



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 40

SECOND SESSION, FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Hon. Mr. WISHART presented:

Annual Report of the The Manitoba Student Aid Program for the program year ending July 31, 2016.

(Sessional Paper No. 33)

Hon. Mr. WISHART, the Minister of Education and Training, made a statement regarding the student visitors to Vimy Ridge.

Mr. SWAN and, by leave, Ms. KLASSEN commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Messrs. MARTIN, LINDSEY and HELWER, Ms. LAMOUREUX and Mr. BINDLE made Members' Statements.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. MALOWAY – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30.

Mr. SWAN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30.

Ms. LATHLIN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30.

Mr. ALTEMEYER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to recognize the need for excellent recreation facilities in all Manitoba schools, to reverse this regressive cut and to provide Kelvin High School with the funding necessary to complete a new gymnasium and wellness centre. (C. Kacsmar, A. Minish, A. Stanton and others)

Mr. KINEW – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to recognize the tireless efforts of Dakota Collegiate, its students, parents, staff and the surrounding community, to recognize the need for excellent recreation facilities in all Manitoba schools, to reverse this regressive cut and to provide the funding necessary to complete the Louis Riel School Division Sports Complex.

Mr. LINDSEY – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30.

Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30.

Mr. SARAN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30.

In accordance with Rule 33(7), the Government House Leader announced that the Asserting Copyright for Victims of Child Abuse Resolution will be considered on the next Tuesday of Private Members' Business.

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

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

And the proposed amendment moved by Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) as follows:

THAT the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after “House” and submitting:

therefore regrets that this budget neglects the priorities of Manitobans, ignores the needs of families and seniors and fails to present a clear, strategic and inclusive vision for the future of Manitoba by:

- a) going back on the promise to protect front line services and making deep cuts to the services families depend on; and
- b) closing three emergency rooms and an urgent care centre in Winnipeg, leaving families in north and south Winnipeg without timely access to emergency or urgent care; and
- c) cutting the health infrastructure budget by 20 per cent after cancelling \$1 billion in health projects including critical facilities like CancerCare, an ACCESS centre or primary care clinics in the north; and
- d) ignoring the campaign promise to build thousands of personal care home beds after eliminating the Hospital Home Team program and cancelling personal care home projects in Winnipeg and rural Manitoba; and
- e) making no real investment in healthcare prevention and healthy living programs which keep families and seniors out of emergency rooms; and

- f) refusing to raise the minimum wage for a second year, hurting low-income workers, who are predominantly women, while failing to offer any job creation strategy for Manitoba workers; and
- g) cutting millions of dollars from Manitoba's housing budget and failing to match the Federal Government's housing commitment; and
- h) failing to make the communities families and seniors live in safer, without any new commitments to prevent crime and deal with the root causes of crime; and
- i) refusing to reverse their changes to the Provincial Nominee Program, including removing the additional fee and removing any incentives for newcomers to settle down in Manitoba; and
- j) failing to provide any investments in promoting gender equality and closing the pay gap for women in the workplace, while removing capacity within the Status of Women Secretariat; and
- k) investing so little into Manitoba's childcare system that it only addresses three per cent of the childcare waitlist; and
- l) raising post-secondary tuition fees by up to seven per cent and deregulating course fees; and
- m) balancing the budget on the backs of students by raising taxes on recent post-secondary graduates up to \$2,500 a year, while refusing to make investments in universities and colleges; and
- n) failing to present any kind of strategy for training and long term job creation in Manitoba to grow the province's economy and support youth in changing and uncertain economic times; and
- o) making no new commitment to build new K-12 schools, such as Waterford Green or in south Brandon, as well as no new investments in science labs, shops, classrooms or gyms for public schools and cutting the education infrastructure budget by nearly 30 per cent, following the Provincial Government's short-sighted elimination of the small-class size initiative; and
- p) cutting tax credits for post-secondary students but giving political donors a tax break on donations; and
- q) cutting spending on highways by nearly \$30 million, on top of a previous cut of nearly \$50 million in the previous budget, at a time when investment in strategic infrastructure is necessary to grow the economy; and
- r) making almost no investment for northern Manitoba without a long term strategy to grow the north's economy or a plan to revive the economy of Churchill or a plan to work with Indigenous groups to create a sustainable vision for the communities in the north; and
- s) failing to provide any real strategy to combat climate change after the Provincial Government brought in a regressive bill to weaken water protection standards and environmental regulations; and

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 Ms. KLASSEN as follows:

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

- t) failing to address the most vulnerable by not increasing Employment Income Assistance amounts to 75% of the Market Basket Measure; and
- u) failing to support advancements in Mental Health Care by freezing the overall mental health funding; and
- v) failing to support community development and home repairs in Manitoba by freezing funding to Neighbourhoods Alive!; and
- w) failing to support science and innovation by not updating technology systems; and
- x) failing to develop a duty to consult on a framework for Indigenous communities; and
- y) failing to support Justice diversion programs like Drug Courts, Mental health Courts and Youth Justice Committees; and
- z) failing to protect the environment by cutting funding to the Clean Environment Commission, Water Science and Watershed Management; and
- aa) failing to invest in the promotion of practical home ownership opportunities for Indigenous families; and
- bb) failing to support public education by cutting funding to school divisions; and
- cc) failing to provide multi-year agreements to community development organizations; and
- dd) failing to support the vulnerable by cutting the funding for victim services; and
- ee) failing to support community safety by cutting funding for crime prevention; and
- ff) failing to support people with disabilities; and
- gg) failing to support Children in Care by continuing to claw back the children's special allowance while cutting funding to CFS organizations who have demonstrated positive results; and
- hh) failing to provide funding for a suicide prevention plan; and
- ii) failing to provide an economic plan for First Nation communities; and

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- jj) failing to invest in northern or rural health care by not increasing budgets to inflation; and
- kk) failing to uphold the Jordan's principal resolution as unanimously voted by this House by cutting the funding to Indigenous health - Intergovernmental Strategic Relations by almost one million dollars or 33% of the total budget; and
- ll) failing to commit funding for the Kelvin High School gym and the Dakota Alumni field.

And the debate continuing on the sub-amendment,

And Hon. Ms. SQUIRES, Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Messrs. SMITH and MALOWAY, Hon. Mr. WISHART and Messrs. WIEBE, WOWCHUK and SARAN having spoken.

And Mr. ALTEMEYER speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, 2017.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.