

Wednesday, March 14, 2018



**PRAYER**

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

**ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

Hon. Mr. FIELDING –

(No. 2) – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act (Guardianship Support)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services à l'enfant et à la famille (aide aux tuteurs)

Hon. Mr. CULLEN –

(No. 12) – The Red Tape Reduction and Government Efficiency Act, 2018/Loi de 2018 sur la réduction du fardeau administratif et l'efficacité du gouvernement

Hon. Mrs. COX –

(No. 13) – The Concussion in Youth Sport Act/Loi sur les commotions cérébrales chez les jeunes athlètes

Mr. LAGIMODIERE –

(No. 201) – The Manitoba Conservation Officers Recognition Day Act/Loi sur la Journée de reconnaissance des agents de conservation du Manitoba

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER –

(No. 202) – The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Assemblée législative

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER –

(No. 205) – The Statutory Holidays Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur les jours fériés (modification de diverses dispositions législatives)

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER –

(No. 214) – The Workplace Safety and Health Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la sécurité et l'hygiène du travail

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER –

(No. 215) – The Election Financing Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le financement des élections

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Hon. Mr. FLETCHER

Hon. Mr. GERRARD

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNED DEBATE (THIRD DAY OF DEBATE):**

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. FRIESEN –

THAT this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government.

And the Proposed Motion of Mr. KINEW in amendment thereto as follows:

*THAT the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "House" and substituting:*

therefore regrets that this budget neglects the priorities of Manitobans by:

- a) breaking the Premier's promise to protect front line services by making deep cuts to health and education despite unprecedented new revenues from the Premier's gas tax; and

- b) continuing the Premier's attack on the health care system by underspending the health care budget by \$175 million, freezing acute care services, cutting long term care supports, doctor recruitment programs, mental health and addictions services while wasting millions on endless reports by high priced consultants; and
- c) cutting funds for pharmacare, even though there is a unique opportunity right now to pressure the Federal Government to invest in a true universal national pharmacare program; and
- d) underspending the education capital budget for K-12 by \$81 million and failing to keep school spending at least up to the rate of inflation; and
- e) cutting post-secondary education by millions while increasing tuition rates for parents and students and planning critical changes to student aid that could limit access for thousands of students; and
- f) failing to provide a comprehensive jobs plan that gives more families access to good paying, non-precarious jobs, cutting supports for apprenticeships and training while standing idly by as Manitoba's unemployment rate rose to become higher than the Canadian average for the first time in a generation; and
- g) cutting over \$150 million in infrastructure spending, 25% of the flood protection budget with no mention of the town of Churchill or supports for mining jobs in the North; and
- h) forcing regular Manitoba families to pay hundreds of dollars more this year in the Premier's gas tax with no tax relief in 2018 while letting big corporate polluters off the hook.

As a consequence, the Provincial Government has thereby lost the confidence of this House and the people of Manitoba.

And the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. GERRARD in sub-amendment thereto as follows:

*THAT the amendment be amended by adding after clause (h) the following clauses:*

- i) failing to articulate a forward looking vision or have an adequate plan for job creation and growth for the Manitoba economy; and
- j) failing to bring in a budget which will decrease inequality in Manitoba by not increasing EIA payments and instead increasing costs for those on low incomes by imposing higher taxes, higher transit costs and higher electricity costs without any offsets to help those on low incomes; and

- k) bringing in a carbon tax without providing transitional support for trucking or related industries nor a logical, clear and precise explanation of where the money raised will be spent causing carbon confusion and no clear signals regarding the future of related jobs and opportunities in building a green economy; and
- l) failing to show clear plans to mitigate the problems associated with climate change including increased floods, droughts and forest fires; and
- m) failing to provide leadership in moving to the development and manufacturing in Manitoba of electric vehicles including cars, buses, trucks and tractors; and
- n) failing to address the win-win of reducing Nitrous Oxide from Agricultural processes; and
- o) failing to make progress on eco certification for Lake Winnipegosis; and
- p) failing to even mention Manitoba Hydro in the budget speech and neglecting to take measures to reduce the expected dramatic increase in hydro rates; and
- q) failing to act to improve the health of Manitobans by taking such measures as: restoring the exceptional Misericordia Urgent Care Centre, restoring lactation services and the IV team at the Health Sciences Centre, supporting the ability of doctors' offices to have medical laboratories, investing in emergency management measures and supporting rural emergency medical services and local health teams including rural pharmacists and assuring there are sufficient numbers of paramedics, particularly advanced care paramedics in rural Manitoba; and
- r) continuing to claw back tens of millions of dollars from children's special allowances to the detriment of children and families in Manitoba; and
- s) failing to develop a duty to consult framework for Indigenous communities; and
- t) failing to invest in the City of Winnipeg and other municipalities by cutting funding; and
- u) failing to invest in CFS transformation by cutting funding to strategic initiatives and program support; and
- v) failing to address the meth crisis in Manitoba by failing to put in place a drug stabilization unit and transitional support to help meth addicts to address their situation; and
- w) failing to provide clear funding for the International Institute for Sustainable Development; and

- x) failing to invest in the areas of Immigration, Status of Women or Francophone Affairs and French education by cutting support; and
- y) failing to invest in the advancement of human rights by cutting funding to the Human Rights Commission; and
- z) failing to invest Carbon Tax or Federal Funding in environmental measures to reduce emission by cutting funding to the Clean Environment Commission, Water Stewardship and Environmental Stewardship; and
- aa) failing to support post-secondary education institutions forcing universities and colleges to cut services to students or programs; and
- bb) reducing funding for research and innovation by reducing the budget for Research Manitoba; and
- cc) failing to prioritize the East Side Road construction and breaking promises with respect to the funding of infrastructure in Manitoba.

(Mr. ALTEMEYER – 17 minutes)

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## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

## **COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY**

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### **DEBATE ON SECOND READINGS:**

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON –

(No. 4) – The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act (Member Changing Parties)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Assemblée législative (adhésion à un autre parti)

(Mr. ALLUM – 26 minutes)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. SQUIRES –

(No. 7) – The Sustainable Watersheds Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur les bassins hydrographiques durables (modification de diverses dispositions législatives)

(Mr. LINDSEY – 29 minutes)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mrs. COX –

(No. 8) – The Government Notices Modernization Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur la modernisation de la publication des avis du gouvernement (modification de diverses lois)

(Hon. Mr. CULLEN)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. PEDERSEN –

(No. 10) – The Boards, Committees, Councils and Commissions Streamlining Act (Various Acts Amended or Repealed)/Loi sur la simplification des conseils, des comités et des commissions (modification ou abrogation de diverses lois)

(Hon. Mr. CULLEN)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON –

(No. 11) – The Safe and Responsible Retailing of Cannabis Act (Liquor and Gaming Control Act and Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation Act Amended)/Loi sur la vente au détail responsable et sécuritaire du cannabis (modification de la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools et des jeux et de la Loi sur la Société manitobaine des alcools et des loteries)

(Mr. WIEBE – 25 minutes)

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## **SECOND READINGS:**

Hon. Mr. PEDERSEN –

(No. 3) – 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. Mr. FRIESEN –

(No. 5) – The Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les divulgations faites dans l'intérêt public (protection des divulgateurs d'actes répréhensibles)

(Recommended by Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN –

(No. 6) – The Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la divulgation de la rémunération dans le secteur public

(Recommended by Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. FIELDING –

(No. 9) – The Community Child Care Standards Amendment Act (Enhanced Powers Respecting Governance and Accountability)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la garde d'enfants (pouvoirs accrus en matière de gestion et d'obligation redditionnelle)

(Recommended by Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. SCHULER –

(No. 14) – The Traffic and Transportation Modernization Act/Loi sur la modernisation des lois relatives à la circulation et au transport

(Recommended by His Honour, the Administrator)

Hon. Mrs. COX –

(No. 15) – The Film and Video Classification and Distribution Act/Loi sur la classification et la distribution des films et des vidéos

(Recommended by His Honour, the Administrator)

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**DEBATE ON GOVERNMENT MOTION:**

**On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON – Special Committee on Proactive Disclosure Requirements for Provincial Candidates**

THAT a Special Committee on Proactive Disclosure Requirements for Provincial Candidates (the Special Committee) be established to study and make recommendations regarding the requirement of candidates seeking office in, but not limited to, the Manitoba Legislative Assembly to disclose matters including (but not limited to):

- a) past criminal background checks;
- b) adult and child abuse registry checks, and
- c) other matters which may be relevant for those who are seeking or holding office; and

THAT, except as otherwise provided in this motion, the Special Committee shall have the same status and follow the same practices and rules as a Standing Committee of the House, including:

- a) having the same membership composition as the current composition of the Standing Committees of the House; and
- b) having the power to establish a sub-committee for the purposes of carrying out any part of the Special Committee's work; and

THAT, within the parameters of the practices and Rules of the House and the instructions of this motion, the Special Committee be authorized to decide how it will conduct its business, including deciding to hold meetings at such times and places it considers advisable to receive briefs and hear presentations; and

THAT, despite Rule 4(12) the committee may meet in the months of June, July and August; and

THAT the Special Committee be able to call witnesses, including, but not limited to, the Chief Electoral Officer of Elections Manitoba, representatives from political parties, academia and other experts in ethics, political science or whatever field the Special Committee deems appropriate; and

THAT the Special Committee must report to the House by October 3, 2018.

(Hon. Mr. FLETCHER – 3 minutes)

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**GOVERNMENT MOTION:**

**Hon. Mr. CULLEN –**

1. THAT effective immediately and until prorogation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Session of the 41<sup>st</sup> Legislature, the Rules, Orders and Forms of Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be amended as follows:

(a) by deleting Sub-rule 23(4) and substituting the following:

**Private Members' Business**

**23(4)** Subject to sub-rule 4(3), Private Members' Business shall be considered as follows when the House sits on Tuesdays and Thursdays:

**Tuesday:**

**10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** (Private Members' Hour)

Private Bills  
Public Bills  
Motions

**11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon** (Private Members' Hour)

Private Members' Resolutions  
Motions

**Thursday:**

**10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** (Private Members' Hour)

Public Bills  
Private Bills  
Motions

**11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon** (Private Members' Hour)

Private Members' Resolutions  
Motions  
Deferred votes from previous Tuesday Private Members' Business at 11:55 a.m.

**Sequence of Private Members' Bills**

**23(4.1)** Private Members' Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills shall be called in the following sequence as listed on the *Order Paper*:

- (a) Report Stage;
- (b) Debate on Report Stage;
- (c) Concurrence and Third Readings;
- (d) Debate on Concurrence and Third Readings;
- (e) Second Readings;
- (f) Debate on Second Readings.

When a Private Member's Public Bill or Private Bill is called for debate and is not disposed of within that hour, it shall be placed on the bottom of the list of bills of that type on the *Order Paper*.

**House Leaders**

**23(4.2)** House Leaders of Recognized Parties have the authority to call Private Members' Bills for debate in the first Hour of Private Members' Business.



- (a) On Tuesday mornings the Government House Leader or designate shall call Private Members' Bills for debate.
- (b) On Thursday mornings the Official Opposition House Leader or designate, or the House Leaders or designates of other Recognized Opposition Parties, shall call Private Members' Bills for debate.
- (c) If there is more than one Recognized Opposition Party:
  - i. The House Leaders or designates of all Recognized Opposition Parties must submit to the Speaker an agreement on dividing time on Thursday mornings.
  - ii. In the event of an impasse the Speaker shall make a determination as to this division of time.

*(b) by deleting Rule 24 and substituting the following:*

**Selected Bills**

**24(1)** Each recognized party may select up to three Private Members' Bills per session to proceed to a Second Reading debate and vote.

**Bills to proceed to a Second Reading vote**

**24(2)** Each Independent Member may select one Private Members' Bill per session to proceed to a Second Reading debate and vote, and despite Rule 69(1), an Independent Member will not require a seconder to move each Reading motion for their selected Private Members' Bill.

**Written notice**

**24(3)** Written notice of each selected Bill, indicating the sitting day and time when the debate and vote will occur, must be provided to the Speaker by the Government House Leader (or designate) and the Independent Member no later than two weeks prior to the scheduled end of the Fall Sitzings.

**Scheduling Independent Members' Selected Bills**

**24(4)** As part of the written notice required in 24(3), an Independent Member and the Government House Leader or designate must agree on a date and time for the debate and vote on the selected Bill, and notify the Speaker in writing of the details.

- (a) In the event of an impasse, the Speaker shall make a determination as to the scheduling of these debates.
- (b) The Government House Leader or designate will call Independent Members' Private Members' Bills for debate on Tuesdays.

**2.** THAT the Clerk may re-number the Rules, Orders and Forms of Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly and make other minor corrections that in no way alter the intended meaning of these Amendments.

**3.** THAT the Clerk prepare revised rule books incorporating all amendments, additions and deletions.

# NOTICE PAPER

## NOTICE OF MOTION FOR THURSDAY:

Hon. Ms. SQUIRES –

(No. 16) – The Climate and Green Plan Implementation Act/Loi sur la mise en œuvre du Plan vert et climatique

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## NOTICE OF MOTION FOR TUESDAY:

### PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

#### Mr. LAGIMODIERE – Recognition of Wetland Importance

5. WHEREAS wetlands help to prevent flooding, store carbon and remove sediment, nutrients and contaminants from waterways; and

WHEREAS wetlands contribute to safe water supplies for shallows and deep wells; and

WHEREAS wetland areas promote healthy ecosystems and biodiversity by supporting many forms of plant and animal life; and

WHEREAS Manitoba has lost up to 70% of wetlands in southern Manitoba and continues to lose wetlands at a rate of nine acres per day; and

WHEREAS other jurisdictions in North America have implemented a three to one ratio replacement policy for lost wetland areas; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has fully committed to reducing flooding and improving water quality and nutrient management through the Grow program; and

WHEREAS prairie wetlands in Manitoba store approximately 67 million tonnes of carbon; and

WHEREAS Manitoba's boreal region is rich in wetlands, store as much as 27.9 billion tonnes of carbon, and provide a critical habitat for species at risk such as boreal woodland caribou.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to continue to acknowledge the need to protect wetlands and strive to replace damaged or lost wetland areas in order to halt their depletion and ensure the ongoing health of one of Manitoba's most essential ecosystems.

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