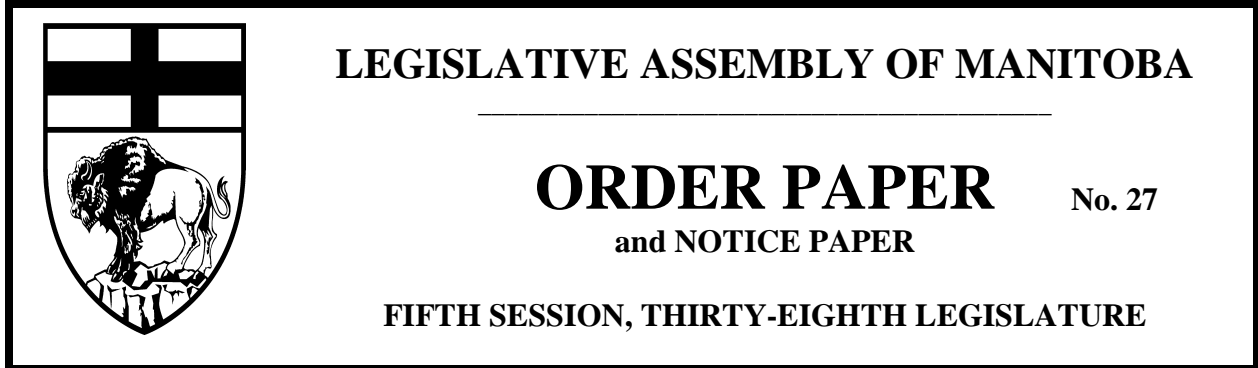


Friday, April 13, 2007



PRAYER

SITTING AT 10:00 A.M.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

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Hon. Mr. RONDEAU –

(No. 20) – The Biofuels Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les biocarburants

Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX –

(No. 22) – The Firefighters, Peace Officers and Workers Memorial Foundations Act/Loi sur les fondations à la mémoire des pompiers, des agents de la paix et des travailleurs

Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS –

(No. 23) – The Forest Health Protection Act/Loi sur la protection de la santé des forêts

Mr. SCHULER –

(No. 213) – The Labour Relations Amendment Act (Information in Employee's Language)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les relations du travail (renseignements fournis dans la langue des employés)

Mr. REIMER –

(No. 216) – The Municipal Assessment Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'évaluation municipale

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Mrs. ROWAT

Mr. LAMOUREUX

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ADJOURNED DEBATE (SIXTH DAY OF DEBATE):

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. SELINGER –

THAT this House approve 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 the words after "House" and substituting:

therefore regrets that this budget neglects many of the current and future needs of Manitobans by:

- (a) failing to set out a coherent plan to stem the flow of people out of Manitoba, after the loss of 35,000 Manitobans to other provinces since 1999; and
- (b) failing to make Manitoba a “have” province, reduce the debt and decrease the NDP government’s reliance on federal transfer payments; and
- (c) failing to implement taxation measures to make Manitoba competitive with other provinces; and
- (d) failing to entice businesses to come to Manitoba and spur economic and job growth while Manitoba now ranks seventh in job creation as it falls even further behind other jurisdictions; and
- (e) failing to address serious issues of crime such as auto theft, gang activity, and violent crime; and
- (f) failing to address chronic problems in health care, which has led Manitoba to be ranked 10th out of 10 provinces on health by the Conference Board of Canada; and

- (g) failing to address the emergency physician shortage that has crippled Manitoba hospitals and threatens to close more emergency rooms; and
- (h) failing to implement an effective strategy to reduce wait times for diagnostic testing, surgical procedures and appointments with specialists; and
- (i) failing to address the needs of farm families, increase slaughter capacity, develop a comprehensive biofuel strategy, and provide a sustainable plan for growth of agriculture and the rural economy; and
- (j) failing to declare a definitive end to the NDP government's practice of raiding Manitoba Hydro's revenues, which has negatively impacted the Crown Corporation's financial position; and
- (k) failing to address the fact that the government's mismanagement of the child welfare system has led to vulnerable children falling through the cracks; and
- (l) failing to embark on a long-overdue, science-based effort to clean up Lake Winnipeg, contrary to the Premier's earlier promise that the environment "trumps all other issues" in government; and
- (m) failing to acknowledge that the NDP government's inaction on the environment resulted in a 480,000 tonne increase of Manitoba's greenhouse gas emissions between 2004 and 2005, the highest percentage increase in Canada; and
- (n) failing to make meaningful progress to ensure the strength and competitiveness of our post-secondary institutions; and
- (o) failing to provide clear information about the Spirited Energy campaign, the subject of yet another investigation of the NDP government by the Auditor General; and
- (p) failing to be accountable to Manitobans for exorbitant cost overruns on the Floodway Expansion project and Manitoba Hydro office tower.

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

And the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. GERRARD in sub-amendment thereto as follows:

THAT the amendment be amended by adding thereto the following words:

And further regrets that this budget also ignores the present and future needs of Manitobans by:

- (q) failing to acknowledge that the province needs to stand shoulder to shoulder with Manitoba's First Nations and Métis Communities in responding to the major needs in the areas of housing, nutrition, wellness and other areas both by direct provincial action and by effectively calling the Federal Government to account for its shortcomings;
- (r) failing to take adequate measures to protect children in the care of Manitoba Child and Family Services and to provide adequate transition to children in care so that they are not at high risk after leaving care;

- (s) failing to provide an effective strategy to deal with child poverty;
- (t) failing to provide Manitobans with the legal rights to timely, quality health care;
- (u) failing to present an adequate approach to reduce phosphorous levels and algal blooms in Lake Winnipeg;
- (v) failing to provide an adequate five year plan and the needed resources to address the child care needs of Manitobans;
- (w) failing to provide adequate funding for the primary organization which provides provincial operating funding for health research the Manitoba Health Research Council;
- (x) failing to provide a vision for rural communities and farm families outside of the City of Winnipeg;
- (y) failing to provide adequate support for libraries in Manitoba – when libraries are one of the major building blocks needed to improve literacy in our province;
- (z) failing to provide adequate support to municipalities and small farming operations to end the practice of winter spreading of animal manure and human bio-solids;
- (aa) failing to make rapid transit a priority in the City of Winnipeg;
- (bb) failing to install an environmental levy on cosmetic fertilizers containing phosphorous that continue to aggravate the algae problems on Lake Winnipeg.

(Open)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

DEBATE ON CONCURRENCE AND THIRD READINGS:

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH –

(No. 38) – The Housing and Renewal Corporation Amendment Act (Fund for Housing Revitalization)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d’habitation et de rénovation (fonds destiné à la revitalisation des logements)

(Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK)

CONCURRENCE AND THIRD READINGS:

Hon. Mr. LATHLIN –

(No. 32) – The Real Property Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les biens réels

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On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS –

(No. 3) – The Healthy Child Manitoba Act/Loi sur la stratégie « Enfants en santé Manitoba »
(Mr. GOERTZEN)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. RONDEAU –

(No. 7) – The Real Property Amendment Act (Wind Turbines)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les biens réels (éoliennes)
(Mr. GOERTZEN) (Stands)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. MCGIFFORD –

(No. 10) – The Adult Literacy Act/Loi sur l'alphabétisation des adultes
(Mr. GOERTZEN)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. SELINGER –

(No. 11) – The Insurance Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les assurances
(Mr. DYCK) (Stands)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. BJORNSON –

(No. 12) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Regional Vocational Schools)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (écoles professionnelles régionales)
(Mr. DYCK)

SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Mr. SELINGER –

(No. 13) – The Securities Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les valeurs mobilières

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK –

(No. 14) – The Family Maintenance Amendment and Inter-jurisdictional Support Orders Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'obligation alimentaire et la Loi sur l'établissement et l'exécution réciproque des ordonnances alimentaires

Hon. Mr. RONDEAU –

(No. 15) – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment and Public Utilities Board Amendment Act (Electricity Reliability)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Hydro-Manitoba et la Loi sur la Régie des services publics (fiabilité du réseau électrique)
(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH –

(No. 16) – The Children's Advocate's Enhanced Mandate Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur l'élargissement du mandat du protecteur des enfants (modification de diverses dispositions législatives)
(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Ms. ALLAN –

(No. 17) – The Employment Standards Code Amendment Act (Leave for Reservists)/Loi modifiant le Code des normes d'emploi (congé à l'intention des réservistes)

Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK –

(No. 18) – The Organic Agricultural Products Act/Loi sur les produits agricoles biologiques
(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX –

(No. 19) – The Government Purchases Amendment Act (Responsible Manufacturing)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les achats du gouvernement (pratiques équitables des fabricants)

Hon. Ms. ALLAN –

(No. 21) – The Statutory Holidays Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur les jours fériés (modification de diverses dispositions législatives)
(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Ms. OSWALD –

(No. 40) – The Medical Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi médicale

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR MONDAY NEXT:

Hon. Ms. ALLAN –

(No. 24) – The Fair Registration Practices in Regulated Professions Act/Loi sur les pratiques d'inscription équitables dans les professions réglementées

Mr. LAMOUREUX –

(No. 218) – The Elections Amendment and Elections Finances Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi électorale et la Loi sur le financement des campagnes électorales

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR THURSDAY NEXT:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Mrs. ROWAT – Rural Job Loss/Centralization of Jobs

4. WHEREAS many of Manitoba's rural communities are facing great economic hardships; and

WHEREAS many agriculture producers are being forced to find income sources off of the farm to supplement their operations; and

WHEREAS developing and maintaining economic development and employment is one of the primary difficulties facing rural communities; and

WHEREAS the current government has shown a inclination to support the centralization of rural jobs and the removal of these jobs from rural settings; and

WHEREAS the centralization of rural jobs away from rural communities increases hardships and pulls much needed economic supports out of rural communities; and

WHEREAS the practice of centralization has negatively impacted a large number of rural families who are unsure of how they can continue to support themselves as employment options are removed from their communities; and

WHEREAS often families are forced to leave their home communities and family behind in order to seek employment opportunities in urban centres as jobs in their communities are removed or relocated; and

WHEREAS it is essential to ensure the continued sustainability of rural economies for the good of all Manitobans.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to strongly consider reversing its policy of centralization of rural government jobs, such as the crown lands jobs threatened in the communities of Minnedosa and Neepawa; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider keeping current government employment opportunities in the communities where they currently provide much needed economic investment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider providing greater support for the protection of rural employment in Manitoba.