



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 7

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PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The Clerk formally advised the Assembly that the Speaker was unavoidably absent and called upon the Deputy Speaker to take the Chair pursuant to the Statutes. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Pursuant to Rule 28(1), MLA PANKRATZ, Mr. WOWCHUK, Hon. Min. SCHMIDT, Mr. BALCAEN and Hon. Min. ASAGWARA made Member's Statements.

In accordance with Rule 34(7), the Government House Leader announced that the Private Member's Resolution titled "Commitment to Keeping Manitoba Public Insurance Publicly Owned" will be considered on the next Tuesday of Private Members' Business.

The House resumed the debate on the Proposed Motion of MLA LOISELLE:

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 First Session of the Forty-Third Legislature of Manitoba.

And the Proposed Amendment moved by Ms. STEFANSON 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 outline how the Provincial Government will make life more affordable in the long term for Manitobans struggling to make ends meet; and
- b) omitted tax relief for small businesses in Manitoba; and
- c) committed to making Manitoba a Maritime province without committing to fighting for the same carbon tax exemptions afforded to such provinces; and

- d) abandoned plans from the previous Provincial Government to build new schools to accommodate a growing student population in the K-12 system; and
- e) abandoned plans to deliver 23,000 childcare spaces to Manitoba's childcare system; and
- f) neglected to detail the specific measures that will be taken to improve retention and recruitment of educators in Manitoba; and
- g) refused to address immigration or Manitoba's population in any substantial manner; and
- h) rejected much-needed upgrades to hospital projects across the province including HSC due to political ideology at the cost of Manitoba patients; and
- i) neglected to detail the specific measures that will be taken to improve retention and recruitment of health care workers in Manitoba; and
- j) disbanded the Diagnostic and Surgical Recovery Task Force, which provided over 85,000 Manitobans with the care they needed, with no plan to help Manitobans waiting in pain; and
- k) failed to mention how the Provincial Government will serve Manitobans waiting for surgical and diagnostic procedures in the short term; and
- l) abandoned six communities that were due to benefit from the construction of new personal care homes; and
- m) failed to address the need for treatment spaces or recovery-oriented care for people struggling with addictions; and
- n) disrespected Manitoba's seniors and those suffering from addictions by disbanding the departments dedicated to seniors, mental health and community wellness; and
- o) failed to mention how the Provincial Government will create new affordable and social housing units that are desperately needed amidst a housing shortage; and
- p) failed to commit to any meaningful action or investments in community art, culture, or non-profit and heritage projects or groups; and
- q) spurned Manitobans who appreciate and enjoy provincial parks and the recreational opportunities and precious ecosystems they hold dear; and
- r) neglected to present a plan to maintain the positive momentum of Manitoba's tourism sector which contributes over \$1 billion to Manitoba's GDP; and
- s) signalled a transition away from a positive plan to develop Manitoba's natural resource economy that was attracting record investment to the province; and
- t) failed to mention the important role that mining and mineral development play in developing Manitoba's provincial economy; and

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- u) failed to denounce the previous position taken by NDP Members that policing should be defunded; and
- v) neglected to address the revolving door of catch and release through bail reform; and
- w) disbanded the economic development board and put billions of dollars in investment and thousands of jobs at risk; and
- x) jeopardized financial sustainability of Manitoba Hydro by committing to freeze hydro rates; and
- y) ignored agricultural producers and the agriculture industry which represents nearly 10% of Manitoba's GDP; and
- z) failed to commit to continuing the five-year, \$500 million annual infrastructure budget.

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 debate continuing on the amendment,

And Messrs. MOROZ and JACKSON, Hon. Min. SCHMIDT, MLA BEREZA, Mr. WASYLIW, Mrs. COOK, Hon. Min. ALTOMARE and Ms. HIEBERT having spoken,

And Hon. Min. MARCELINO speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 29, 2023.

Tyler BLASHKO,
Deputy Speaker.