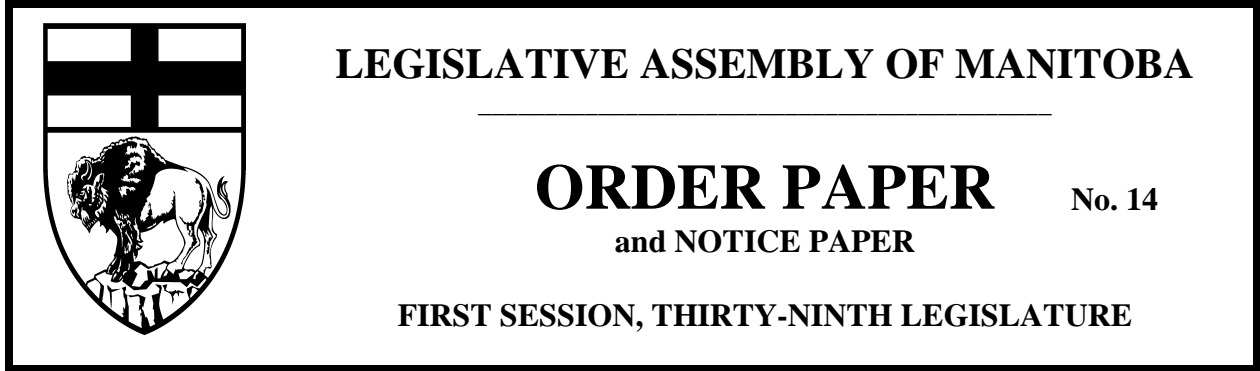


Wednesday, October 3, 2007



**PRAYER**

**SITTING AT 1:30 P.M.**

**ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS –

(No. 3) – The Healthy Child Manitoba Act/Loi sur la stratégie « Enfants en santé Manitoba »

Hon. Mr. RONDEAU –

(No. 4) – The Real Property Amendment Act (Wind Turbines)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les biens réels (éoliennes)

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK –

(No. 5) – The Public Accounts Committee Meeting Dates Act (Legislative Assembly Act Amended)/Loi sur les dates de réunion du Comité des comptes publics (modification de la Loi sur l'Assemblée législative)

Hon. Ms. MCGIFFORD –

(No. 6) – The Adult Literacy Act/Loi sur l'alphabétisation des adultes

Hon. Mr. SELINGER –

(No. 7) – The Insurance Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les assurances

Hon. Mr. SELINGER –

(No. 9) – The Securities Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les valeurs mobilières

Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH –

(No. 11) – The Children's Advocate's Enhanced Mandate Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur l'élargissement du mandat du protecteur des enfants (modification de diverses dispositions législatives)

Hon. Mr. RONDEAU –

(No. 15) – The Biofuels Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les biocarburants

Hon. Mr. ASHTON –

(No. 20) – The Planning Amendment Act (Deemed Single Operations)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'aménagement du territoire (exploitations réputées uniques)

Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH –

(No. 21) – The Housing and Renewal Corporation Amendment Act (Fund for Housing Revitalization)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d'habitation et de rénovation (fonds destiné à la revitalisation des logements)

Hon. Mr. LATHLIN –

(No. 23) – The Real Property Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les biens réels

Hon. Mr. RONDEAU –

(No. 24) – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment and Public Utilities Board Amendment Act (Electricity Reliability)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Hydro-Manitoba et la Loi sur la Régie des services publics (fiabilité du réseau électrique)

Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 210) – The Workplace Safety and Health Amendment Act (Harassment in the Workplace)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la sécurité et l'hygiène du travail (harcèlement dans le lieu de travail)

## **PETITIONS**

Mrs. TAILLIEU

Mr. CULLEN

Mrs. ROWAT

Mr. LAMOUREUX

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**SECOND READINGS:**

Hon. Mr. BJORNSON –

(No. 8) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Regional Vocational Schools)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (écoles professionnelles régionales)

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Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX –

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Hon. Ms. ALLAN –

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Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS –

(No. 18) – The Forest Health Protection Act/Loi sur la protection de la santé des forêts  
(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Ms. ALLAN –

(No. 19) – The Fair Registration Practices in Regulated Professions Act/Loi sur les pratiques d'inscription équitables dans les professions réglementées  
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Hon. Ms. OSWALD –

(No. 22) – The Medical Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi médicale

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## NOTICE PAPER

### NOTICE OF MOTION FOR TUESDAY NEXT:

### PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

#### **Ms. HOWARD – Public vs Private Health Care**

5. WHEREAS the increasing costs of health care are largely the result of soaring drug prices, shortages of health care professionals, and the cost of services such as Pharmacare, not covered by the Canada Health Act; and

WHEREAS in public facilities, no funding is siphoned off as profit, less is spent on administration including bill collection and virtually no money is squandered on marketing; and

WHEREAS in a private health care system tax money must cover the costs of goods and services involved in health care as well as a substantial profit for shareholders; and

WHEREAS for-profit services have been consistently shown to be more costly than our public system and to boost their profits by poaching the lowest-risk patients – the young and healthy – for themselves, leaving the poor, the elderly and chronically ill to the public system; and

WHEREAS researchers at McMaster University examined the performance of 26,000 hospitals in the US over 15 years, and found that for-profit hospitals have a 2% higher death rate than not-for-profits because they cut corners by hiring less qualified staff in order to give the shareholders the needed 10 to 15% return on their investments - which translated into Canadian terms would mean the deaths of 2,200 more Canadians each year; and

WHEREAS private facilities lure health professionals who would otherwise be at work in public facilities, compounding shortages rather than easing them; and

WHEREAS study after study around the world has shown that allowing for-profit corporations to deliver health care services increases costs, lengthens waiting lists in the public system, and decreases the quality of care; and

WHEREAS savings from public clinics and hospitals are re-invested rather than going to shareholders; and

WHEREAS, in New Zealand, where for-profit clinics have been introduced, wait times for some vital surgeries have tripled; and

WHEREAS when private clinics are introduced, there are significantly fewer doctors able to serve the public system; and

WHEREAS an independent study by the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy found that when the previous government required patients to pay for some cataract surgeries, the wait lists for cataract surgeries without user fees were 2.5 times longer; and

WHEREAS an independent auditor's report released in December 2002 found that Ontario's plan for bringing in privately built, for-profit hospitals would cost taxpayers more in the long run than public facilities; and

WHEREAS a compilation of data from eight large studies, each of which included an average of 324 hospitals, showed that the costs of care in for-profit hospitals were 19% higher. If Canada's hospitals became profit-driven businesses, we would be paying a further \$7.2 billion each year; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba recognizes that parallel private health care would fundamentally undermine Manitoba's health care system by causing it to be less accessible, less efficient and more expensive.