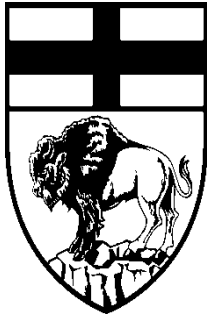


Friday, November 26, 2021



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

ORDER PAPER No. 4
and NOTICE PAPER

FOURTH SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

SITTING AT 10:00 A.M.

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(No. 5) – The Coat of Arms, Emblems and the Manitoba Tartan Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les armoiries, les emblèmes et le tartan du Manitoba

Hon. Mr. FIELDING –

(No. 6) – The Workers Compensation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les accidents du travail

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MLA ASAGWARA

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Mr. MALOWAY

Mr. MOSES

Mr. WIEBE

ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ADJOURNED DEBATE (Third Day of Debate):

Mr. SMITH (Lagimodière) –

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 Fourth Session of the Forty-Second Legislature of Manitoba.

And the Proposed Motion of Mr. KINEW in amendment as follows:

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

But this House regrets that the Provincial Government has:

- a) failed to provide any plan to make life more affordable for Manitobans by not mentioning affordability and the rising cost of living due to higher hydro bills, grocery bills, and more as Manitobans head into the holiday season; and
- b) failed to call an independent public inquiry into Manitoba's pandemic response to learn from its mistakes and bring forward changes to improve the lives of Manitoba families and strengthen the healthcare system; and
- c) failed to provide any immediate supports to address the healthcare crisis across the province, from the north to the south; and
- d) failed seniors and elders in part by forcing them to move across Manitoba to make room in hospitals because of its failure to build new personal care home beds and address the healthcare crisis in the province; and
- e) failed to commit to any real investments or changes to address the growing surgical and diagnostic backlog in the province; and
- f) tried to change the channel from former Premier Brian Pallister but failed by repeating 16 of his previous commitments; and
- g) continued to put the long-term success of Manitoba students at risk by pushing ahead with an out of date "review" of the education system commissioned by former Premier, Brian Pallister; and
- h) continued the interference initiated by former Premier Brian Pallister in post-secondary institutions, leading to an ongoing strike at the University of Manitoba which is impacting the ability of students to learn; and

- i) offered no commitment to implement a living wage, paid sick days or health and safety supports for working Manitobans to help them out of poverty and keep them safe and healthy at work; and
- j) failed to mention Manitoba Hydro and offer a plan to use the clean advantage of Hydro to address climate change, create jobs, advance reconciliation and keep rates low and keep life affordable; and
- k) continued to fight with the City of Winnipeg by pushing a failed attempt at privatization that will cost Manitobans jobs, delaying upgrades to the North End Waste Water Treatment plant which would help protect the lakes and rivers of the province; and
- l) failed to provide any substantial targets or initiatives to address climate change, to prevent devastating weather events that impact producers, the length and quality of winter roads, the environment, the economy, and all Manitobans; and
- m) neglected to provide any real commitments to advancing reconciliation or apologize for the failures and racially insensitive comments of former Premier Brian Pallister; and
- n) failed to present clear measures to support women and gender-diverse Manitobans by committing to support the provision of menstrual products for women, girls and gender diverse people in schools or committing to ensure reproductive health care falls under the purview of the Minister of Health and Seniors Care; and
- o) failed to commit to supports for other major communities such as Brandon and Dauphin, and ending the funding freeze to municipalities; and
- p) failed to produce a meaningful strategy to revive Manitoba’s creative industries or present a real strategy for Manitoba jobs in different sectors; and
- q) refused to address the addictions and housing crisis by failing to provide long-term investments into harm reduction initiatives and affordable social housing.

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 Mr. LAMONT in further amendment as follows:

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

- r) failed to provide any substantial change in course, or concrete actions, to address multiple crises currently facing Manitobans that desperately require bold action while the Provincial Government only produced a “plan to plan”; and

- s) failed to provide solutions for all Manitobans, instead offering boutique policies that cater to a few while leaving the majority out in the cold; and
- t) failed to refrain from continuing to engage in a pitched battle with talented Manitoba researchers and educators to the extent that many are pondering leaving the province; and
- u) failed to commit to fair and free bargaining with public sector workers or meddling with Crown Corporations and allowing for them to operate independently as they are intended; and
- v) failed to commit to reconsidering all of its disastrous health care reforms, and only reconsidering changes for rural Manitoba, and not for care centres in the City of Winnipeg which serve the entire province; and
- w) failed to bring in the critically needed province-wide prevention approaches to conditions like diabetes, osteoporosis, heart, kidney, lung and brain diseases including learning disabilities, addictions, stroke and dementia; and
- x) failed to recognize the role of low wages in Manitoba's labour shortages, commit to increasing the minimum wage, or outline how the Province will utilize the Provincial Nominee Program to address gaps in Manitoba's workforce; and
- y) failed to articulate any meaningful plan for economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, choosing empty platitudes about "attracting investment" over concrete actions, and leaving Manitobans and Manitoba businesses on their own to continue to be innovative and be resilient in true Manitoba fashion; and
- z) failed to commit to return the \$338 Million of Federal Special Allowance for children in care that was taken and put into general revenue by previous PC and NDP Provincial Governments; and
- aa) failed to make commitments on making Manitoba more sustainable; and
- bb) failed to recognize anything related to the safety of Manitobans, when substance use overdose deaths are at all time highs and the mental health of Manitobans requires urgent attention.

(Mr. SALA – 15 minutes)

SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Mr. HELWER –

(No. 2) – The Public Services Sustainability Repeal Act/Loi abrogeant la Loi sur la viabilité des services publics

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN –

(No. 3) – The Family Maintenance Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'obligation alimentaire

Hon. Mr. LAGIMODIERE –

(No. 4) – The Path to Reconciliation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réconciliation

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR MONDAY:

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN –

(No. 7) – The Police Services Amendment Act (Enhancing Independent Investigation Unit Operations) Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services de police (amélioration du fonctionnement de l'unité d'enquête indépendante)

Ms. FONTAINE–

(No. 203) – The Abortion Protest Buffer Zone Act/Loi sur les zones tampons relatives aux manifestations contre l'avortement

Ms. FONTAINE–

(No. 204) – The Protest Buffer Zone Act (COVID-19 Restrictions)/Loi sur les zones tampons relatives aux manifestations contre les restrictions liées à la COVID-19

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

MLA ASAGWARA – Calling Upon the Provincial Government to Immediately Launch an Inquiry into Manitoba's Pandemic Response

1. WHEREAS Manitoba had some of the worst pandemic outcomes in the country and some of the highest mortality rates among the provinces; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government made cuts to healthcare before the pandemic by slashing operating funding, firing nurses, cutting ICU beds, closing emergency rooms and clinics and privatizing air ambulance transport; and

WHEREAS frontline healthcare workers were previously sounding the alarm about unsafe staffing levels, burnout and patient safety, the situation became further exacerbated during the pandemic leading to dangerous staffing ratios in the healthcare system; and

WHEREAS fifty-seven ICU patients were sent to other provinces during the third wave as the ICU system was overwhelmed despite claims by the Provincial Government that the province had adequate ICU capacity; and

WHEREAS hundreds of seniors died during the second wave, with many suffering from neglect and isolation; and

WHEREAS the surgery and diagnostic backlog due to challenges posed by the pandemic has grown to over 136,000 people, delaying detection and treatment of illnesses and forcing thousands to live in pain and discomfort; and

WHEREAS businesses were openly critical of the Provincial Government's supports as many closed, while others took on high levels of debt; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government failed to implement a comprehensive paid sick leave program or release workplace transmission information to keep Manitobans safe and healthy; and

WHEREAS Manitobans are owed the right to examine the failures of the Provincial Government's response during the pandemic through an independent expert-led inquiry to learn from the mistakes and to make recommendations for the future of Manitoba's healthcare system.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to immediately launch an independent, expert-led inquiry into Manitoba's pandemic response.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING:

The Standing Committee on LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS will meet in Room 255, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. to consider the Annual Report of Elections Manitoba for the year ending December 31, 2020.
