Thursday, November 23, 2023



PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

SITTING AT 1:30 P.M.

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ADJOURNED DEBATE (Second Day of Debate):

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 Motion of Ms. STEFANSON 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 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
- 1) 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 nonprofit 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
- 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.

(MLA LAMOUREUX – 5 minutes)

PROPOSED GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION:

Hon. Min. FONTAINE -

WHEREAS in accordance with section 33.1(3) of *The Legislative Assembly Act*, the Legislative Assembly Management Commission met on July 31, 2023 and November 14, 2023 to discuss the appointment process for the position of Clerk of the Legislative Assembly; and

WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly Management Commission agreed to recommend to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba that Rick Yarish be appointed as Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, effective upon passage by the House of a Resolution affirming this recommendation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to section 33.1 of *The Legislative Assembly Act*, Rick Yarish be appointed as the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, effective upon passage by the House of this Resolution.