Thursday, June 16, 2016



# PRAYER

### SITTING AT 10:00 A.M.

# **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

# **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

# **COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY**

(65:24 hrs.) (Chamber – Finance) (Room 255 – Health, Seniors and Active Living) (Room 254 – Executive Council)

# PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

# **SECOND READINGS – PUBLIC BILLS:**

Mr. Smook –

(No. 205) - The Ukrainian Heritage Day Act/Loi sur le Jour du patrimoine ukrainien

# **DEBATE ON SECOND READINGS – PUBLIC BILLS:**

On the Proposed Motion of Mr. KINEW -

(No. 204) – The Post-Secondary Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment Policies Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur les politiques visant à contrer la violence à caractère sexuel et le harcèlement sexuel dans les établissements postsecondaires (modification de diverses dispositions législatives) (Hon. Ms. SQUIRES – 5 mins)

# **RESOLUTION:**

# Mr. LINDSEY – Recognition that the Minimum Wage should be Increased

**3**. WHEREAS Manitoba has a 17 year tradition of minimum wage increases that equitably reflect the interests of labour and business in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS the previous Provincial Government's record included reducing taxes for small businesses who will pay \$446 million less in taxes this year compared to 1999; and

WHEREAS Manitoba entrepreneurs have saved \$3.8 billion in taxes since 1999; and

WHEREAS minimum wage increases in Manitoba have put more than \$7,500 per year into the pockets of full time minimum wage earners after taxes; and

WHEREAS total minimum wage increases since 1999 are more than twice the rate of inflation, increasing low income purchasing power in Manitoba and growing the economy; and

WHEREAS while increasing the minimum wage annually for 17 years, Manitoba has maintained one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country; and

WHEREAS people at the lower end of the income spectrum must unfairly spend more of their overall income on food, housing and other basic necessities; and

WHEREAS raising the minimum wage helps minimum wage earners support their families and save for tuition fees, textbooks and training; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has an obligation to do everything it can to help raise Manitobans out of poverty; and

WHEREAS it is important to maintain a single-tier minimum wage to ensure that all minimum wage earners are treated equitably; and

WHEREAS freezing the minimum wage to a level that forces full-time workers to live in poverty is unacceptable in today's day and age; and

WHEREAS low income Manitobans suffered when the Premier last sat in cabinet and froze the minimum wage seven times.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be urged to implement an increase to the minimum wage this year in accordance with Manitoba's tradition, recognizing that raising the minimum wage is an effective tool for bringing Manitobans out of poverty and growing the economy.

### **DEBATE ON RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Mr. WIEBE – Protecting Strong Public Health Care (Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN – 5 mins./124 mins. remaining)

# SITTING AT 1:30 P.M.

# **ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

# **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER -

(No. 200) – The Electoral Divisions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les circonscriptions électorales

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER -

(No. 201) – The Statutory Holidays Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur les jours fériés (modification de diverses dispositions législatives)

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER -

(No. 202) - The Brookside Cemetery Recognition Act/Loi sur la désignation du cimetière Brookside

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER -

(No. 203) – The Legal Profession Amendment Act (Queen's Counsel Appointments)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la profession d'avocat (nomination de conseillers de la Reine)

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# **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

# **COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY**

(65:24 hrs.) (Chamber – Finance) (Room 255 – Health, Seniors and Active Living) (Room 254 – Executive Council)

# **DEBATE ON SECOND READINGS:**

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON -

(No. 2) – The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Assemblée législative

(Mr. ALTEMEYER – 15 mins.)

## **SECOND READINGS:**

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN -

(No. 3) – The Mental Health Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la santé mentale

Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON -

(No. 4) – The Elections Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi électorale

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(Recommended by Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN -

(No. 6) – The Financial Administration Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la gestion des finances publiques

Hon. Mr. CULLEN -

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(No. 11) – The Budget Implementation and Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2016/Loi d'exécution du budget de 2016 et modifiant diverses dispositions législatives en matière de fiscalité (Recommended by Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

### **DEBATE ON GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION:**

#### Hon. Mr. CULLEN – Trans-Pacific Partnership

WHEREAS Manitoba's exports to Trans-Pacific Partnership countries averaged more than \$9 billion annually from 2012 to 2014; and

WHEREAS the Trans-Pacific Partnership will support economic growth and job creation by eliminating tariffs on almost all of Manitoba's key exports while providing access to new opportunities in the Asia-Pacific region; and

WHEREAS exclusion from the Trans-Pacific Partnership would close access to critical trade markets and put Manitoba jobs at risk.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba confirm its support for the Trans-Pacific Partnership and call on the Federal Government to take the necessary actions to ratify the agreement.

(Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) – 13 mins.)