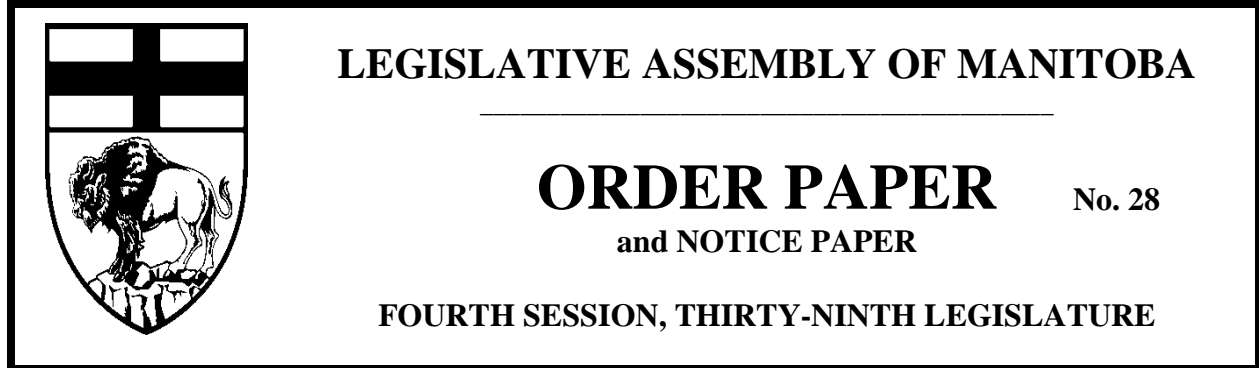


Wednesday, April 14, 2010



PRAYER

SITTING AT 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Hon. Mr. ASHTON –

(No. 21) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Immobilizers and Air Bags)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (dispositifs d'immobilisation et sacs gonflables)

Mrs. DRIEDGER –

(No. 221) – The Domestic Violence Death Review Committee Act/Loi sur le comité d'examen des décès liés à la violence familiale

Mr. HAWRANIK –

(No. 222) – The Seniors' Rights Act/Loi sur les droits des aînés

PETITIONS

Mr. EICHLER
Mr. MAGUIRE
Mr. SCHULER
Mrs. DRIEDGER
Mr. GRAYDON
Mr. LAMOUREUX
Mr. BRIESE
Mrs. STEFANSON

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ADJOURNED DEBATE (EIGHTH DAY OF DEBATE):

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK –

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

And the Proposed Motion of Mr. MCFADYEN in amendment thereto as follows:

That the Motion be amended by deleting all the words after “House” and substituting:

therefore regrets that this budget fails to address the priorities of Manitobans by:

- (a) forcing Manitoba families to pay higher hydro rates, higher water bills, and a range of other hidden taxes in order to pay for three wasteful NDP pet projects which are:
 - i. forcing Manitoba Hydro, against its advice, to build Bipole III on the west side route, costing Manitobans an extra \$640 million, and damaging the environment; and
 - ii. forcing the City of Winnipeg to remove nitrogen from its wastewater, a decision that is expected to cost ratepayers an additional \$350 million, and which respected scientists say could be harmful to the health of Lake Winnipeg; and
 - iii. forcing unwanted enhanced drivers' licenses on Manitobans, costing \$14 million; and
- (b) creating a sinkhole of debt, now at \$23.4 billion and rising. As a result, Manitoba families will be forced to work longer hours at lower pay to pay off this bill in the years ahead; and
- (c) scrapping balanced budget laws in order to allow the NDP to accrue massive deficits totalling \$2.039 billion over the next half decade, putting social programs such as healthcare and education at risk; and

- (d) failing to preserve front line health care services with innovative service delivery, emphasizing preventative care, and reducing bloated bureaucracy; and
- (e) failing to recognize the importance of agriculture and rural communities to our economy; and
- (f) failing to offer a plan to encourage private investment to create opportunity and wealth, so Manitobans can feel hope that we will one day emerge from the hole of debt and dependency and see a brighter future.

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

And the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. GERRARD in sub-amendment thereto as follows:

THAT the amendment be amended by adding thereto the following words:

And further regrets that this budget fails to address the priorities of Manitobans by:

- (g) failing to properly manage the finances of Manitoba and as a result building up a huge structural deficit which will hurt Manitobans for many years to come; and
- (h) failing to acknowledge the damage the payroll tax has on economic growth; and
- (i) failing to set high goals for our provincial education system; and
- (j) failing to create an adequate action plan and funding for early childhood education in Manitoba, and
- (k) failing to increase student aid support to post-secondary education students and increasing tuition for university students by 5% which is above the cost of living.
- (l) failing to recognize the need for, and address the establishment of, a Manitoba Science, Engineering and Humanities Research Council; and
- (m) failing to reduce wait times for post-secondary institutions; and
- (n) failing to put patients first by continuing to base RHA spending on global budgets, rather than services delivered; and
- (o) failing to adequately address the diabetes epidemic facing Manitoba and to set a target for reduction of the incidence of diabetes in our province; and
- (p) failing to ensure local community access to health care as has happened with the Westbrook Medical Clinic closure; and

- (q) failing to develop a Manitoba policy on what services community hospitals should provide; and
- (r) failing to implement a plan to reduce child poverty rates in Manitoba; and
- (s) continuing to ignore the need to set targets and hire sufficient enforcement officers to ensure progress on cleaning up Lake Winnipeg and other Manitoba lakes suffering from toxic algae blooms; and
- (t) failing to support the agricultural sector by refusing to fund eco-friendly farming practices, such as a province-wide ALUS program; and
- (u) failing to address climate change and not running a carbon-neutral government; and
- (v) failing to address Northern Manitoba housing issues; and
- (w) failing to act on economic development for First Nations and rural Manitobans; and
- (x) failing to reduce waiting times to a reasonable level in issuing nominee certificates.

(Mr. LAMOUREUX – 19 mins.)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

(96 hrs. 09 mins.)

SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX –

(No. 3) – The City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment and Municipal Amendment Act (Derelict Property)/Loi modifiant la Charte de la ville de Winnipeg et la Loi sur les municipalités (biens abandonnés)

Hon. Ms. HOWARD –

(No. 4) – The Workplace Safety and Health Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la sécurité et l'hygiène du travail

Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK –

(No. 5) – The Cottage Property Tax Increase Deferral Act (Property Tax and Insulation Assistance Act Amended)/Loi sur le report des majorations de taxes foncières visant les chalets (modification de la Loi sur l'aide en matière de taxes foncières et d'isolation thermique des résidences)

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Ms. ALLAN –

(No. 6) – The Manitoba Association of School Trustees Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Association des commissaires d'écoles du Manitoba

Hon. Mr. SWAN –

(No. 7) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Suspending Drivers' Licences of Drug Traffickers)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (suspension de permis de conduire en cas d'infractions se rapportant au trafic de drogues)

Hon. Mr. ASHTON –

(No. 8) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Safety Precautions to Be Taken When Approaching Tow Trucks and Other Designated Vehicles)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (précautions que doivent prendre les conducteurs qui s'approchent de dépanneuses ou d'autres véhicules désignés)

Hon. Ms. HOWARD –

(No. 9) – The Electricians' Licence Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le permis d'électricien

Hon. Mr. BJORNSON –

(No. 10) – The Proceedings Against the Crown Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les procédures contre la Couronne

Hon. Mr. BLAIKIE –

(No. 12) – The Pimachiowin Aki World Heritage Fund Act/Loi sur le Fonds du patrimoine mondial Pimachiowin Aki

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. SWAN –

(No. 13) – The Civil Remedies Against Organized Crime Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les recours civils contre le crime organisé

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. SWAN –

(No. 14) – The Body Armour and Fortified Vehicle Control Act/Loi sur le contrôle des gilets de protection balistique et des véhicules blindés

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. BJORNSON –

(No. 15) – The Franchises Act/Loi sur les franchises

Hon. Mr. SELINGER –

(No. 16) – The Order of Manitoba Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Ordre du Manitoba

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK –

(No. 17) – The Biofuels Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les biocarburants
(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. ROBINSON –

(No. 18) – The Communities Economic Development Fund Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le Fonds de développement économique local
(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. SWAN –

(No. 19) – The Protection from Domestic Violence and Best Interests of Children Act (Family Law Statutes Amended)/Loi sur la protection contre la violence familiale et l'intérêt supérieur des enfants (modification de dispositions législatives concernant le droit de la famille)

Hon. Ms. MCGIFFORD –

(No. 20) – The University College of the North Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le Collège universitaire du Nord

WRITTEN QUESTIONS, ADDRESSED FOR PAPERS, ORDERS FOR RETURN – ACCEPTED BUT NOT RETURNED:

THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE – THIRD SESSION

WRITTEN QUESTIONS:

Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

6. Will the Government explain why were Breezy Point Residents not allowed to return to their homes on the 15th of April, in attempt to salvage any property or valuables that could have been saved had they been immediately attended to, when on April 14th, 2009 Manitoba Water Stewardship announced that water levels in Breezy Point receded to a safe level of 718.9'?
7. Will the Government guarantee that everyone who wishes to purchase a new home will be able to get mortgage, no matter their age, since the Government has said repeatedly that they will be giving a generous buyout to the home owners of Breezy Point?

WRITTEN QUESTIONS:

Mr. LAMOUREUX –

16. Can the Minister responsible for Manitoba Hydro tell us if there has been any evaluation done regarding the number of miles or acres of the boreal forest that would be cut down on the east side of Lake Winnipeg versus the west side with respect to Manitoba Hydro's need for a new power line, and if so, will the Minister release the information?

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR THURSDAY:

Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH –

(No. 22) – The Credit Unions and Caisses Populaires Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les caisses populaires et les credit unions

Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF –

(No. 223) – The Jon Sigurdsson Day Act/Loi sur le jour de Jon Sigurdsson

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR TUESDAY NEXT:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Mr. DEWAR – Expansion of Neighborhoods Alive! into new communities

2. WHEREAS in 2000 the Provincial Government launched Neighborhoods Alive!, a long-term community revitalization project, in Brandon Centre, Thompson and targeted areas throughout the city of Winnipeg; and

WHEREAS the goal of Neighbourhoods Alive! is to support communities in rebuilding local neighbourhoods through funding and planning assistance; and

WHEREAS in 2005, Neighbourhoods Alive! expanded to encompass projects in additional communities in Winnipeg; and

WHEREAS in 2007 the program was further expanded to neighbourhoods in Portage la Prairie, Selkirk, Dauphin, The Pas and Flin Flon; and

WHEREAS in this way, Neighbourhoods Alive! builds on the existing strengths of rural, urban and northern communities, allowing them to flourish socially and economically.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly recognize the work of the Provincial Government in revitalizing our communities through Neighbourhoods Alive!, and continue to support the Government as the project expands into new communities.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING:

The Standing Committee on PUBLIC ACCOUNTS will meet in Room 255, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba on Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. to consider the Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Previously Issued Recommendations – A Review dated March 2009.