



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 20

SECOND SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Mr. JOHNSON moved:

THAT Bill (No. 210) – The Wildlife Amendment Act (Protecting Property from Water and Wildlife Damage)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la conservation de la faune (protection des biens contre les dommages causés par les eaux et la faune), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

Mr. JOHNSON having spoken,

And Messrs. BRAR, WOWCHUK, MICHALESKI and LAMONT having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. BRAR, LAMONT and BUSHIE having spoken,

And Ms. FONTAINE speaking at 11:00 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

Mr. WISHART moved:

Resolution No. 4: \$2020 Tax Rollback Guarantee

WHEREAS the previous NDP Provincial Government (NDP) took money off of the kitchen tables of Manitobans through various tax increases; and

WHEREAS the NDP increased taxes 15 times over 14 years, routinely failed to balance the budget and projected increasing deficits year after year; and

WHEREAS the NDP increased the PST to 8% as well as expanded the PST base to more goods and services, including home insurance and haircuts: and

WHEREAS the NDP missed every budget target they set since 2003, resulting in Manitoba's debt doubling in just six years and debt servicing charges reaching record levels of over \$1 billion; and

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WHEREAS the current Provincial Government believes in fixing the finances, repairing the services and rebuilding the economy and is committed to making life more affordable for all Manitobans; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government introduced the \$2020 “Tax Rollback Guarantee”, saving Manitobans an average of \$2020 over the next four years, thereby bringing significant savings to everybody across the province; and

WHEREAS on July 1, 2019, the Provincial Government reduced the PST to 7%, allowing Manitoba families to keep more of their hard-earned money; and

WHEREAS the reduction of the PST is the largest tax cut in Manitoba history, saving Manitobans more than \$300 million annually; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has also eliminated the PST on the preparation of wills, and will be eliminating the PST on more goods and services, such as home insurance, haircuts, and tax return preparations; and

WHEREAS the \$2020 Tax Rollback Guarantee includes measures previously implemented by the Provincial Government, such as indexing the Basic Personal Amount and personal income tax brackets; and

WHEREAS the 7,700 Manitobans already removed from the tax rolls have saved more than \$75 million due to changes implemented by the Provincial Government; and

WHEREAS in 2020, it is estimated that another 3,300 Manitobans will be removed from the tax rolls, resulting in additional tax savings of \$34 million.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be urged to fight for Manitobans to have the right to retain their money and to sustain low taxes through the \$2020 Tax Rollback Guarantee.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. WISHART having spoken,

And Messrs. WASYLIW and SMITH (Lagimodière), Ms. GORDON, Messrs. LAMONT and MARTIN having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. WASYLIW, SMITH (Lagimodière) and SALA and MLA ASAGWARA having spoken,

And Mr. LAMONT speaking at 12:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

(No. 31) – The Human Rights Code Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code des droits de la personne

(Hon. Mr. CULLEN)

(No. 32) – The Administrative Tribunal Jurisdiction Act/Loi sur la compétence des tribunaux administratifs

(Hon. Mr. CULLEN)

Hon. Mr. CULLEN presented:

Annual Report of the Manitoba Human Rights Commission and Human Rights Adjudication Panel for the year ending December 31, 2018.

(Sessional Paper No. 17)

Madam Speaker presented:

Members' Allowances Compliance Report from April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2019.

(Sessional Paper No. 18)

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Ms. NAYLOR, Messrs. LAGIMODIERE and LINDSEY, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. NESBITT made Members' Statements.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Ms. ADAMS – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba 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.

MLA ASAGWARA – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba 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. BRAR – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Agriculture to reconsider the changes to Crown land leases and instead create an agreeable strategy that satisfies all parties, specifically ranchers; to recognize the value of agriculture in the province of Manitoba and the value Crown land holds to farmers in sustaining their livelihood; and to understand the important role farmers play in the Manitoba economy and to allow them to take part in discussions that directly impact their livelihood.

Mr. BUSHIE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba 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.

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Mr. LINDSEY – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba 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 – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba 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.

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase training and staffing requirements for personal care homes in Manitoba to ensure residents receive high quality nutritious food as well as compassionate care.

Ms. MARCELINO – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba 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. MOSES – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba 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.

Ms. NAYLOR – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba 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. SALA – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba 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 – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba 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. WASYLIW – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba 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.

Ms. FONTAINE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba 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.

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Hon. Mr. FRIESEN for Hon. Mr. FIELDING delivered to Madam Speaker a message from Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Manitoba as follows:

Janice FILMON
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, estimates of additional sums required for the services of the province for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March 2020 and recommends these Supplementary Estimates to the Legislative Assembly.

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(Sessional Paper No. 19)

The House resolving into Committee of Supply.

Mr. PIWNIUK, Chairperson of the Committee of Supply, presented the Report of the Proceedings of the Committee of March 10, 2020 as follows:

IN THE COMMITTEE

The following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED that a sum not exceeding \$35,200,000 may be incurred for the public service according to the appropriations set out in Part A of the Supplementary Estimates and be granted to Her Majesty for the Fiscal Year ending the 31st day of March, 2020.

The Resolution was reported and the Report was received.

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN moved:

THAT this House concur in the report of the Committee of Supply respecting concurrence in the resolution relating to the Supplementary Appropriation Bill for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020.

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN for Hon. Mr. FIELDING moved:

THAT there be granted to Her Majesty on account of Certain Expenditures of the Public Service for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2020 out of the Consolidated Fund, sums not exceeding \$35,200,000, as set out in Part A of the Supplementary Estimates.

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

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On motion of Hon. Mr. FRIESEN for Hon. Mr. FIELDING, Bill (No. 33) – The Supplementary Appropriation Act, 2019-2020/Loi portant affectation supplémentaire de crédits pour l'exercice 2019-2020, was read a First Time and ordered for Second Reading immediately.

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN for Hon. Mr. FIELDING moved:

THAT Bill (No. 33) – The Supplementary Appropriation Act, 2019-2020/Loi portant affectation supplémentaire de crédits pour l'exercice 2019-2020, be now read a Second Time, and be referred to Committee of the Whole.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. FRIESEN having spoken,

And MLA ASAGWARA, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Ms. LAMOUREUX having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And MLA ASAGWARA and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to Committee of the Whole.

The House resolving into Committee of the Whole.

Bill (No. 33) – The Supplementary Appropriation Act, 2019-2020/Loi portant affectation supplémentaire de crédits pour l'exercice 2019-2020 was considered in Committee of the Whole and reported without amendment.

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN for Hon. Mr. FIELDING moved:

THAT Bill (No. 33) – The Supplementary Appropriation Act, 2019-2020/Loi portant affectation supplémentaire de crédits pour l'exercice 2019-2020, reported from Committee of the Whole, be concurred in and be now read for a Third Time and passed.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. FRIESEN having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly concurred in, read a Third Time and passed.

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Her Honour, Janice FILMON, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Manitoba, having entered the House at 4:03 p.m., and being seated on the Throne:

Madam Speaker addressed Her Honour in the following words:

Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of Manitoba asks Your Honour to accept the following Bill:

(No. 33) – The Supplementary Appropriation Act, 2019-2020/Loi portant affectation supplémentaire de crédits pour l'exercice 2019-2020

To this Bill the Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly as follows:

"In Her Majesty's name, the Lieutenant Governor thanks the Legislative Assembly, and assents to this Bill."

At 4:05 p.m., Her Honour was then pleased to retire.

The House then adjourned at 4:09 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, 2020.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.