

Friday, November 25, 2016



PRAYER

SITTING AT 10:00 A.M.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Hon. Ms. CLARKE –

(No. 5) – The City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment, Planning Amendment and Real Property Amendment Act (Conforming to Construction Standards Through Agreements)/Loi modifiant la Charte de la ville de Winnipeg, la Loi sur l'aménagement du territoire et la Loi sur les biens réels (ententes de conformité en matière de normes de construction)

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER –

(No. 202) – The Insurance Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les assurances

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER –

(No. 203) – The Electoral Divisions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les circonscriptions électorales

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER –

(No. 204) – The Statutory Holidays Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur les jours fériés (modification de diverses dispositions législatives)

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER –

(No. 205) – The Brookside Cemetery Recognition Act/Loi sur la désignation du cimetière Brookside

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER –

(No. 206) – The Legal Profession Amendment Act (Queen's Counsel Appointments)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la profession d'avocat (nomination de conseillers de la Reine)

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ADJOURNED DEBATE (Fourth Day of Debate):

On the Proposed Motion of Mrs. GUILLEMARD –

THAT the following address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor:

We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, thank your Honour for the gracious speech addressed to us at this Second Session of the Forty-First Legislature of Manitoba.

And the Proposed Motion of Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) in amendment thereto as follows:

THAT the motion be amended by adding the following words at the end:

But this House regrets that the Provincial Government has:

- (a) announced an agenda of cuts and austerity breaking its pledge to protect front-line workers and the services they provide while Government Ministers received large wage increases which will lead to increased inequality, undermine the health of the economy and worsen the lives of everyday Manitobans; and
- (b) opened the door to the privatization and deregulation of essential and important front-line services and has resolved to hide its plans from impartial public scrutiny, undermining public delivery of services and public accountability; and
- (c) manufactured partisan, political crises and has refused to produce transparent, long-term financial documents in order to justify an agenda of cuts to front-line services and privatization; and
- (d) failed to take steps to keep the cost of living affordable for Manitobans by enabling increases to home heating rates, electricity rates, auto insurance rates and post-secondary tuition fees; and

- (e) not presented any meaningful plan to address a wide range of needs concerning: health care, home care, seniors, the environment, climate change, the minimum wage, publicly funded child care spaces, the child welfare system, housing, poverty, the justice system, the public education system, funding for post-secondary institutions, infrastructure, rural Manitoba, economic development for the North, investments in Winnipeg, Brandon and other municipalities, agriculture and many other important areas for Manitobans.

As a consequence of these and many other failings, the Provincial Government has thereby lost the trust and confidence of the people of Manitoba and this House.

And the Proposed Motion of Ms. KLASSEN in further amendment thereto as follows:

THAT the motion be amended by adding after clause (e) the following clauses:

- (f) failed to commit to lowering ambulance fees by 50% this year; and
- (g) failed to commit to implementing recommendations from the 2016 Liberal Caucus Brain Health Report; and
- (h) failed to commit to increasing the amounts for special needs student funding while simplifying the application processes; and
- (i) failed to commit to diversifying industries and tourism in addition to extricating natural resources in the northern economy; and
- (j) failed to commit to releasing the “duty to consult” framework for Indigenous communities; and
- (k) failed to commit to supporting Urban Aboriginal Economic Development Zones; and
- (l) failed to commit to improving the outdated technology systems utilized in government departments; and
- (m) failed to commit to improving issues relating to supportive housing and personal care homes; and
- (n) failed to commit to reducing the cost of prescription drugs; and
- (o) failed to commit to the development and implementation of a provincial suicide strategy; and
- (p) failed to commit to implementing a mental health support task force for Manitoba communities following a suicide; and
- (q) failed to commit to including the criminalization of mental illness in the justice system review; and
- (r) failed to commit to reducing the farmland school tax’s impact on Manitoba farmers; and

- (s) failed to commit to the immediate construction of a dedicated stroke unit in Manitoba; and
 - (t) failed to commit to not increasing the cost of the Provincial Nominee Program applications.
(Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) – 8 mins.)
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SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN –

(No. 2) – The Securities Amendment Act (Reciprocal Enforcement)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les valeurs mobilières (exécution réciproque)
(Recommended by Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN –

(No. 3) – The Pooled Registered Pension Plans (Manitoba) Act/Loi du Manitoba sur les régimes de pension agréés collectifs
(Recommended by Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON –

(No. 4) – The Provincial Court Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Cour provinciale

GOVERNMENT MOTION:

Hon. Mr. MICKLEFIELD –

THAT notwithstanding any Rule or Practice of this House, Bill (No. 213) – The Civil Service Amendment Act (Employment Preference for Reservists with Active Service)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la fonction publique (embauche préférentielle des réservistes ayant été en activité de service) be reinstated during the 2nd Session of the 41st Legislature at the stage it was at when the 1st Session of the 41st Legislature was prorogued.

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR MONDAY:

Hon. Mr. PEDERSEN –

(No. 6) – The Manitoba East Side Road Authority Repeal Act/Loi abrogeant la Loi sur la Commission manitobaine d'aménagement de la route située du côté est

Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 207) – The Public Health Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la santé publique

Mr. KINEW –

(No. 208) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Continuity of Learning)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (continuité de l'apprentissage)

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR THE NEXT THURSDAY OF PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Mr. LINDSEY – Port of Churchill

1. WHEREAS the Port of Churchill for 85 years has served prairie grain producers and northern Manitoba; and

WHEREAS the Port of Churchill is Canada's only arctic deep sea port, and the town's largest employer, providing work for roughly 10 percent of the population; and

WHEREAS the port and rail line are vital to ensure the long term operation and viability of the community of Churchill as well as northern communities along the Hudson Bay Rail Line, and is an important strategic asset for Canada; and

WHEREAS the Port of Churchill and rail line was bought by the American company Omnitrax when it was privatized in 1997; and

WHEREAS in 2012, the Federal Government led by then Prime Minister Harper dismantled the Canadian Wheat Board, cutting off critical grain supply to the port; and

WHEREAS the owners of the port, Omnitrax, have unilaterally, without notice, shut down the grain handling facility, laid off over a hundred workers and cut back rail freight service putting the future of the port and communities along the rail line in jeopardy; and

WHEREAS service to the various communities, including First Nations communities, along the Bay Line has been cut in half, reducing shipments of essential items like fresh food which has significantly decreased their accessibility and increased their costs as a result; and

WHEREAS all the communities along the Bay Line from OCN to Churchill and the Arctic Circle have formed a coalition called the Northern Delegation dedicated to save the Port of Churchill and Hudson Bay Rail Line; and

WHEREAS at its 2016 annual convention, the Association of Manitoba Municipalities passed an emergency resolution calling upon the Provincial and Federal Governments to work together with the Northern Delegation and the current owner OmniTRAX to ensure that the port reopens in time for the grain shipping season, in summer 2017.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to take action to make revitalizing the Port of Churchill and Hudson Bay Rail Line the number one priority of the its Northern Economic Development Strategy Task Force and to set up meetings with the Federal Government, the current owner of both the Port of Churchill and Hudson Bay Rail Line, the Town of Churchill and First Nations communities to ensure an orderly ownership transfer at the earliest opportunity.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING:

The Standing Committee on LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS will meet in Room 255, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba on Friday, November 25, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. to consider:

- Annual Report of Elections Manitoba for the year ending December 31, 2014 including the conduct of the 2014 Arthur-Virden and Morris by-elections
 - Annual Report of Elections Manitoba for the year ending December 31, 2015 including the conduct of the The Pas by-election
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