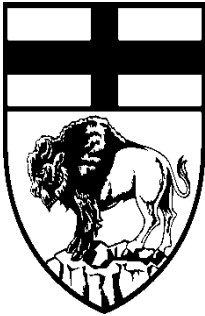


Friday, October 9, 2020



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

ORDER PAPER

No. 3

and NOTICE PAPER

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

SITTING AT 10:00 A.M.

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Hon. Mr. FIELDING –

(No. 2) – The Budget Implementation and Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2020/Loi d'exécution du budget de 2020 et modifiant diverses dispositions législatives en matière de fiscalité

Mr. LAMONT –

(No. 200) – The Scrap Metal Sales Accountability Act/Loi sur l'obligation redditionnelle en matière de vente de ferraille

MLA ASAGWARA –

(No. 201) – The Restricting Mandatory Overtime for Nurses Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur la réduction du temps supplémentaire obligatoire des infirmières (modification de diverses lois)

MLA ASAGWARA –

(No. 202) – The Health Services Insurance Amendment Act (Personal Care Home Staffing Guidelines)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'assurance-maladie (lignes directrices en matière de dotation applicables aux foyers de soins personnels)

Mr. SALA –

(No. 203) – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment Act (Referendum Before Privatization of Subsidiary)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Hydro-Manitoba (référendum applicable à la privatisation des filiales)

Mr. KINEW –

(No. 204) – The Louis Riel Act/Loi sur Louis Riel

Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 205) – The Latex Control Act/Loi limitant l'utilisation du latex

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ADJOURNED DEBATE (Second Day of Debate):

Mr. WOWCHUK—

THAT the following Address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor:

We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, thank your Honour for the gracious speech addressed to us at this Third Session of the Forty-Second Legislature of Manitoba.

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

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

But this House regrets that the Provincial Government has:

- a) failed to match the commitment Manitobans have shown in fighting the pandemic and recession with an equivalent effort to make things better for families, workers, seniors and business across the province; and
- b) failed to develop or implement a real and comprehensive plan to address the health care and economic needs laid bare by the COVID-19 pandemic and has instead pushed forward on a path of cuts, privatization and attacks on workers; and
- c) further undermined the health care system by refusing to invest in increases to testing capacity, testing sites, supports for patients waiting to obtain a test, and refused to arrange a system for test bookings to alleviate wait times; and
- d) failed ~~seniors~~ seniors and elders in Manitoba by raising fees on residents of personal care homes during the pandemic, cutting home care services, freezing personal care home supports for years on end, and limiting access and increasing costs for seniors to obtain prescription drugs while shifting the burden of care for this vulnerable group of Manitobans by pushing more responsibilities to families; and
- e) continued to privatize essential parts of the health care system by refusing to invest in public health care and instead providing millions in contracts to for-profit corporations; and
- f) continued to undermine rural health care by moving ahead with their plan to close EMS stations across the province in communities like Grandview and closing ERs and labs in communities like Roblin and Shoal Lake; and

- g) cut Northern health care services such as closing the Flin Flon operating room during the pandemic and moving ahead with the privatization of Lifeflight services; and
- h) refused to guarantee that all Federal funding for health care is spent at the bedside rather than on the Provincial Government's other priorities; and
- i) refused to address the public health crisis by failing to provide long-term investments to community organizations and offer harm reduction initiatives which help Manitobans dealing with mental health and addictions get the help they need and reduce blood borne diseases; and
- j) failed to offer any acknowledgement of the needs of Black, Indigenous or People of Colour (BIPOC) Manitobans in the Throne Speech, and presented no comprehensive plan to help reduce and end poverty, and no real plan for community safety in Manitoba; and
- k) refused to recognize the disproportionate impact the pandemic has had on women in particular and refused to end the funding freeze for childcare centres across Manitoba putting many centres at risk of closing their doors, further harming Manitoba women, children and families; and
- l) diverted needed funds for childcare to high-priced consultants while early childhood educators have gone years without any wage or funding supports from the Provincial Government and continued to push the privatization of early learning and childcare services in the province instead of investing in public, affordable, accessible and high-quality childcare services; and
- m) offered no real or effective programs for small businesses to survive the pandemic, with no programs to help meet rent or cover costs associated with the purchase of PPE as many small businesses face the prospect of closing their doors; and
- n) continued to freeze funding for municipalities, forcing large communities like Winnipeg, Brandon, Thompson, Dauphin, and Selkirk and smaller communities like Gimli and St. Lazare to make difficult decisions on cuts to public services and programming that keep communities safe and welcoming; and
- o) failed again to present any commitments to build new social or affordable housing despite being able to access funds from the Federal Government and made the situation worse by selling government housing units; and
- p) continued to put the long-term success of Manitoba students at risk by pushing ahead with an out of date 'review' of the education system, having already eliminated small class sizes, slashed support services, fired education assistants, cut education funding and frozen teachers wages; and

- q) refused to offer a safe back to school plan to address the concerns of teachers, educators, students and parents by ensuring small class sizes, more supports in the classroom, using new and creative spots for classroom learning and failing to ensure federal money earmarked for education actually makes it to the classroom; and
- r) continued to increase tuition for post-secondary education during the pandemic while demanding millions in cuts from provincial colleges and universities after having cut important programs in colleges such as 75 nursing spots at Red River College; and
- s) interfered with Crown Corporations numerous times, most recently by directing Manitoba Hydro to break up and sell off subsidiaries owned by the corporation including Teshmont, Manitoba Hydro International and Manitoba Hydro Telecom; and
- t) failed to offer a plan to actually use the telecommunication assets of Manitoba Hydro to bring broadband to rural and northern Manitoba, instead pushing for these assets to be sold off; and
- u) failed again to listen to Manitoba producers who have overwhelmingly said that their approach to leasing Crown lands will cause irreparable harm to family farms in Manitoba that are already dealing with serious challenges due to climate change while also failing to provide them with insurance supports during a time of need; and
- v) continued to underspend highways infrastructure by hundreds of millions of dollars while also continuing to pursue the selling off of and privatization of infrastructure services; and
- w) cut supports for French language services at the Université de Saint-Boniface, Santé en Français, and translation services, and eliminated the Assistant Deputy Minister for the Bureau de l'éducation française; and
- x) failed to meaningfully consult with Indigenous leaderships for another year regarding the Lake St. Martin outlet channel and other initiatives that affect Indigenous rights and refused to properly recognize the legitimate rights and roles of Indigenous leadership on matters of harvesting and management of resources; and
- y) failed to implement a living wage, offered no supports for health and safety in workplaces, and are pushing ahead with a defence of a wage freeze law that was ruled to be unconstitutional; and
- z) ignored the needs of the northern communities who have lost hundreds of mining jobs by the failure to release any funds devoted to supporting mining communities; and
- aa) failed to take any meaningful action on climate change by continuing to pursue a wasteful challenge to the Federal Government's carbon tax, cutting support to local environmental groups, investing in programs for green jobs or actually make progress on important projects like upgrades to the North End Sewage Treatment Plant; and

- bb) failed to offer any supports to newcomers in the province, especially those newcomer workers who work in agricultural and manufacturing sectors every day.

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

(Hon. Ms. SQUIRES – 1 minute)

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR TUESDAY:

Hon. Mr. HELWER –

(No. 3) – The Public Service Act/Loi sur la fonction publique

Hon. Mr. FIELDING –

(No. 4) – The Retail Business Hours of Operation Act (Various Acts Amended or Repealed)/Loi sur les heures d'ouverture des commerces de détail (modification ou abrogation de diverses lois)

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

The Standing Committee on PUBLIC ACCOUNTS will meet in the Chamber, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the following reports:

- Auditor General's Report – Operations of the Office for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017
 - Auditor General's Report – Operations of the Office for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018
 - Auditor General's Report – Operations of the Office for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019
 - Auditor General's Report – Operations of the Office for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020
 - Auditor General's Report – Operations of the Office – Strategic Priorities Plan for 2019/20 and 2021/22
 - Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Previously Issued Recommendations – dated May 2014
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