

Thursday, March 8, 2018



**PRAYER**

**SITTING AT 10:00 A.M.**

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

**SECOND READINGS – PUBLIC BILLS:**

Mr. MARTIN –

(No. 200) – The Planning Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'aménagement du territoire

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER –

(No. 203) – The Insurance Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les assurances

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER –

(No. 204) – The Electoral Divisions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les circonscriptions électorales

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER –

(No. 206) – The Brookside Cemetery Recognition Act/Loi sur la désignation du cimetière Brookside

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER –

(No. 207) – The Legal Profession Amendment Act (Queen's Counsel Appointments)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la profession d'avocat (nomination de conseillers de la Reine)

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER –

(No. 208) – The Conflict of Interest Act/Loi sur les conflits d'intérêts

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER –

(No. 209) – The Gift of Life Act (Human Tissue Gift Act Amended)/Loi sur le don de la vie (modification de la Loi sur les dons de tissus humains)

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER –

(No. 210) – The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d'assurance publique du Manitoba

Mr. SWAN –

(No. 213) – The Allied Healthcare Professionals Recognition Week Act/Loi sur la Semaine de reconnaissance des professionnels paramédicaux

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**DEBATE ON SECOND READINGS – PUBLIC BILLS:**

On the Proposed Motion of Mr. LAGIMODIERE –

(No. 212) – The Invasive Species Awareness Week Act/Loi sur la Semaine de sensibilisation aux espèces envahissantes

(Mr. WIEBE – 5 minutes)

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**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Mr. KINEW – Cuts to the Special Drugs Program**

4. WHEREAS Manitobans are calling on the Federal Government to immediately implement a publicly funded, national pharmacare program that provides all Canadians with the prescription medicines they need; and

WHEREAS all political parties in Manitoba need to join together to ensure that a new national pharmacare program will be based on the values of universality, accessibility, public administration, comprehensiveness and portability as outlined in the Canada Health Act; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has cut the Special Drugs Program (SDP), which helped alleviate the financial burden of high medication costs on the most vulnerable Manitobans; and

WHEREAS for more than 20 years, the SDP helped more than 700 families, about 1,100 individuals, with very serious health conditions manage high out-of-pocket costs for life saving medications; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government's cut means these SDP recipients will have to pay extremely high deductibles for the medication they need to cope with their disease, some as high as \$12,000 a year; and

WHEREAS many Manitobans and patient advocacy groups have spoken out against this cut, including Manitobans living with cystic fibrosis, diabetes, and cancer; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government's skewed perception of fairness means forcing the most vulnerable Manitobans to pay thousands rather than increasing access to life saving drugs coverage for everyone; and

WHEREAS access to essential prescription medication must be an essential part of the universal health care system which must be protected and valued; and

WHEREAS a recent Canadian survey says nearly one million Canadians go without food and basic life necessities in order to afford their prescriptions in 2016 and more than 1.6 million opted to not fill a prescription at all.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to reverse its damaging cut to the SDP program, immediately restore service and to call on the Federal Government to immediately establish a national pharmacare program without delay so that all Manitobans have universal access to essential life saving medications.

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**Mr. ALLUM – Restore Public Transit Funding for Municipalities**

3. WHEREAS the Provincial Government has ended a decades long funding agreement with municipalities to pay for half of operating funds for public transit services; and

WHEREAS this cut to transit was buried in a massive omnibus bill which also included an across the board cancellation of growth funding formulas for municipalities; and

WHEREAS the in year transit cut has forced the City of Winnipeg to consider increasing fares by up to 25 cents, which would put an undue burden on transit users, especially low income families, seniors, students and newcomers; and

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has also been forced to consider service cuts to a transit system that users report as already overcrowded and infrequent because of this Province's cut; and

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has warned that reduction in service could mean laying off up to 120 transit drivers, and cancelling service on nearly 60 routes; and

WHEREAS cuts to transit presents barriers for Manitobans commuting to work or school, looking for jobs or trying to access health care; and

WHEREAS many Manitobans are concerned that the Provincial Government's cut will discourage commuters from choosing public transit over fossil-fuel burning cars; and

WHEREAS a commitment to transit would bolster Winnipeg's economic competitiveness and help attract new and vibrant business to the market; and

WHEREAS the Premier has failed on his election promise to protect the front line services that are relied upon by Manitobans.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government be urged to immediately reverse its decision to cancel the public transit funding agreement with the City of Winnipeg and commit to long term, predictable, growth oriented funding for municipalities.

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**DEBATE ON RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Mr. SWAN – Cuts to Outpatient Physiotherapy and Occupational Services  
(Mr. JOHNSTON – 9 minutes/124 minutes remaining)

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**SITTING AT 1:30 P.M.**

**ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

Hon. Mr. FIELDING –

(No. 2) – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act (Guardianship Support)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services à l'enfant et à la famille (aide aux tuteurs)

Hon. Mr. CULLEN –

(No. 12) – The Red Tape Reduction and Government Efficiency Act, 2018/Loi de 2018 sur la réduction du fardeau administratif et l'efficacité du gouvernement

Hon. Mrs. COX –

(No. 13) – The Concussion in Youth Sport Act/Loi sur les commotions cérébrales chez les jeunes athlètes

Hon. Mr. SCHULER –

(No. 14) – The Traffic and Transportation Modernization Act/Loi sur la modernisation des lois relatives à la circulation et au transport

Mr. LAGIMODIERE –

(No. 201) – The Manitoba Conservation Officers Recognition Day Act/Loi sur la Journée de reconnaissance des agents de conservation du Manitoba

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER –

(No. 202) – The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Assemblée législative

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER –

(No. 205) – The Statutory Holidays Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur les jours fériés (modification de diverses dispositions législatives)

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER –

(No. 214) – The Workplace Safety and Health Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la sécurité et l'hygiène du travail

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER –

(No. 215) – The Election Financing Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le financement des élections

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Mr. ALTEMEYER  
Hon. Mr. FLETCHER  
Mr. KINEW  
Mr. LINDSEY  
Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas)  
Mr. SWAN

## **GRIEVANCES**

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY (continued)**

### **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

#### **DEBATE ON SECOND READINGS:**

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON –

(No. 4) – The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act (Member Changing Parties)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Assemblée législative (adhésion à un autre parti)  
(Mr. ALLUM – 26 minutes)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. SQUIRES –

(No. 7) – The Sustainable Watersheds Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur les bassins hydrographiques durables (modification de diverses dispositions législatives)

(Mr. LINDSEY – 29 minutes)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mrs. COX –

(No. 8) – The Government Notices Modernization Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur la modernisation de la publication des avis du gouvernement (modification de diverses lois)

(Hon. Mr. CULLEN)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. PEDERSEN –

(No. 10) – The Boards, Committees, Councils and Commissions Streamlining Act (Various Acts Amended or Repealed)/Loi sur la simplification des conseils, des comités et des commissions (modification ou abrogation de diverses lois)

(Hon. Mr. CULLEN)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON –

(No. 11) – The Safe and Responsible Retailing of Cannabis Act (Liquor and Gaming Control Act and Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation Act Amended)/Loi sur la vente au détail responsable et sécuritaire du cannabis (modification de la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools et des jeux et de la Loi sur la Société manitobaine des alcools et des loteries)

(Mr. WIEBE – 25 minutes)

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## **SECOND READINGS:**

Hon. Mr. PEDERSEN –

(No. 3) – The Canadian Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Labour Mobility Act and Regulated Health Professions Act Amended)/Loi sur la mise en œuvre de l'Accord de libre-échange canadien (modification de la Loi sur la mobilité de la main-d'œuvre et de la Loi sur les professions de la santé réglementées)

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN –

(No. 5) – The Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les divulgations faites dans l'intérêt public (protection des divulgateurs d'actes répréhensibles)

(Recommended by Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN –

(No. 6) – The Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la divulgation de la rémunération dans le secteur public

(Recommended by Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. FIELDING –

(No. 9) – The Community Child Care Standards Amendment Act (Enhanced Powers Respecting Governance and Accountability)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la garde d'enfants (pouvoirs accrus en matière de gestion et d'obligation redditionnelle)

(Recommended by Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

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**GOVERNMENT MOTIONS:**

**Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON – Special Committee on Proactive Disclosure Requirements for Provincial Candidates**

THAT a Special Committee on Proactive Disclosure Requirements for Provincial Candidates (the Special Committee) be established to study and make recommendations regarding the requirement of candidates seeking office in, but not limited to, the Manitoba Legislative Assembly to disclose matters including (but not limited to):

- a) past criminal background checks;
- b) adult and child abuse registry checks, and
- c) other matters which may be relevant for those who are seeking or holding office; and

THAT, except as otherwise provided in this motion, the Special Committee shall have the same status and follow the same practices and rules as a Standing Committee of the House, including:

- a) having the same membership composition as the current composition of the Standing Committees of the House; and
- b) having the power to establish a sub-committee for the purposes of carrying out any part of the Special Committee's work; and

THAT, within the parameters of the practices and Rules of the House and the instructions of this motion, the Special Committee be authorized to decide how it will conduct its business, including deciding to hold meetings at such times and places it considers advisable to receive briefs and hear presentations; and

THAT, despite Rule 4(12) the committee may meet in the months of June, July and August; and

THAT the Special Committee be able to call witnesses, including, but not limited to, the Chief Electoral Officer of Elections Manitoba, representatives from political parties, academia and other experts in ethics, political science or whatever field the Special Committee deems appropriate; and

THAT the Special Committee must report to the House by October 3, 2018.

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**Hon. Mr. CULLEN –**

**1.** THAT effective immediately and until prorogation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Session of the 41<sup>st</sup> Legislature, the Rules, Orders and Forms of Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be amended as follows:

(a) *by deleting Sub-rule 23(4) and substituting the following:*

**Private Members' Business**

**23(4)** Subject to sub-rule 4(3), Private Members' Business shall be considered as follows when the House sits on Tuesdays and Thursdays:

**Tuesday:**

**10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** (Private Members' Hour)

Private Bills  
Public Bills  
Motions

**11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon** (Private Members' Hour)

Private Members' Resolutions  
Motions

**Thursday:**

**10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** (Private Members' Hour)

Public Bills  
Private Bills  
Motions

**11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon** (Private Members' Hour)

Private Members' Resolutions  
Motions  
Deferred votes from previous Tuesday Private Members' Business at 11:55 a.m.

**Sequence of Private Members' Bills**

**23(4.1)** Private Members' Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills shall be called in the following sequence as listed on the *Order Paper*:

- (a) Report Stage;
- (b) Debate on Report Stage;
- (c) Concurrence and Third Readings;
- (d) Debate on Concurrence and Third Readings;
- (e) Second Readings;
- (f) Debate on Second Readings.



When a Private Member's Public Bill or Private Bill is called for debate and is not disposed of within that hour, it shall be placed on the bottom of the list of bills of that type on the *Order Paper*.

### **House Leaders**

**23(4.2)** House Leaders of Recognized Parties have the authority to call Private Members' Bills for debate in the first Hour of Private Members' Business.

- (a) On Tuesday mornings the Government House Leader or designate shall call Private Members' Bills for debate.
- (b) On Thursday mornings the Official Opposition House Leader or designate, or the House Leaders or designates of other Recognized Opposition Parties, shall call Private Members' Bills for debate.
- (c) If there is more than one Recognized Opposition Party:
  - i. The House Leaders or designates of all Recognized Opposition Parties must submit to the Speaker an agreement on dividing time on Thursday mornings.
  - ii. In the event of an impasse the Speaker shall make a determination as to this division of time.

(b) *by deleting Rule 24 and substituting the following:*

### **Selected Bills**

**24(1)** Each recognized party may select up to three Private Members' Bills per session to proceed to a Second Reading debate and vote.

### **Bills to proceed to a Second Reading vote**

**24(2)** Each Independent Member may select one Private Members' Bill per session to proceed to a Second Reading debate and vote, and despite Rule 69(1), an Independent Member will not require a seconder to move each Reading motion for their selected Private Members' Bill.

### **Written notice**

**24(3)** Written notice of each selected Bill, indicating the sitting day and time when the debate and vote will occur, must be provided to the Speaker by the Government House Leader (or designate) and the Independent Member no later than two weeks prior to the scheduled end of the Fall Sitzings.

### **Scheduling Independent Members' Selected Bills**

**24(4)** As part of the written notice required in 24(3), an Independent Member and the Government House Leader or designate must agree on a date and time for the debate and vote on the selected Bill, and notify the Speaker in writing of the details.

- (a) In the event of an impasse, the Speaker shall make a determination as to the scheduling of these debates.
- (b) The Government House Leader or designate will call Independent Members' Private Members' Bills for debate on Tuesdays.

**2.** THAT the Clerk may re-number the Rules, Orders and Forms of Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly and make other minor corrections that in no way alter the intended meaning of these Amendments.

**3.** THAT the Clerk prepare revised rule books incorporating all amendments, additions and deletions.

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