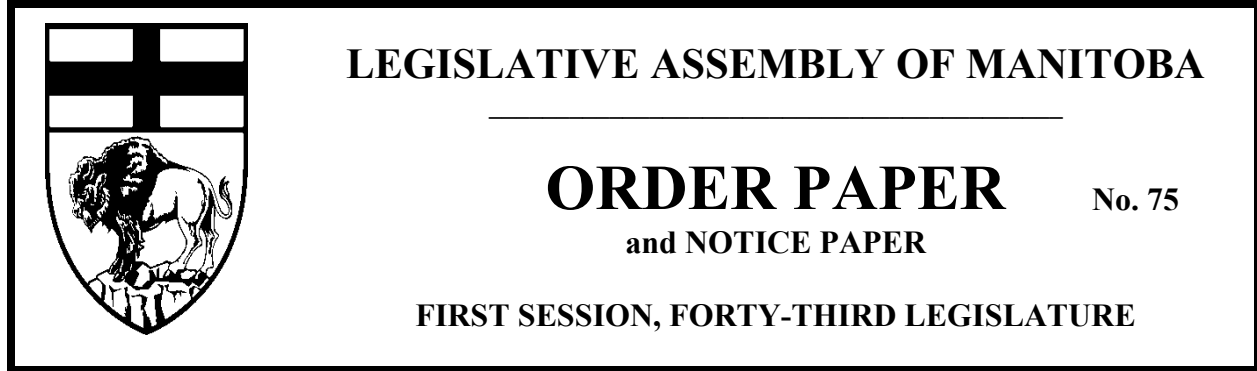


Tuesday, October 15, 2024



PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

SITTING AT 10:00 A.M.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

DEBATE ON SECOND READINGS – PRIVATE BILLS:

MLA LOISELLE –

(No. 300) – The Winnipeg Foundation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Fondation dénommée « The Winnipeg Foundation »

(Mr. JACKSON – 4 minutes)

DEBATE ON SECOND READINGS – PUBLIC BILLS:

Mr. GOERTZEN –

(No. 203) – The Occupiers' Liability Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la responsabilité des occupants

(Hon. Mr. MOSES – 9 minutes)

MLA CROSS –

(No. 216) – The Manitoba Small Business Month Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur le Mois de la petite entreprise au Manitoba (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)

(Mr. PERCHOTTE – 7 minutes)

(Mr. SCHULER – 8 minutes) (Stands)

MLA LAGASSÉ –

(No. 217) – The Men’s Mental Health Awareness Week Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur la Semaine de sensibilisation à la santé mentale des hommes (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)
(MLA MOROZ – 4 minutes)

SECOND READINGS – PUBLIC BILLS:

Mr. WASYLIW –

(No. 210) – The Homeowner Protection from Unsolicited Purchase Offers Act/Loi sur la protection des propriétaires contre les offres d’achat non sollicitées
Selected Bill
(Second Reading question to be put October 15)

Mr. JOHNSON –

(No. 214) – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment Act (Net-Metering Agreements)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l’Hydro-Manitoba (ententes de facturation nette)

MLA DELA CRUZ –

(No. 218) – The Celebration of Philippine Independence Day Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur la Journée de la célébration de l’indépendance des Philippines (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)

RESOLUTION:

Mr. WASYLIW – Calling on the Provincial Government to Cancel the Gas Tax Holiday Extension and Bring in Real Solutions for Cost-of-Living Crisis

23. WHEREAS Manitobans are facing a cost-of-living crisis with record increases in grocery store prices and rental housing increases; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government cutting the gas tax has caused a loss of revenue of \$340 million dollars, being money that was borrowed and added to the provincial debt and deficit that will cost tens of millions of dollars in interest to repay; and

WHEREAS only 43% of the gas tax goes to families while the other 57% goes to corporations and businesses; and

WHEREAS those who need the help the least get the most benefit as many Manitobans cannot afford to drive and see no benefit from this gas tax holiday at all; and

WHEREAS the average driver will see a savings of \$15 a month from the gas tax holiday, an amount of money that could pull 30% of Manitoba residents out of poverty; and

WHEREAS the revenue from the gas tax could pay for free transit for everyone in Winnipeg, Brandon, Thompson and Selkirk; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government cannot say if rising gas prices are the result of retailers boosting profits during the gas tax holiday as it has failed to monitor gas prices in any real way; and

WHEREAS grocery prices have remained at an all time high despite the Premier's claim that grocery prices would come down as a result of the gas tax holiday; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government should focus on real concerns such as Manitoba school children having classes in hallways because there are not enough schools in the province; and

WHEREAS 25,000 Manitoba civil servants have voted to go on strike because the Provincial Government will not bargain a fair deal with workers; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has done little to address the current climate crisis and transition away from a fossil fuel economy as its approach to the environment is no different than the previous government.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to immediately cancel the gas tax holiday and redirect that money for real cost-of-living solutions for Manitobans.

DEBATE ON RESOLUTIONS:

1. Mr. KHAN – Calling on the Provincial Government to Remove the Federal Carbon Tax on Home Heating Bills for Manitobans
(Mr. BRAR – 1 minute/68 minutes remaining)
2. Mr. OXENHAM – Commitment to Keeping Manitoba Public Insurance Publicly Owned
(Mr. PIWNIUK – 4 minutes/128 minutes remaining)
3. MLA LOISELLE – Louis Riel
(Mr. WOWCHUK – 9 minutes/124 minutes remaining)
4. Mr. NESBITT – Protecting Lake Winnipeg from Sewage Pollution
(MLA CROSS – 7 minutes/123 minutes remaining)
5. MLA MOROZ – Calling on the Federal Government to Reduce Corporate Food Waste
(Mr. NARTH – 8 minutes/126 minutes remaining)

6. MLA BEREZA – Calling on the Provincial Government to Remove the Federal Carbon Tax on Agriculture
(MLA PANKRATZ – 6 minutes/127 minutes remaining)
7. Mrs. STONE – Calling on the Provincial Government to Prioritize and Protect Children in Care and Commit to a Public Inquiry
(Hon. Ms. SMITH – 1 minute/123 minutes remaining)
8. MLA LAMOUREUX – Calling on the Provincial Government to Extend Employment Standards Benefits to Workers of the Gig Economy
(MLA LOISELLE – 4 minutes/124 minutes remaining)
9. Mr. JACKSON – Calling on the Provincial Government to Address the Overcrowding in Schools
(MLA LOISELLE – 2 minutes/124 minutes remaining)
10. MLA DEVGAN – Respecting Frontline workers
(Ms. BYRAM – 6 minutes/130 minutes remaining)
11. Mrs. COOK – Calling on the Provincial Government to put Patients over Politics
(Open/125 minutes remaining)
12. MLA DELA CRUZ – Respecting Seniors
(Mr. WOWCHUK – 10 minutes/123 minutes remaining)
13. Mr. PIWNIUK – Respecting Middle-Income Taxpayers
(MLA LOISELLE – 6 minutes/129 minutes remaining)
14. MLA REDHEAD – Affordability in the North
(Mr. SCHULER – 9 minutes/124 minutes remaining)
15. Mr. KING – Holding the Provincial Government Accountable for Security Rebate Commitment
(Hon. Min. ALTOMARE – 4 minutes/124 minutes remaining)
16. Ms. LATHLIN – Better Access to Healthcare in the North
(Mr. NARTH – 8 minutes/123 minutes remaining)
17. Mr. BALCAEN – Calling on the Provincial Government to Keep Hard Drugs Illegal
(Hon. Min. ASAGWARA – 3 minutes/124 minutes remaining)
18. MLA MOYES – Supporting the Provincial Government’s Universal Nutrition Program
(Ms. BYRAM – 9 minutes/134 minutes remaining)

19. Mr. NARTH – Calling on the Provincial Government to Stop the Assault on Affordability and Eliminate the Education Property Taxes for All Manitobans
(Mr. WASYLIW – 4 minutes/123 minutes remaining)
 20. Mr. EWASKO – Justice for Jordyn
(MLA Cross – 8 minutes/127 minutes remaining)
 21. MLA CROSS – Orange Shirt Day
(Mr. KING – 53 minutes/127 minutes remaining)
 22. Mrs. HIEBERT – Expanding Use of Narcan
(Mr. OXENHAM – 8 minutes/123 minutes remaining)
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SITTING AT 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Hon. Min. SCHMIDT –

(No. 12) – The Environment Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l’environnement

Hon. Min. MARCELINO –

(No. 27) – The Labour Relations Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les relations du travail

Hon. Min. MARCELINO –

(No. 28) – The Labour Relations Amendment Act (2)/Loi n° 2 modifiant la Loi sur les relations du travail

Hon. Min. SALA –

(No. 32) – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l’Hydro-Manitoba

Hon. Min. ASAGWARA –

(No. 35) – The Seniors’ Advocate Act/Loi sur le protecteur des aînés

Hon. Mr. BUSHIE –

(No. 40) – The City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment and Planning Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Charte de la ville de Winnipeg et la Loi sur l’aménagement du territoire

Mr. BALCAEN –

(No. 204) – The Change of Name Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le changement de nom

Mrs. COOK –

(No. 205) – The Beneficiary Designation (Retirement, Savings and Other Plans) Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la désignation de bénéficiaires (régimes de retraite, d'épargne et autres)

Mrs. STONE –

(No. 206) – The Intimate Image Protection Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection des images intimes

Mr. PERCHOTTE –

(No. 215) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Passing Vehicle on Shoulder)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (dépassement des véhicules sur l'accotement)

MLA DELA CRUZ –

(No. 219) – The Health System Governance and Accountability Amendment Act (Plebiscite Before Permanent Emergency Room Closure)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la gouvernance et l'obligation redditionnelle au sein du système de santé (plébiscites sur la fermeture permanente de salles d'urgence)

Mr. WOWCHUK –

(No. 220) – The Wildlife Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la conservation de la faune

Mr. BALCAEN –

(No. 222) – The Machete Control Act/Loi sur le contrôle des machettes

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

(78 hours 50 minutes)
(Chamber – Executive Council)
(Room 254 – Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care)
(Room 255 – Families)

SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Min. NAYLOR –

(No. 26) – The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la location à usage d’habitation

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 39) – The Long-Bladed Weapon Control Act/Loi sur la réglementation des armes à lame longue
(Recommended by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor)

DEBATE ON GOVERNMENT MOTIONS:

Hon. Min. MARCELINO –

THAT the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba condemn efforts that put the pensions of all Canadians at risk and affirm collective support for the Canada Pension Plan and measures and strategies that strengthen the national pension plan for seniors, retirees and all workers in the province and country.
(Hon. Min. FONTAINE)

Hon. Min. MARCELINO –

THAT the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba affirm its commitment to immediately call for a ceasefire in the Israel and Gaza war to address the famine crisis.

(Open)

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR THE NEXT THURSDAY OF PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Ms. BYRAM – Including an MRI in Portage District General Hospital

24. WHEREAS an MRI is a noninvasive medical imaging technique that uses a magnetic field and computer-generated radio waves to produce detailed images of internal structures in the human body; and

WHEREAS early detection and diagnosis of cancers and other diseases and injuries using MRI not only saves lives, but reduces pressure on the healthcare system; and

WHEREAS there are currently more than 24,000 Manitobans waiting for an MRI scan; and

WHEREAS in the City of Portage la Prairie, a \$450 million state of the art Regional Healthcare Facility is currently under construction; and

WHEREAS the Portage District General Hospital Foundation has generously pledged \$5 million in funding towards having an MRI located at the new hospital; and

WHEREAS having an MRI located in Portage la Prairie's new hospital would reduce the number of people waiting for a scan by approximately 8,000; and

WHEREAS local doctors and health-care professionals support the inclusion in the new construction and have called on the government to do so, describing the lack of scanner as “a glaring omission” that will hurt patients; and

WHEREAS thousands of Portage la Prairie residents have signed petitions urging the government to reconsider and include an MRI scanner in the new hospital; and

WHEREAS having diagnostic imaging closer to home would benefit many surrounding communities and First Nations reducing transportation costs for patients as well as reducing the burden on ambulatory and stretcher services; and

WHEREAS two of the fastest growing communities, Oak Bluff and Headingley, would also benefit from an MRI located in Portage la Prairie; and

WHEREAS wait times for MRIs are up by over 16% in Manitoba in the past year, with hospitals in Winnipeg seeing waits as high as over 46 weeks; and

WHEREAS the invitation from the Member for Portage la Prairie to the Minister of Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care to participate in an MRI townhall event to hear directly from the local community has gone unanswered.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to listen to the calls from over thirty-five local doctors and thousands of community residents to include an MRI scanner in the new Portage la Prairie hospital to reduce wait times for diagnostic imaging and provide care closer to home.
