS an independent evaluation of participants in Manitoba's Provincial Nominee Program showed 85% of respondents were working after three months, and 83% of respondents were working in their fields or a related field; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has announced it is cancelling the Settlement Annex of the Canada-Manitoba Immigration Agreement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba call on the Government of Canada to immediately reverse its decision to cancel the Settlement Annex of the Canada-Manitoba Immigration Agreement with the Provincial Government in order to maintain the successful Manitoba immigration model.

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FRIDAY:

Hon. Ms. OSWALD –

(No. 6) – The Regional Health Authorities Amendment Act (Improved Fiscal Responsibility and Community Involvement)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les offices régionaux de la santé (accroissement de la responsabilité financière et de la participation communautaire)

Mr. GRAYDON –

(No. 208) – The Remembrance Day Awareness Act and Amendments to The Public Schools Act/Loi sur la sensibilisation au jour du Souvenir et modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques

Mr. GOERTZEN –

(No. 209) – The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Conflict of Interest Amendment Act (Cooling-Off Periods Related to Independent Officers)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les conflits d'intérêts au sein de l'Assemblée législative et du Conseil exécutif (périodes de restriction imposées aux hauts fonctionnaires indépendants)

Mr. SMOOK –

(No. 210) – The Participation of Manitoba in the New West Partnership Act/Loi sur la participation du Manitoba au nouveau partenariat de l'Ouest

Mrs. STEFANSON –

(No. 211) – The Increased Transparency and Accountability Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur la transparence et la responsabilité (modification de diverses dispositions législatives)

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

The Standing Committee on CROWN CORPORATIONS will meet in Room 255, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba on Monday, April 23, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the following reports:

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Lotteries Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010
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