



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 28**

**FOURTH SESSION, THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE**

**PRAYER**

**1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.**

On motion of Hon. Mr. ASHTON, Bill (No. 21) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Immobilizers and Air Bags)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (dispositifs d'immobilisation et sacs gonflables), was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. MAGUIRE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Conservation to consider immediately placing the recent changes to the Onsite Wastewater Management System (OWMS) Regulation under *The Environment Act* on hold until such time that a review can take place to ensure that they are based on sound science and to consider implementing the prohibition on wastewater ejector systems on a case-by-case basis as determined by environmental need in ecologically sensitive areas and to consider offering financial incentives to help affected Manitoba property owners adapt to these regulatory changes. (A. McPherson, S. Pringle, B. Farder and others)

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Transportation consider the immediate twinning of the PTH #15 Floodway Bridge for the safety of the citizens of Manitoba. (S. Siewert, L. Steiner, J. Coe and others)

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Health to consider rethinking her refusal to allow an ophthalmologist to practice in Swan River and to consider working with the community to provide this service without further delay. (A. Kern, E. Richenhaller, E. P. Richenhaller and others)

Mr. GRAYDON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Education Citizenship and Youth consider removing education funding by school tax or education levies from all property in Manitoba, including commercial property and consider finding a more equitable method of funding education such as general revenue following the Constitutional funding of education by the Province of Manitoba. (D. Moodoo, D. Benoit, J. Hanson and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to consider how important it is to have a medical clinic located in the Weston/Brooklands area. (H. Syka, D. Genaille, A. Berg and others)

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. (M. Wollmann Sr., W. Hofer, J. Wollmann and others)

Mrs. STEFANSON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Conservation to consider acknowledging that more timely action should have been taken to address the shortcomings with the lagoons in the Whiteshell Provincial Park in order to protect the environment and to consider immediately developing short and long-term strategies to address the shortcomings with lagoons in the Whiteshell Provincial Park and to consider implementing them as soon as possible. (R. Gorham, L. Martin, F. Martin and others)

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Hon. Ms. OSWALD presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2010-2011 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Health.  
(Sessional Paper No. 21)

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Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2010-2011 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Family Services and Consumer Affairs.  
(Sessional Paper No. 22)

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Hon. Ms. MELNICK presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2010-2011 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Water Stewardship.  
(Sessional Paper No. 23)

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Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mr. HAWRANIK, Ms. SELBY, Mr. DYCK, Ms. BRAUN and Hon. Mr. GERRARD made Members' Statements.

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The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK:

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

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

*That the Motion be amended by deleting all the words after "House" and substituting:*

therefore regrets that this budget fails to address the priorities of Manitobans by:

- (a) forcing Manitoba families to pay higher hydro rates, higher water bills, and a range of other hidden taxes in order to pay for three wasteful NDP pet projects which are:
  - i. forcing Manitoba Hydro, against its advice, to build Bipole III on the west side route, costing Manitobans an extra \$640 million, and damaging the environment; and
  - ii. forcing the City of Winnipeg to remove nitrogen from its wastewater, a decision that is expected to cost ratepayers an additional \$350 million, and which respected scientists say could be harmful to the health of Lake Winnipeg; and
  - iii. forcing unwanted enhanced drivers' licenses on Manitobans, costing \$14 million; and
- (b) creating a sinkhole of debt, now at \$23.4 billion and rising. As a result, Manitoba families will be forced to work longer hours at lower pay to pay off this bill in the years ahead; and
- (c) scrapping balanced budget laws in order to allow the NDP to accrue massive deficits totalling \$2.039 billion over the next half decade, putting social programs such as healthcare and education at risk; and
- (d) failing to preserve front line health care services with innovative service delivery, emphasizing preventative care, and reducing bloated bureaucracy; and
- (e) failing to recognize the importance of agriculture and rural communities to our economy; and
- (f) failing to offer a plan to encourage private investment to create opportunity and wealth, so Manitobans can feel hope that we will one day emerge from the hole of debt and dependency and see a brighter future.

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

And the proposed sub-amendment moved by Hon. Mr. GERRARD as follows:

*THAT the amendment be amended by adding thereto the following words:*

And further regrets that this budget fails to address the priorities of Manitobans by:

- (g) failing to properly manage the finances of Manitoba and as a result building up a huge structural deficit which will hurt Manitobans for many years to come; and
- (h) failing to acknowledge the damage the payroll tax has on economic growth; and
- (i) failing to set high goals for our provincial education system; and
- (j) failing to create an adequate action plan and funding for early childhood education in Manitoba, and

- (k) failing to increase student aid support to post-secondary education students and increasing tuition for university students by 5% which is above the cost of living.
- (l) failing to recognize the need for, and address the establishment of, a Manitoba Science, Engineering and Humanities Research Council; and
- (m) failing to reduce wait times for post-secondary institutions; and
- (n) failing to put patients first by continuing to base RHA spending on global budgets, rather than services delivered; and
- (o) failing to adequately address the diabetes epidemic facing Manitoba and to set a target for reduction of the incidence of diabetes in our province; and
- (p) failing to ensure local community access to health care as has happened with the Westbrook Medical Clinic closure; and
- (q) failing to develop a Manitoba policy on what services community hospitals should provide; and
- (r) failing to implement a plan to reduce child poverty rates in Manitoba; and
- (s) continuing to ignore the need to set targets and hire sufficient enforcement officers to ensure progress on cleaning up Lake Winnipeg and other Manitoba lakes suffering from toxic algae blooms; and
- (t) failing to support the agricultural sector by refusing to fund eco-friendly farming practices, such as a province-wide ALUS program; and
- (u) failing to address climate change and not running a carbon-neutral government; and
- (v) failing to address Northern Manitoba housing issues; and
- (w) failing to act on economic development for First Nations and rural Manitobans; and
- (x) failing to reduce waiting times to a reasonable level in issuing nominee certificates.

And the debate continuing on the sub-amendment,

And Mr. LAMOUREUX, Hon. Ms. MELNICK, Mrs. TAILLIEU, Hon. Mr. SELINGER, Mrs. STEFANSON and Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK having spoken.

And the Question being put on the sub-amendment. It was negatived.

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**YEA**

BOROTSIK	HAWRANIK
BRIESE	LAMOUREUX
CULLEN	MAGUIRE
DERKACH	MCFADYEN
DRIEDGER	MITCHELSON
DYCK	PEDERSEN
FAURSCHOU	ROWAT
GERRARD	SCHULER
GOERTZEN	STEFANSON
GRAYDON	TAILLIEU.....20

**NAY**

ALLAN	MARCELINO
ALTEMEYER	MARTINDALE
ASHTON	MCGIFFORD
BLADY	MELNICK
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BJORNSON	OSWALD
BRAUN	REID
BRICK	ROBINSON
CALDWELL	RONDEAU
CHOMIAK	SARAN
DEWAR	SELBY
HOWARD	SELINGER
IRVIN-ROSS	STRUTHERS
JENNISSEN	SWAN
JHA	WHITEHEAD
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And the Question being put on the main motion. It was agreed to, on the following division:

**YEA**

ALLAN	MARCELINO
ALTEMEYER	MARTINDALE
ASHTON	MCGIFFORD
BLADY	MELNICK
BLAIKIE	NEVAKSHONOFF
BJORNSON	OSWALD
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The House then adjourned at 4:41 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 15, 2010.

Hon. George HICKES,  
Speaker.