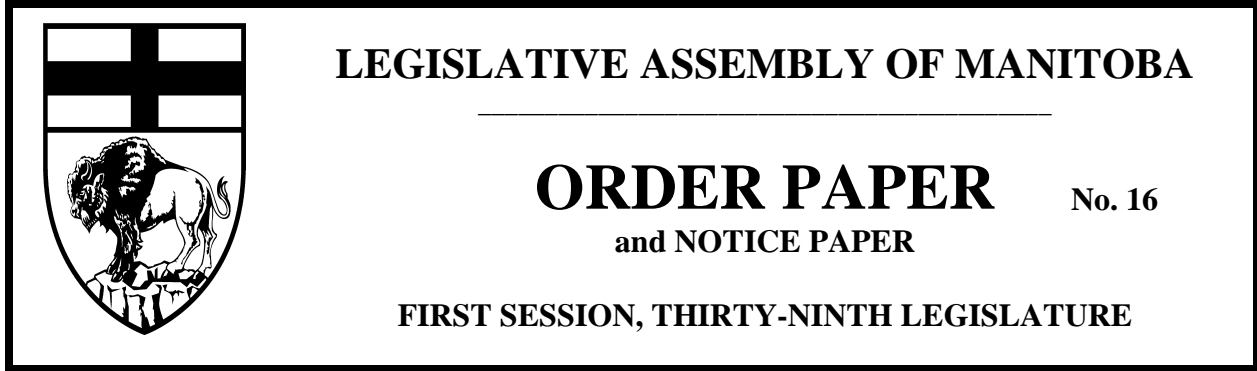


Tuesday, October 9, 2007



PRAYER

SITTING AT 10:00 A.M.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

SECOND READINGS – PUBLIC BILLS:

Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 205) – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Hydro-Manitoba

Mr. LAMOUREUX –

(No. 207) – The Elections Amendment and Elections Finances Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi électorale et la Loi sur le financement des campagnes électorales

Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 208) – The Elections Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi électorale

Mr. HAWRANIK –

(No. 209) – The Historic Trans-Canada Highway Act/Loi sur l'ancienne route transcanadienne

DEBATE ON SECOND READINGS – PUBLIC BILLS:

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 200) – The Health Services Amendment and Health Services Insurance Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services de santé et la Loi sur l'assurance-maladie

(Mr. DEWAR)

On the Proposed Motion of Mr. LAMOUREUX –

(No. 201) – The Liquor Control Amendment Act (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Prevention)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools (prévention de l'ensemble des troubles causés par l'alcoolisation fœtale)

(Ms. KORZENIOWSKI – 9 mins.)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 202) – The Apology Act/Loi sur la présentation d'excuses

(Mr. SWAN)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 203) – The Phosphorus-Free Dishwashing Detergent Act/Loi sur les détergents à vaisselle sans phosphore

(Mr. DEWAR)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 204) – The Personal Health Information Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les renseignements médicaux personnels

(Mr. CULLEN – 8 mins.)

On the Proposed Motion of Mrs. TAILLIEU –

(No. 206) – The Personal Information Protection and Identity Theft Prevention Act/Loi sur la protection des renseignements personnels et la prévention du vol d'identité

(Mr. MARTINDALE – 8 mins.)

RESOLUTION:

Ms. HOWARD – Public vs Private Health Care

5. WHEREAS the increasing costs of health care are largely the result of soaring drug prices, shortages of health care professionals, and the cost of services such as Pharmacare, not covered by the Canada Health Act; and

WHEREAS in public facilities, no funding is siphoned off as profit, less is spent on administration including bill collection and virtually no money is squandered on marketing; and

WHEREAS in a private health care system tax money must cover the costs of goods and services involved in health care as well as a substantial profit for shareholders; and

WHEREAS for-profit services have been consistently shown to be more costly than our public system and to boost their profits by poaching the lowest-risk patients – the young and healthy – for themselves, leaving the poor, the elderly and chronically ill to the public system; and

WHEREAS researchers at McMaster University examined the performance of 26,000 hospitals in the US over 15 years, and found that for-profit hospitals have a 2% higher death rate than not-for-profits because they cut corners by hiring less qualified staff in order to give the shareholders the needed 10 to 15% return on their investments - which translated into Canadian terms would mean the deaths of 2,200 more Canadians each year; and

WHEREAS private facilities lure health professionals who would otherwise be at work in public facilities, compounding shortages rather than easing them; and

WHEREAS study after study around the world has shown that allowing for-profit corporations to deliver health care services increases costs, lengthens waiting lists in the public system, and decreases the quality of care; and

WHEREAS savings from public clinics and hospitals are re-invested rather than going to shareholders; and

WHEREAS, in New Zealand, where for-profit clinics have been introduced, wait times for some vital surgeries have tripled; and

WHEREAS when private clinics are introduced, there are significantly fewer doctors able to serve the public system; and

WHEREAS an independent study by the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy found that when the previous government required patients to pay for some cataract surgeries, the wait lists for cataract surgeries without user fees were 2.5 times longer; and

WHEREAS an independent auditor's report released in December 2002 found that Ontario's plan for bringing in privately built, for-profit hospitals would cost taxpayers more in the long run than public facilities; and

WHEREAS a compilation of data from eight large studies, each of which included an average of 324 hospitals, showed that the costs of care in for-profit hospitals were 19% higher. If Canada's hospitals became profit-driven businesses, we would be paying a further \$7.2 billion each year; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba recognizes that parallel private health care would fundamentally undermine Manitoba's health care system by causing it to be less accessible, less efficient and more expensive.

DEBATE ON RESOLUTIONS:

1. Mr. SWAN – Youth Criminal Justice Act – Sentencing And Bail Provisions
(Mr. CULLEN – 5 mins./130 mins. remaining)
 2. Mr. SCHULER – Crocus Investment Fund Scandal
(Mr. DERKACH – 5 mins./125 mins. remaining)
 3. Mr. ALTEMEYER – Kyoto Support
(Mr. MAGUIRE – 8 mins./127 mins. remaining)
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SITTING AT 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS –

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

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK –

(No. 5) – The Public Accounts Committee Meeting Dates Act (Legislative Assembly Act Amended)/Loi sur les dates de réunion du Comité des comptes publics (modification de la Loi sur l'Assemblée législative)

Hon. Mr. SELINGER –

(No. 7) – The Insurance Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les assurances

Hon. Mr. SELINGER –

(No. 9) – The Securities Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les valeurs mobilières

Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH –

(No. 11) – 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)

Hon. Mr. ASHTON –

(No. 20) – The Planning Amendment Act (Deemed Single Operations)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'aménagement du territoire (exploitations réputées uniques)

Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH –

(No. 21) – 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. LATHLIN –

(No. 23) – The Real Property Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les biens réels

Hon. Mr. RONDEAU –

(No. 24) – 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)

Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 210) – The Workplace Safety and Health Amendment Act (Harassment in the Workplace)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la sécurité et l'hygiène du travail (harcèlement dans le lieu de travail)

Mr. SCHULER –

(No. 211) – The Teachers' Pensions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la pension de retraite des enseignants

PETITIONS

Mr. CULLEN

Mrs. TAILLIEU

Mr. LAMOUREUX

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ORDERS OF THE DAY (Continued)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

(32 hrs. 20 mins.)
(Chamber – Education, Citizenship and Youth)
(Room 255 – Finance)
(Room 254 – Health)

SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Mr. RONDEAU –

(No. 4) – The Real Property Amendment Act (Wind Turbines)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les biens réels (éoliennes)

Hon. Ms. MCGIFFORD –

(No. 6) – The Adult Literacy Act/Loi sur l'alphabétisation des adultes
(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. BJORNSON –

(No. 8) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Regional Vocational Schools)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (écoles professionnelles régionales)

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK –

(No. 10) – 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. Ms. WOWCHUK –

(No. 13) – The Organic Agricultural Products Act/Loi sur les produits agricoles biologiques
(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX –

(No. 14) – The Government Purchases Amendment Act (Responsible Manufacturing)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les achats du gouvernement (pratiques équitables des fabricants)

Hon. Mr. RONDEAU –

(No. 15) – The Biofuels Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les biocarburants
(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Ms. ALLAN –

(No. 16) – 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. Mr. LEMIEUX –

(No. 17) – 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. 18) – The Forest Health Protection Act/Loi sur la protection de la santé des forêts
(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Ms. ALLAN –

(No. 19) – The Fair Registration Practices in Regulated Professions Act/Loi sur les pratiques
d'inscription équitables dans les professions réglementées
(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Ms. OSWALD –

(No. 22) – The Medical Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi médicale

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WEDNESDAY:

Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 212) – The Waste Reduction and Prevention Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la
réduction du volume et de la production des déchets

Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 213) – The Crown Appointment Review Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur l'examen des
nominations au sein des sociétés d'état (modification de diverses lois)

Mr. SCHULER –

(No. 214) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Property Development)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (mise en valeur d'un bien réel)

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR THURSDAY:

Mr. FAURSCHOU – Beverage Container Deposit System

6. WHEREAS Manitoba is the only province besides Ontario that does not have a comprehensive deposit-return system for beverage containers other than beer cans and bottles; and

WHEREAS the government of Manitoba has failed to take advantage of reusable electronic components, preferring to contribute to greenhouse gas emissions by incinerating them; and

WHEREAS the government of Manitoba has mismanaged the tire stewardship program, resulting in the accumulation of used tires while businesses cannot afford to continue the program; and

WHEREAS the government of Manitoba should not repeat these failures by allowing the province's recovery rate for beverage containers – other than beer cans and bottles – to remain consistently lower than other provinces that offer deposit-return systems; and

WHEREAS in Manitoba the industry-managed system for beer can and bottle recovery has proven that a deposit-return system can be successful; and

WHEREAS a beverage container deposit-return system would reduce litter and increase recycling of beverage containers currently sent to landfills; and

WHEREAS a beverage container deposit-return system could provide an important means of fundraising for charitable and not-for-profit- community groups; and

WHEREAS a beverage container deposit-return system is a cost-effective means of protecting the environment to the benefit of all Manitobans.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider implementing a comprehensive beverage container deposit-return system in Manitoba.