



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 5

SECOND SESSION, FORTIETH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

The following Bills were respectively read a First Time and had their purposes outlined:

(No. 3) – The Employment Standards Code Amendment Act (Leave Related to the Critical Illness, Death or Disappearance of a Child)/Loi modifiant le Code des normes d'emploi (congés en cas de maladie grave, de décès ou de disparition d'enfants)

(Hon. Ms. HOWARD)

(No. 6) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Flexible Short-Term Regulation of Vehicle Weights and Dimensions)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (réglementation provisoire des poids et des dimensions des véhicules)

(Hon. Mr. ASHTON)

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the appropriate ministers of the Provincial Government to consider outlining to Parks Canada the importance that a viable recreational facility in the Mount Agassiz area would play in the local and provincial economies and to consider working with all stakeholders, including Parks Canada, to help develop a plan for a viable, multi-season recreation facility in the Mount Agassiz area. (B. Kirk, J. Kirk, A. Hunter and others)

Mr. WISHART – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the appropriate Ministers of the Provincial Government consider repairing St. Ambroise Provincial Park and its access points to their pre-flood conditions so the park can be re-opened for the 2013 season or earlier if possible. (R. Gretsinger, B. Ingram, A. Partridge and others)

Mr. SMOOK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Health consider reopening the emergency room in Vita as soon as possible and commit to providing adequate medical support for residents of south eastern Manitoba for many years to come. (M. Storozuk, M. Baryliuk, A. Adolphe and others)

Mr. EWASKO – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to recognize the serious safety concerns of Provincial Road 520 and to address its poor condition by prioritizing its renewal. (B. Biddulph, B. Vrooman, L. Davidow and others)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mr. EWASKO, Ms. WIGHT, Mr. FRIESEN, Ms. CROTHERS and Mr. WISHART made Members' Statements.

The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Proposed Motion of Mr. GAUDREAU:

THAT the following address be presented to His Honour the Administrator:

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 Fortieth Legislature of Manitoba.

And the proposed amendment moved by Mr. PALLISTER as follows:

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

But this House regrets:

- a) That despite record tax increases and record increases in transfers from other jurisdictions, the Provincial Government continues to spend beyond its means to the detriment of future generations; and
- b) That despite record tax increases and record increases in transfers from other jurisdictions, the Provincial Government has doubled the provincial debt; and
- c) That despite record tax increases and record increases in transfers from other jurisdictions, Manitoba remains the child poverty capital of Canada; and
- d) That despite record tax increases and record increases in transfers from other jurisdictions, Manitoba food bank usage is at record high levels including the highest percentage of children using food banks in Canada; and
- e) That despite record tax increases and record increases in transfers from other jurisdictions, Manitoba's infrastructure deficit is not being addressed and roads and bridges are in disrepair; and
- f) That despite record tax increases and record increases in transfers from other jurisdictions, many recent flood victims have still not received adequate compensation for their losses; and
- g) That despite record tax increases and record increases in transfers from other jurisdictions, long wait times in emergency rooms and for surgeries continue to put the health of Manitobans at risk; and
- h) That despite record tax increases and record increases in transfers from other jurisdictions, many seniors face long wait times for long-term care beds; and

- i) That despite record tax increases and record increases in transfers from other jurisdictions, Manitoba students continue to score at or near the bottom in core subjects such as math, reading and science; and
- j) That despite record tax increases and record increases in transfers from other jurisdictions, Manitoba universities are still ranked near the bottom compared to their Canadian counterparts; and
- k) That despite record tax increases and record increases in transfers from other jurisdictions, there continues to be a critical shortage of affordable housing; and
- l) That despite record tax increases and record increases in transfers from other jurisdictions, the Provincial Government insists on politically interfering with Crown Corporations in an attempt to siphon more money from them and from Manitobans; and
- m) That despite record tax increases and record increases in transfers from other jurisdictions, Manitoba remains the violent crime capital of Canada and gangs continue to flourish; and
- n) That despite record tax increases and record increases in transfers from other jurisdictions, many Aboriginal Manitobans still live in poverty and their communities lack basic services; and
- o) That despite record tax increases and record increases in transfers from other jurisdictions, many farm sectors do not receive adequate support when circumstances beyond their control impact food production; and
- p) That despite record tax increases and record increases in transfers from other jurisdictions, far too many Manitobans are leaving to live in other provinces.

As a consequence of these and many other failings, the Provincial Government has thereby lost the trust and confidence of this House.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Mr. FRIESEN, Hon. Ms. OSWALD and Messrs. GRAYDON and MALOWAY having spoken.

And Mr. PEDERSEN speaking at 12:30 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

The House then adjourned at 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, November 26, 2012.

Hon. Daryl REID,
Speaker.