



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 4**

**THIRD SESSION, FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE**

**PRAYER**

**10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.**

On motion of Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON, Bill (No. 4) – The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act (Member Changing Parties)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Assemblée législative (adhésion à un autre parti), was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

Hon. Mr. PEDERSEN presented:

Annual Report of the Office of the Fire Commissioner for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017.  
(Sessional Paper No. 6)

Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON presented:

Copy of Regulations filed under The Statutes and Regulations Act, being Manitoba Regulations Nos. 141/2016 to 140/2017.  
(Sessional Paper No. 7)

Annual Report of the Public Guardian and Trustee of Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017.  
(Sessional Paper No. 8)

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Messrs. MICKLEFIELD, ISLEIFSON and LINDSEY, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. REYES made Members' Statements.

The following petition was presented and read:

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to cancel plans to close the Corydon Primary Care Clinic and to reopen the Misericordia Urgent Care Centre. (H. Howdle, G. DeNeve, J. Walker and others)

The House resumed the debate on the Proposed Motion of Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE:

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 Third Session of the Forty-First Legislature of Manitoba.

And the proposed amendment moved by Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) as follows:

*THAT the Motion be amended by adding the following words at the end:*

But this House regrets that the Provincial Government failed to:

- (a) failed to protect front line health care services that Manitoba families and seniors depend on by pushing ahead with the closure of emergency rooms, urgent care centres and the elimination of outpatient physiotherapy and occupational therapy services; and
- (b) failed to invest in upstream interventions in health care such as primary prevention, pharmacare and home care in order to keep Manitobans healthy at home; and
- (c) indicated an intention to cut more front line workers, on top of the thousands of job losses already ordered, hitting Manitobans hard, especially in northern communities like Churchill, which was not even mentioned in the Throne Speech; and
- (d) failed to have a jobs plan for the future to address technology change; and
- (e) failed to offer a climate change plan which sees all revenue from a price on carbon directed to initiatives that fight global warming and help low-income Manitobans access green options; and
- (f) indicated plans to further download responsibility for services onto municipalities across the province, including road renewal, after freezing grants for two years and eliminating an historic cost sharing agreement with municipalities for public transit; and
- (g) failed to put forward a comprehensive poverty reduction strategy that raises families and children out of the cycle of poverty and has instead cut funding for prevention supports, increased tuition for post-secondary education, and put the availability of child care further out of reach for many Manitoba families.

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 sub-amendment moved by Ms. LAMOUREUX as follows:

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

- (h) failed to commit to reversing the decisions to: dismantle collaborative health care teams; increase senior management positions in health by creating another bureaucratic arm of the government with Shared Health Services; or to fire the two lactation consultants, two recreational therapists for Mental Health Patients and two audiologists; and
- (i) failed to commit to improving issues relating to supportive housing, independent living, hospice and personal care homes or reversing the decision to raise costs on Senior Care Programs; and
- (j) failed to commit to community and employee input and evidence based outcomes for health care changes, to lowering ambulance fees by 50% this year or placing insulin pumps and hearing aids under Medicare; and
- (k) failed to commit to implementing an addictions plan to respond to the growing meth and opioid crisis in Manitoba or implementing recommendations from the 2016 Liberal Caucus Brain Health Report; and
- (l) failed to commit to reversing the decision to only allow large out of province retailers to sell cannabis in Manitoba; and
- (m) failed to commit to reversing the decision to end funding to the John Howard residential bail program; and
- (n) failed to commit to reversing the decisions to make student bursaries funding largely dependent on private funding or to cancel the tuition fee tax rebate; and
- (o) failed to commit to funding the Wasagamack airstrip; and
- (p) failed to commit to providing fair compensation for taxi owners; and
- (q) failed to commit to ending the practice of clawing back the children's special allowances from kids in CFS, particularly those who are in unpaid care; and
- (r) failed to commit to recognizing the role of agricultural producers and support them in reducing Manitoba's carbon footprint; and
- (s) failed to commit to not allowing MLA's who own or invest in agricultural companies to vote on the carbon tax; and
- (t) failed to commit to better polling reliability for getting input from Manitobans; and
- (u) failed to commit to improving the outdated technology systems utilized in government departments; and
- (v) failed to commit to including the criminalization of mental illness and addictions in the justice system review or to the development and implementation of a provincial suicide strategy; and

- (w) failed to commit to reversing the decision to charge Provincial Nominee Program applications; and
- (x) failed to commit timely construction of the road network connecting communities on the east side of Lake Winnipeg; and
- (y) failed to commit to addressing the urgent need for First Nations housing or developing Emergency Management protocols for northern and remote communities; and
- (z) failed to commit to implementing, together with First Nations and Metis people in Manitoba, a plan to improve nutrition and to decrease diabetes in our Province; and
- (aa) failed to commit to developing strategies to work with the Federal Government to insure that all Manitoba First Nation communities have better access to improved nursing stations, health care, clean running water, internet and phone connectivity, teachers and land and air transportation; and
- (bb) failed to commit to fulfilling the 2016 Throne Speech promises of creating a new provincial housing strategy, providing for self-regulation for Manitoba's paramedics, reforming conflict of interest laws or the Look North Recommendation of updating and releasing the "duty to consult" framework for Indigenous communities; and
- (cc) failed to commit to fulfilling the Provincial Government's election promises of supporting Urban Aboriginal Economic Development Zones, raising the personal tax exemption to the national average, fast tracking the construction of 1200 personal care home beds, opening a dedicated stroke unit, developing a mental health and addictions strategy and to work positively and respectfully with Indigenous people and communities.

And the debate continuing on the sub-amendment,

And Mr. ALLUM, Hon. Messrs. FRIESEN and GERRARD and Mrs. GUILLEMARD having spoken.

And Mr. LINDSEY speaking at 12:30 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

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The House then adjourned at 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, November 27, 2017.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,  
Speaker.