



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 26

SECOND SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

(No. 22) – The Minor Amendments and Corrections Act, 2020/Loi corrective de 2020
(Hon. Ms. SQUIRES for Hon. Mr. CULLEN)

(No. 25) – The Conflict of Interest (Members and Ministers) and Related Amendments Act/Loi sur les conflits d'intérêts des députés et des ministres et modifications connexes
(Hon. Mr. CULLEN)

(No. 34) – 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
(Hon. Mr. FIELDING)

(No. 35) – The Climate and Green Plan Implementation Act, 2020/Loi de 2020 sur la mise en œuvre du Plan vert et climatique
(Hon. Mrs. GUILLEMARD)

(No. 36) – The Water Resources Administration Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'aménagement hydraulique
(Hon. Mr. SCHULER)

(No. 37) – The Reducing Red Tape and Improving Services Act, 2020/Loi de 2020 visant la réduction du fardeau administratif et l'amélioration des services
(Hon. Ms. SQUIRES)

(No. 38) – The Consumer Protection Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection du consommateur
(Hon. Mr. FIELDING)

(No. 39) – The Horse Racing Regulatory Modernization Act (Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Act and Pari-Mutuel Levy Act Amended)/Loi sur la modernisation de la réglementation des courses de chevaux (modification de la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis et de la Loi concernant les prélèvements sur les mises de pari mutuel)

(Hon. Mr. CULLEN)

(No. 40) – The Election Financing Amendment and Elections Amendment Act (Government Advertising)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le financement des élections et la Loi électorale (publicité du gouvernement)

(Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN)

(No. 41) – The Advanced Education Administration Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'administration de l'enseignement postsecondaire

(Hon. Mr. EICHLER)

(No. 42) – The University College of the North Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le Collège universitaire du Nord

(Hon. Mr. EICHLER)

(No. 43) – The Civil Service Superannuation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la pension de la fonction publique

(Hon. Mr. HELWER)

(No. 44) – The Public Utilities Ratepayer Protection and Regulatory Reform Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur la protection des contribuables et la réforme réglementaire en matière de services publics (modification de diverses dispositions législatives)

(Hon. Mr. FIELDING)

(No. 45) – The Public Health Amendment Act (Food Safety and Other Amendments)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la santé publique (salubrité des aliments et modifications connexes)

(Hon. Mr. PEDERSEN)

(No. 48) – The Planning Amendment and City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'aménagement du territoire et la Charte de la ville de Winnipeg

(Hon. Ms. SQUIRES)

(No. 49) – The Building and Electrical Permitting Improvement Act (Various Acts Amended and Permit Dispute Resolution Act Enacted)/Loi améliorant la délivrance des permis de construction et d'électricité et la résolution des litiges connexes (modification de diverses dispositions législatives et édicition de la Loi sur la résolution des litiges en matière de permis)

(Hon. Ms. SQUIRES)

(No. 51) – The Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act/Loi sur le recouvrement du montant des dommages-intérêts et du coût des soins de santé imputables aux opioïdes

(Hon. Mr. CULLEN)

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN presented:

Annual Report of The Public Schools Finance Board for the year ending June 30, 2019.
(Sessional Paper No. 20)

Hon. Mr. FIELDING presented:

Report on Fidelity Bonds according to section 20 of *The Public Officers Act* dated March 19,
2020. (Sessional Paper No. 21)

Hon. Mr. CULLEN presented:

Annual Review of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for the year ending December 31,
2017. (Sessional Paper No. 22)

Hon. Ms. SQUIRES presented:

Annual Report of the Office of the Fire Commissioner for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019.
(Sessional Paper No. 23)

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN, the Minister of Health, Seniors and Active Living, made a statement regarding
an update on the COVID 19 Virus.

MLA ASAGWARA and, by leave, Mr. LAMONT commented on the statement.

By leave, it was agreed to consider Interim Supply today, and for the House to not see the clock
until Royal Assent has been granted on The Interim Appropriation Act, 2020/Loi de 2020 portant
affectation anticipée de crédits.

By leave it was agreed to skip steps 5 and 10 of the Budget Procedure in Appendix D of the Rule
book, so that after the Minister finishes his speech, he tables the messages and the Budget documents, and
then other Members may speak to the motion.

By leave, it was agreed, despite the motion passed by the House on March 16, 2020, to allow the House to suspend its sittings indefinitely after it rises today, and for the House to adjourn until the call of the Speaker upon request from the Government House Leader or their designate, for a duration determined in advance by the Government House Leader or their designate, or the Government House Leader, the Opposition House Leader and the Member for River Heights or their designates, and while the House is not sitting for the Speaker, the Government House Leader, the Opposition House Leader and the Member for River Heights or their designates to consider ways for the Assembly to alter its operations to accommodate social distancing in light of pandemic planning.

By leave, it was agreed for the House to have a limited debate today, after the budget motion passes, on the Matter of Urgent Public Importance filed by the Member for St. Boniface, with the debate to last no more than 30 minutes, featuring one ten minute speech from a member of the Government caucus, a member of the Official Opposition caucus, as well as the Member for St. Boniface.

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Messrs. GUENTER and MOSES, Ms. ADAMS, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. MICKLEFIELD made Members' Statements.

Hon. Mr. FIELDING moved:

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

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. FIELDING and Mr. KINEW having spoken,

And Mr. KINEW moved an amendment 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) continuing to underfund healthcare after previous cuts and consolidations have already led to a crisis in hospitals, lack of support for nurses and other frontline workers and capacity issues in ER's and ICU's prior to and amid a pandemic; and
- b) failing to account for the economic challenges that will face the province, and provide aid to those economically impacted as a result of the current pandemic; and
- c) attempting to push through a legislative agenda that impacts students, schools, universities, pensioners, working people, and indeed all Manitobans.

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

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Mr. LAMONT having spoken,

Mr. LAMONT moved a sub-amendment as follows:

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

- d) failing to adequately ensure we are completely ready to address health issues around the Covid-19 pandemic including the provision of adequate respirators, respiratory technologists and critical care (ICU) nurses for a severe epidemic; and
- e) failing to pass along federal funding increases in Manitoba into crucial services, infrastructure, and climate projects for Manitobans; and
- f) failing to support Manitoba's economic health by falsely inflating the Province's deficit, budgeting increased amounts in departments for which there is no intention of spending the increases; and
- g) failing to introduce 'carbon credit' to incentivize or reward individuals, municipalities and other to take climate action into their own hands through programs such as the solar energy program; and
- h) failing to protect the public universal healthcare system by completely stalling provincial increases to health funding and solely relying on federal increases to fund health-care cost increases; and
- i) failing to trim from the top by increasing executive support for Ministers by more than four per cent; and
- j) failing to ensure mining operations in Manitoba stay viable and threatening the economic viability of northern communities by delaying mining permits; and
- k) failing to support Manitoba's incredible arts and cultural communities by allowing cultural infrastructure to crumble and freezing or decreasing funding to arts and cultural organizations; and
- l) failing to remove the 'head tax' to applications for the Provincial Nominee Program; and
- m) failing to ensure all communities, especially in Northern and Rural Manitoba, have access to high speed internet and cell phone coverage within three years; and
- n) failing to respond to the call from municipalities to have a cost sharing model for the revenue from cannabis sales; and
- o) failing to provide adequate funding for 'drug stabilization units', transitional housing and a 24/7 virtual clinic to assist individuals with substance use disorders get referrals; and
- p) failing to ensure that the upgrades to the north-end sewage treatment plant have been completed under previously set timelines; and

- q) failing to adequately address human exposure to lead in Manitoba and its resulting impact on the health of children and adults; and
- r) failing to address radon contamination as a cause of lung cancer in Manitoba homes; and
- s) failing to include basic income, job guarantee, and temporary income supplements for people who are not working through no fault of their own.

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker ruled the sub-amendment in order.

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

And the Question being put on the amendment. It was negatived, on division.

And the Question being put on the main motion. It was agreed to, on the following division:

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CLARKE	MICKLEFIELD
COX	MORLEY-LECOMTE
EICHLER	NESBITT
FIELDING	PALLISTER
FRIESEN	PEDERSEN
GOERTZEN	PIWNIUK
GORDON	REYES
GUENTER	SCHULER
GUILLEMARD	SMITH (Lagimodière)
HELWER	SMOOK
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Hon. Mr. FIELDING delivered to Madam Speaker two messages from Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Manitoba as follows:

Janice FILMON
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, Estimates of sums required for the services of the Province for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March 2021 and recommends these Estimates to the Legislative Assembly.

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA
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(Sessional Paper No. 24)

Janice FILMON
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, Estimates of sums required for the services of the Province for Capital Expenditures, and recommends these Estimates to the Legislative Assembly.

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(Sessional Paper No. 25)

By leave, following the Budget debate, Mr. LAMONT rose on a Matter of Urgent Public Importance and moved:

THAT in accordance with Rule 38(1), the ordinary business of the house be set aside to discuss a Matter of Urgent Public Importance, namely the need for an immediate economic update to assure funding for health, workers and businesses affected by the pandemic response to COVID-19, due to the declaration of a global pandemic by the World Health Organization and with cases in Manitoba doubling.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. LAMONT, Hon. Mr. FRIESEN and MLA ASAGWARA having spoken,

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The debate was terminated as per agreement of the House.

The House resolving into Committee of Supply.

Mr. PIWNIUK, Chairperson of the Committee of Supply, presented the Report of the Proceedings of the Committee of March 19, 2020 as follows:

IN THE COMMITTEE

The following Resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED that a sum not exceeding \$10,298,383,000, being approximately 75% of the total amount to be voted as set forth in Part A (Operating Expenditures) of the Estimates, be granted to Her Majesty for the Fiscal Year ending the 31st day of March, 2021.

RESOLVED that a sum not exceeding \$649,989,000, being approximately 90% of the total amount to be voted as set forth in Part B (Capital Investments) of the Estimates, be granted to Her Majesty for the Fiscal Year ending the 31st day of March, 2021.

RESOLVED that a sum not exceeding \$332,532,000, being approximately 90% of the total amount to be voted as set forth in Part C (Loans and Guarantees) of the Estimates, be granted to Her Majesty for the Fiscal Year ending the 31st day of March, 2021.

RESOLVED that a sum not exceeding \$1,960,097,000, being approximately 90% of the total amount to be voted as set forth in Part D (Capital Investments by Other Reporting Entities) of the Estimates, be granted to Her Majesty for the Fiscal Year ending the 31st day of March, 2021.

Resolutions were reported and the Report was received.

Hon. Mr. FIELDING moved:

THAT there be granted to Her Majesty on account of Certain Expenditures of the Public Service for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2021 out of the Consolidated Fund, the sums of \$10,298,383,000 being 75% of the total amount to be voted as set out in Part A (Operating Expenditures), \$649,989,000 being 90% of the total amount to be voted as set out in Part B (Capital Investments), \$332,532,000 being 90% of the total amount to be voted as set out in Part C (Loans and Guarantees) and \$1,960,097,000 being 90% of the total amount to be voted as set out in Part D (Capital Investments by Other Reporting Entities) of the estimates, laid before the House at the present Session of the Legislature.

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

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On motion of Hon. Mr. FIELDING, (No. 53) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2020/Loi de 2020 portant affectation anticipée de crédits, be now read a First Time and ordered for Second Reading immediately.

Hon. Mr. FIELDING moved:

THAT Bill (No. 53) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2020/Loi de 2020 portant affectation anticipée de crédits, be now read a Second Time and be referred to Committee of the Whole.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Mr. LAMONT and Ms. LAMOUREUX having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. WASYLIW and LAMONT having spoken,

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of the Whole.

The House resolving into Committee of the Whole.

Bill (No. 53) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2020/Loi de 2020 portant affectation anticipée de crédits, was considered in Committee of the Whole and reported without amendment.

Hon. Mr. FIELDING moved:

THAT Bill (No. 53) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2020/Loi de 2020 portant affectation anticipée de crédits, reported from Committee of the Whole, be concurred in and be now read for a Third Time and passed.

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly concurred in, read a Third Time and passed.

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Her Honour, Janice FILMON, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Manitoba, having entered the House at 5:51 p.m., and being seated on the Throne:

Madam Speaker addressed Her Honour in the following words:

Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of Manitoba asks Your Honour to accept the following Bill:

(No. 53) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2020/Loi de 2020 portant affectation anticipée de crédits

To this Bill the Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly as follows:

"In Her Majesty's name, the Lieutenant Governor thanks the Legislative Assembly, and assents to this Bill."

At 5:55 p.m., Her Honour was then pleased to retire.

The House then adjourned at 6:01 p.m., Thursday, March 19, 2020 until the call of the Speaker.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.