



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 22

FOURTH SESSION, FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were read a First Time and had their purposes outlined:

(No. 11) – The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment Act (Cider and Cooler Sales at Beer Vendors)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis (vente de cidre et de panachés par les vendeurs de bière)

(Hon. Mrs. MAYER)

(No. 12) – The Workplace Safety and Health Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la sécurité et l'hygiène du travail

(Hon. Mr. PEDERSEN)

(No. 14) – The Reducing Red Tape and Improving Services Act, 2019/Loi de 2019 visant la réduction du fardeau administratif et l'amélioration des services

(Hon. Mr. FIELDING)

(No. 15) – The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment Act (Cannabis Possession Restrictions)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis (restrictions relatives à la possession de cannabis)

(Hon. Mr. CULLEN)

(No. 17) – The Police Services Amendment Act (Institutional Safety Officers)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services de police (agents de sécurité en établissement)

(Hon. Mr. CULLEN)

(No. 18) – The Labour Relations Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les relations du travail

(Hon. Mr. PEDERSEN)

(No. 221) – The Animal Care Amendment Act (Declawing of Cats)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le soin des animaux (dégriffage des chats)

(Ms. FONTAINE)

(No. 223) – The Animal Care Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le soin des animaux

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(No. 225) – The Provincial Court Amendment Act (Mandatory Awareness Training)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Cour provinciale (formation de sensibilisation obligatoire)

(Ms. FONTAINE)

Hon. Mr. EICHLER presented:

Report of The Manitoba Farm Products Marketing Council respecting the Certification of a Qualified Organization, dated December 17, 2018.

(Sessional Paper No. 19)

Hon. Mrs. COX, the Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage, made a statement regarding Festival du Voyageur's 50th Anniversary.

Messrs. KINEW and LAMONT commented on the statement

Hon. Mr. EICHLER, the Minister of Agriculture, made a statement regarding Canadian Agriculture Safety Week.

Mr. LINDSEY and Hon. Mr. GERRARD commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON and Messrs. ALLUM, WISHART, ALTEMEYER and WOWCHUK made Members' Statements.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. LINDSEY – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reinstate obstetric delivery services at Flin Flon General Hospital and work with the Government of Saskatchewan, and the Federal Government, to ensure obstetric services continue to be available on a regional basis. (T. Behey, R. Rowe, B. Partheney and others)

Mr. GRAYDON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to amend *The Official Time Act* to abolish daylight saving time in Manitoba effective November 4, 2019, resulting in Manitoba remaining on Central Standard Time (CST) throughout the year and in perpetuity. (M. Dyck, J. Remple, P. Martens and others)

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to immediately begin implementation of plans to convert systems and forms to be more inclusive of Two-Spirit and other non-binary individuals, whether it be to include a third gender option, or no requirement for gender on forms, unless medically or statistically necessary, including health cards, and birth certificates; to immediately instruct the Manitoba Public Insurance corporation to offer a third gender option, or no gender requirement for licenses or any other form of provincial identification; to instruct Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living to offer the option of Manitoba Health Cards with no gender in order to reduce the anxieties of transgender and non-binary persons accessing the healthcare system as a first step; and to consider revisiting legislation that may need updating to meet the needs of its citizens in this regard. (K. Boyd, E. McCormick, J. Delory and others)

Ms. FONTAINE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to immediately commit to addressing the overpopulation of dogs in Manitoba, more specifically in northern communities, by humanely removing and rehoming unwanted dogs, and in partnership with animal welfare agencies; the Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA); frontline rescues; and the Federal Government to immediately develop a provincial strategy to spay and neuter dogs while providing access to veterinary services for owned dogs in northern communities ensuring the safety of communities and their citizens.

The House resumed the Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. FIELDING:

THAT this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government.

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. KINEW having spoken,

And Mr. KINEW moved an amendment as follows:

THAT the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after “House” and substituting:

therefore regrets that this budget neglects the priorities of Manitobans by:

- a) breaking the Premier’s promise to protect front line services by making deep cuts to health and education despite unprecedented revenues from the Federal Government; and
- b) continuing the Premier’s attack on the health care system by underspending on health care by \$240 million, cutting the health care budget by \$120 million, continuing forward on the plan to close two more emergency rooms while freezing mental health and addictions services during a methamphetamine epidemic and continuing to undermine health care for women and girls across Manitoba; and
- c) reducing supports for students with special needs while increasing class sizes for the youngest learners and slashing support of daycare for children; and
- d) reducing college and university education by millions while increasing tuition rates for parents and students putting education and good jobs out of the reach of Manitoba’s youth; and
- e) failing to provide a comprehensive jobs strategy for the future, especially for northern Manitobans, that gives more families access to good paying, non-precarious jobs while cutting supports for apprenticeships and training; and
- f) by continuing to cut over \$150 million in infrastructure spending from what was previously promised, cutting \$40 million from water infrastructure in the same year as flood forecasts have worsened while failing to offer any program to reduce greenhouse emissions and fight climate change.

As a consequence, the Provincial Government has thereby lost the confidence of this House and the people of Manitoba.

WHEREUPON Mr. Deputy Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Messrs. JOHNSON, WIEBE and LAMONT having spoken.

Mr. LAMONT moved a sub-amendment as follows:

THAT the amendment be amended by adding after clause (f) the following clauses:

- g) failing to ensure mining operations in Manitoba stay viable and threatening the economic viability of northern communities by delaying mining permits as a result of firing mining branch staff; and
- h) failing to properly implement health system reorganization causing crises in emergency rooms and primary care; and
- i) failing to invest federal funding increases in Manitoba into crucial services and infrastructure for Manitobans; and
- j) failing to support Manitoba's economic health and choking off growth by; falsely inflating the Province's deficit, budgeting increased amounts in departments for which there is no intention of spending the increases and allowing Manitoba's GDP to slip below 1%, putting Manitoba at risk of a recession claiming it as the new normal; and
- k) failing to ensure that wealthy Manitobans pay their fair share of taxes by defending tax loopholes that allow the wealthiest to pay a lesser tax rate than medium and low income Manitobans; and
- l) failing to protect the public universal healthcare system by reiterating plans for a grand bargain that would prioritize cheaper wine imports over the Federal Government maintaining its role in health care; and
- m) failing to ensure Manitobans are earning a living wage by; freezing wages, not increasing the minimum wage to a livable amount, and prioritizing the needs of corporations located outside of Manitoba at the expense of workers; and
- n) failing to cut from the top by increasing executive support for Ministers by 2% which is well above increases to the health budget; and
- o) failing to show any clear plans to improve emergency management and increased climate emergencies including more increased floods, droughts and forest fires; and
- p) failing to improve the health systems in Manitobans by completely stalling provincial increases to health funding and solely relying on federal increases to fund health care cost increases; and

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- q) failing to support Manitoba by acting as a barrier to municipalities and First Nations to access much needed federal infrastructure funding; and
- r) failing to support children in the care of CFS by slashing funding under the guise of block funding for agencies; and
- s) failing to meet or work with the trilateral methamphetamine taskforce; and
- t) failing to allow jurisdiction over First Nations' children in CFS; and
- u) failing to support Manitoba's incredible arts and cultural communities by allowing cultural infrastructure to crumble and freezing or decreasing funding to arts and cultural organizations.

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker ruled the sub-amendment in order.

And the debate continuing on the sub-amendment,

And Hon. Ms. SQUIRES speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in her name.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.