



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 9

FIRST SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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.

MLA CROSS, Vice-Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development, presented its First Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on November 29, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- **Bill (No. 3)** – The Fuel Tax Amendment Act (Fuel Tax Holiday)/Loi modifiant la Loi de la taxe sur les carburants (période d'exonération de la taxe sur les carburants)

Committee Membership

- MLA BEREZA
- Mr. BLASHKO
- MLA CROSS
- MLA DEVGAN
- MLA KHAN
- Hon. Min. SALA

Your Committee elected Mr. BLASHKO as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected MLA CROSS as the Vice-Chairperson.

Non-Committee Members Speaking on Record

- Ms. LAMOUREUX

Public Presentations

Your Committee heard the following six presentations on **Bill (No. 3)** – The Fuel Tax Amendment Act (Fuel Tax Holiday)/Loi modifiant la Loi de la taxe sur les carburants (période d'exonération de la taxe sur les carburants):

Jason Wiebe	Snoman (Snowmobilers of Manitoba) Inc.
Cam Dahl	Manitoba Pork Council
Michael Shaw	Private citizen
Josh Brandon	Social Planning Council of Winnipeg
Gage Haubrich	Canadian Taxpayers Federation
Christopher Crawford	Canadian Propane Association

Written Submissions

Your Committee received the following written submission on **Bill (No. 3)** – The Fuel Tax Amendment Act (Fuel Tax Holiday)/Loi modifiant la Loi de la taxe sur les carburants (période d'exonération de la taxe sur les carburants):

Carson Callum	Manitoba Beef Producers
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Bills Considered and Reported

- **Bill (No. 3)** – The Fuel Tax Amendment Act (Fuel Tax Holiday)/Loi modifiant la Loi de la taxe sur les carburants (période d'exonération de la taxe sur les carburants)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

On motion of MLA CROSS, the Report of the Committee was received.

The Deputy Speaker presented:

Annual Report and Service Plan of the Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

(Sessional Paper No. 68)

Hon. Min. FONTAINE, the Minister responsible for Accessibility, made a statement regarding International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

Mrs. STONE commented on the statement.

Hon. Min. ALTOMARE, the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning, made a statement regarding Childcare.

Mr. EWASKO and, by leave, MLA LAMOUREUX commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Rule 28(1), Hon. Min. CABLE, Mr. GUENTER, MLA SANDHU, Mr. NESBITT and MLA DEVGAN made Member's Statements.

The following petition was presented and read to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba:

MLA LAMOUREUX – To urge the Provincial Government to consider hearing loss as a medical treatment under Manitoba Health; and to provide income based coverage for hearing aids to all who need them as hearing has been proven to be essential to Manitobans' cognitive, mental, and social health and well-being.

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
- 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

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- 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 Mr. PIWNIUK, MLA KENNEDY, Mr. WHARTON, MLA DEVGAN, Mr. KING, Hon. Min. CABLE and Messrs. WOWCHUK and BRAR having spoken,

And Mr. EWASKO 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 10:00 a.m. Friday, December 1, 2023.

Tyler BLASHKO,
Deputy Speaker.