Tuesday, November 29, 2016



PRAYER

SITTING AT 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER -

(No. 202) - The Insurance Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les assurances

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER -

(No. 203) – The Electoral Divisions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les circonscriptions électorales

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER -

(No. 204) – The Statutory Holidays Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur les jours fériés (modification de diverses dispositions législatives)

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER –

(No. 205) - The Brookside Cemetery Recognition Act/Loi sur la désignation du cimetière Brookside

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER -

(No. 206) – The Legal Profession Amendment Act (Queen's Counsel Appointments)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la profession d'avocat (nomination de conseillers de la Reine)

Mr. WIEBE-

(No. 207) - The Public Health Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la santé publique

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ADJOURNED DEBATE (Sixth Day of Debate):

On the Proposed Motion of Mrs. GUILLEMARD -

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 Second Session of the Forty-First Legislature of Manitoba.

And the Proposed Motion of Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) in amendment thereto as follows:

THAT the motion be amended by adding the following words at the end:

But this House regrets that the Provincial Government has:

- (a) announced an agenda of cuts and austerity breaking its pledge to protect front-line workers and the services they provide while Government Ministers received large wage increases which will lead to increased inequality, undermine the health of the economy and worsen the lives of everyday Manitobans; and
- (b) opened the door to the privatization and deregulation of essential and important front-line services and has resolved to hide its plans from impartial public scrutiny, undermining public delivery of services and public accountability; and
- (c) manufactured partisan, political crises and has refused to produce transparent, long-term financial documents in order to justify an agenda of cuts to front-line services and privatization; and
- (d) failed to take steps to keep the cost of living affordable for Manitobans by enabling increases to home heating rates, electricity rates, auto insurance rates and post-secondary tuition fees; and

(e) not presented any meaningful plan to address a wide range of needs concerning: health care, home care, seniors, the environment, climate change, the minimum wage, publicly funded child care spaces, the child welfare system, housing, poverty, the justice system, the public education system, funding for post-secondary institutions, infrastructure, rural Manitoba, economic development for the North, investments in Winnipeg, Brandon and other municipalities, agriculture and many other important areas for Manitobans.

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 Proposed Motion of Ms. KLASSEN in further amendment thereto as follows:

THAT the motion be amended by adding after clause (e) the following clauses:

- (f) failed to commit to lowering ambulance fees by 50% this year; and
- (g) failed to commit to implementing recommendations from the 2016 Liberal Caucus Brain Health Report; and
- (h) failed to commit to increasing the amounts for special needs student funding while simplifying the application processes; and
- (i) failed to commit to diversifying industries and tourism in addition to extricating natural resources in the northern economy; and
- (j) failed to commit to releasing the "duty to consult" framework for Indigenous communities; and
- (k) failed to commit to supporting Urban Aboriginal Economic Development Zones; and
- (l) failed to commit to improving the outdated technology systems utilized in government departments; and
- (m) failed to commit to improving issues relating to supportive housing and personal care homes; and
- (n) failed to commit to reducing the cost of prescription drugs; and
- (o) failed to commit to the development and implementation of a provincial suicide strategy; and
- (p) failed to commit to implementing a mental health support task force for Manitoba communities following a suicide; and
- (q) failed to commit to including the criminalization of mental illness in the justice system review; and
- (r) failed to commit to reducing the farmland school tax's impact on Manitoba farmers; and

- (s) failed to commit to the immediate construction of a dedicated stroke unit in Manitoba; and
- (t) failed to commit to not increasing the cost of the Provincial Nominee Program applications. (Mr. KINEW – 6 mins.)

SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN -

(No. 2) – The Securities Amendment Act (Reciprocal Enforcement)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les valeurs mobilières (exécution réciproque)

(Recommended by Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN -

(No. 3) – The Pooled Registered Pension Plans (Manitoba) Act/Loi du Manitoba sur les régimes de pension agréés collectifs

(Recommended by Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON -

(No. 4) - The Provincial Court Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Cour provinciale

Hon. Ms. CLARKE -

(No. 5) – The City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment, Planning Amendment and Real Property Amendment Act (Conforming to Construction Standards Through Agreements)/Loi modifiant la Charte de la ville de Winnipeg, la Loi sur l'aménagement du territoire et la Loi sur les biens réels (ententes de conformité en matière de normes de construction)

Hon. Mr. PEDERSEN -

(No. 6) – The Manitoba East Side Road Authority Repeal Act/Loi abrogeant la Loi sur la Commission manitobaine d'aménagement de la route située du côté est

GOVERNMENT MOTION:

Hon. Mr. MICKLEFIELD -

THAT notwithstanding any Rule or Practice of this House, Bill (No. 213) – The Civil Service Amendment Act (Employment Preference for Reservists with Active Service)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la fonction publique (embauche préférentielle des réservistes ayant été en activité de service) be reinstated during the 2nd Session of the 41st Legislature at the stage it was at when the 1st Session of the 41st Legislature was prorogued.

GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION:

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN - Canadian Pension Plan Enhancements

WHEREAS the Canada Pension Plan (CPP) is a key pillar of Canada's retirement income system; and

WHEREAS Manitoba's new Provincial Government successfully advocated with the Federal, Provincial and Territorial Governments for further research and analysis to be conducted on a number of modifications that would make the CPP not just bigger, but better as well; and

WHEREAS the Manitoba proposals received the unanimous support of Canada's Premiers; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is now undertaking public consultations on the CPP to hear from Manitobans who contribute to the plan on how to ensure the enhancements will meet their retirement needs; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government has agreed to further discussion of Manitoba's proposals as part of the 2016-2018 Triennial Review of the CPP; and

WHEREAS the Triennial review and CPP proposals will be raised for discussion at the upcoming Finance Ministers' meeting in December; and

WHEREAS Manitoba believes the CPP must continue to be affordable for workers and employers; and

WHEREAS the CPP death benefit was locked in and has not increased since 1998, while the cost of living has continued to rise.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be urged to support the indexation of the CPP death benefit and the elimination of the claw back of Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) payments for widowed seniors' CPP survivor benefits, while conducting a comprehensive review of CPP Survivor and Disability benefits during the Triennial Review of the CPP.

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR WEDNESDAY:

Ms. KLASSEN -

(No. 209) – The Mental Health Amendment and Personal Health Information Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la santé mentale et la Loi sur les renseignements médicaux personnels