Thursday, October 5, 2017



PRAYER

SITTING AT 10:00 A.M.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

REPORT STAGE AMENDMENTS – PUBLIC BILLS:

Mr. CURRY -

(No. 215) – 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)

[Amendment (1) – Mr. KINEW]

CONCURRENCE AND THIRD READINGS – PUBLIC BILLS:

Hon. Mr. WHARTON -

(No. 218) – The Red Tape Reduction Day Act/Loi sur la Journée de la réduction du fardeau administratif – Selected Bill (Second Reading vote held April 27)

SECOND READINGS – PUBLIC BILLS:

Hon. Mr. GERRARD -

(No. 200) – The Human Rights Code Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code des droits de la personne

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. 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)

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

Ms. FONTAINE -

(No. 210) - The Children's Advocate Act/Loi sur le protecteur des enfants

Mr. HELWER-

(No. 211) – The Settlement of International Investment Disputes Act/Loi sur le règlement des différends internationaux relatifs aux investissements

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER -

(No. 212) - The Conflict of Interest Act/Loi sur les conflits d'intérêts

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER -

(No. 213) – The Gift of Life Act (Human Tissue Gift Act Amended)/Loi sur le don de la vie (modification de la Loi sur les dons de tissus humains)

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER -

(No. 225) – The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d'assurance publique du Manitoba

Mr. SWAN-

(No. 228) - The Life Leases Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les baux viagers

Mr. KINEW –

(No. 231) – The Education Administration Amendment Act (First Nations, Metis and Inuit Education Policy Framework)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'administration scolaire (cadre stratégique sur l'éducation et l'histoire des Premières nations, des Métis et des Inuits)

DEBATE ON SECOND READINGS – PUBLIC BILLS:

On the Proposed Motion of Mr. LINDSEY -

(No. 217) – The Labour Relations Amendment Act (Right to Collective Bargaining)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les relations du travail (droit à la négociation collective) (Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN – 9 mins)

On the Proposed Motion of Mr. ALLUM -

(No. 216) – The Financial Administration Amendment Act (Economic Indicators)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la gestion des finances publiques (indicateurs économiques) (Mr. HELWER – 8 mins)

On the Proposed Motion of Mr. ALTEMEYER -

(No. 220) – The Environmental Rights Act/Loi sur les droits environnementaux (Mr. SMITH – 9 mins)

On the Proposed Motion of Mr. ALTEMEYER -

(No. 219) – The Surface Water Management Act (Amendments to Various Acts to Protect Lakes and Wetlands)/Loi sur la gestion des eaux de surface (modification de diverses lois visant la protection des lacs et des terres humides)

(Hon. Mr. WISHART – 9 mins)

On the Proposed Motion of Mr. SWAN -

(No. 224) – The Family Law Reform Act (Putting Children First)/Loi sur la réforme du droit de la famille (mesures pour le mieux-être des enfants)

(Mr. MICKLEFIELD – 9 mins)

RESOLUTION:

Mr. ALTEMEYER – Protecting Manitoba Lakes and Rivers

20. WHEREAS Manitoba's lakes and rivers are special places which deserve government protection and investments so that future generations can continue to enjoy them; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government should be taking steps to increase protections for Manitoba's natural wonders, like Lake Winnipeg, but instead is loosening standards and weakening protections; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government brought in regressive legislation which weakened regulations on Manitoba's hog production and processing, increasing the risk of nutrients drainage into the Lake Winnipeg and other watersheds; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government considered removing a ban on harmful cosmetic pesticides, some of which are possibly carcinogenic, that seep into the groundwater; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government dismantled a provincial agency that was responsible for delivering environmental protection programs; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is standing idly by while the North Dakota Government is preparing plans to build major infrastructure projects which could potentially damage provincial waterways through the introduction of foreign species and additional nutrients; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has made zero commitments to assist the City of Winnipeg to properly upgrade its North End water treatment plant or address the massive sewage overflows that result each year from the combined sewer system; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government refused to pass a bill introduced by the Official Opposition to protect the province's lakes and wetlands as well as help mitigate the effects of flooding, and which was supported by producers, environmentalists and all sides of the political spectrum.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to immediately reverse its environmental deregulations, stop its cuts to environmental programs and services, and instead support laws and initiatives that will protect provincial lakes and rivers for future generations.

DEBATE ON RESOLUTIONS:

1.	Mr. LINDSEY – Port of Churchill (Mr. JOHNSON – 8 mins./126 mins. remaining)
2.	Mr. LAGIMODIERE – Reducing the Devastating Effects of Illicit Opioids (Hon. Mr. GERRARD – 2 mins./122 mins. remaining)
3.	Ms. FONTAINE – Support for Refugees and Newcomers (Ms. LAMOUREUX – 9 mins./123 mins. remaining)
4.	Mr. TEITSMA – Protecting Children and Youth from Viewing Violent, Sexually Explicit Material Online (Ms. LATHLIN – 6 mins./122 mins. remaining)
	(WS. LATILIN 0 mins./ 122 mins. remaining)
5.	Mr. WIEBE – Protecting Health Care for Seniors and Families (Mr. LAGIMODIERE – 5 mins./123 mins. remaining)

7.	Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) – Protect Manitoba's Provincial Nominee Program (Hon. Mr. SCHULER – 8 mins./122 mins. remaining)
8.	Mr. GRAYDON – Recognizing the Historic Investment in Manitoba's Agricultural Processing Capabilities
	(Mr. MALOWAY – 8 mins./124 mins. remaining)
9.	Mr. KINEW – Keeping Post-Secondary Education Affordable for Students and Families (Mr. NESBITT – 1 min./122 mins. remaining)
11.	Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) – Provincial Government's Plan to Shutter Three Winnipeg Emergency Rooms Will Undermine Patient Care and Hurt Families and Seniors (Mr. NESBITT – 9 mins./127 mins. remaining)
12.	Mr. CURRY – Promotion of E-waste Disposal / Recycling (Open/123 mins. remaining)
13.	Mr. SWAN – Extension of Care (Mr. NESBITT – 7 mins./123 mins. remaining)
15.	Ms. LATHLIN – Recognizing Indigenous Peoples as Founding Nations of Canada (Mr. ISLEIFSON – 3 mins./124 mins. remaining)
17.	Mr. ALLUM – Mental Health Promotion Tools and Recovery Oriented Framework for Mental Health
	(Hon. Mr. GERRARD – 7 mins./130 mins. remaining)
18.	Mr. MARTIN – Previous Provincial Government's Hydro Mismanagement (Mr. ALTEMEYER – 9 mins./127 mins. remaining)
19.	Mr. MALOWAY – Committing to an East-West Power Grid for Manitoba

(Mr. PIWNIUK – 3 mins./133 mins. remaining)

SITTING AT 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Hon. Mr. PEDERSEN -

(No. 39) – The Canadian Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Labour Mobility Act and Regulated Health Professions Act Amended)/Loi sur la mise en œuvre de l'accord de libre-échange canadien (modification de la Loi sur la mobilité de la main-d'œuvre et de la Loi sur les professions de la santé réglementées)

Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON -

(No. 40) - The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Assemblée législative

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER -

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

Ms. FONTAINE -

(No. 227) – The Provincial Court Amendment Act (Mandatory Training and Continuing Education)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Cour provinciale (exigences en matière de perfectionnement et de formation continue)

Mr. SWAN -

(No. 229) – The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Conflict of Interest Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les conflits d'intérêts au sein de l'Assemblée législative et du Conseil exécutif

Mr. SWAN-

(No. 230) – The Executive Government Organization Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'organisation du gouvernement

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GRIEVANCES

ORDERS OF THE DAY (continued)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

WRITTEN QUESTIONS:

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER -

- 1. During the last four years of the previous Provincial Government, the provincial deficit totaled \$2.18 billion. Could the Minister of Finance advise why the most recent four year budget projection calls for a 26% increase totaling \$2.95 billion, given that the current Provincial Government campaigned on reducing the deficit and introducing a balanced budget?
- 2. Will the Premier confirm his long held commitment to balanced budget legislation, recently affirmed in the 2016 provincial election campaign, by not introducing any new taxes, premiums or levies such as either a carbon tax or health care tax in the form of a premium without first receiving approval from the people of Manitoba in the form of a referendum?
- 3. Why did the Provincial Government create a new Crown Corporation to deal with such matters as drinkable water and transportation, and support the \$30 billion construction of three new hydroelectric power dams, Bipole III and a new transmission line in the United States, when many alternatives are available to meet the needs of Manitobans without incurring huge debts, increasing the size of government, and which would avoid massive rate hikes?
- 4. Given the current and potential negative implications of Manitoba Hydro expansion and the debt and utility rate hikes involved, will the Provincial Government call a public inquiry to provide a full public understanding of the plans pursued and actions taken by Hydro, as supported by the former Provincial NDP Government?
- 5. Will the Provincial Government allow the following Private Member's Bills:
 - (No. 212) The Conflict of Interest Act
 - (No. 213) The Gift of Life Act (Human Tissue Gift Act Amended)
 - (No. 202) The Insurance Amendment Act
 - (No. 203) The Electoral Divisions Amendment Act
 - (No. 205) The Brookside Cemetery Recognition Act
 - (No. 206) The Legal Profession Amendment Act (Queen's Counsel Appointments)
 - (No. 225) The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Amendment Act

to be debated, voted on in the House, and referred to Standing Committee?

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

(38 hrs. 58 mins.) (Chamber – Indigenous and Northern Relations) (Room 255 – Finance) (Room 254 – Executive Council)

DEBATE ON SECOND READINGS:

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. SQUIRES -

(No. 23) – The Fisheries Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la pêche – **Designated Bill** (Mr. SWAN)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN -

(No. 34) –The Medical Assistance in Dying (Protection for Health Professionals and Others) Act/Loi sur l'aide médicale à mourir (protection des professionnels de la santé et autres) (Question Period – 15 mins.)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. FRIESEN -

(No. 36) – The Budget Implementation and Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2017/Loi d'exécution du budget de 2017 et modifiant diverses dispositions législatives en matière de fiscalité (Mr. MALOWAY – 4 mins.)

SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN -

(No. 24) – The Red Tape Reduction and Government Efficiency Act, 2017/Loi de 2017 sur la réduction du fardeau administratif et l'efficacité du gouvernement – **Designated Bill**

Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON -

(No. 27) – The Elections Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi électorale – **Designated Bill** (Recommended by His Honour, the Administrator)

Hon. Mr. WHARTON -

(No. 30) – The Local Vehicles for Hire Act/Loi sur la gestion locale des véhicules avec chauffeur – **Designated Bill**

Hon. Mr. WISHART-

(No. 31) – The Advanced Education Administration Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'administration de l'enseignement postsecondaire – **Designated Bill**

Hon. Mr. EICHLER -

(No. 35) –The Agricultural Producers' Organization Funding Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le financement d'organismes de producteurs agricoles

Hon. Mrs. COX-

(No. 37) – The Concussion in Youth Sport Act/Loi sur les commotions cérébrales chez les jeunes athlètes

DEBATE ON GOVERNMENT MOTION:

On the Proposed Motion of 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.

(Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) - unlimited)

GOVERNMENT MOTION:

Hon. Mr. CULLEN -

THAT Sarah GUILLEMARD, Member for the Electoral Division of Fort Richmond, be Deputy Chairperson of the Committees of the Whole House.

DEBATE ON GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION:

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN – Long Term, Sustainable and Flexible Healthcare Funding

WHEREAS health care is the single largest budget item for provinces and territories, each of whom is responsible for the delivery of quality health services for Canadians; and

WHEREAS provinces pay more than 75 per cent of health care costs and the Federal Government continues to reduce growth in health care funding; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government's unilateral approach and refusal to engage in a discussion around the importance of a long term and sustainable partnership on health care funding should be of concern to every Manitoban; and

WHEREAS Manitoba is facing a challenging fiscal situation and the Federal Government's decision to reduce health care funding by more than \$1 billion over the next 10 years is going to put additional strain on the ability to provide services to Manitobans; and

WHEREAS federal funding is essential in order to address the increasing costs associated with the health care needs of the province's growing and aging population.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be urged to reiterate the position of other governments representing 90 percent of Canada's population, that is, before any further discussion takes place on a renewed Health Accord, the First Ministers request a meeting with the Prime Minister regarding the need for long term, sustainable and flexible funding for the healthcare system and that if this is not accomplished, any proposed reduction in healthcare funding be delayed until 2018/19.

(Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) – 17 mins)

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR TUESDAY:

Hon. Mrs. COX-

(No. 41) – The Government Notices Modernization Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur la modernisation de la publication des avis du gouvernement (modification de diverses lois)