



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 3**

**FIFTH SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**

**PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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

The Clerk formally advised the Assembly that the Speaker was unavoidably absent and called upon the Deputy Speaker to take the Chair pursuant to the Statutes. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

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

(No. 2) – The Official Time Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le temps réglementaire  
(Hon. Ms. CLARKE)

(No. 3) – The Vital Statistics Amendment Act (Name Registration)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les statistiques de l'état civil (forme du nom)  
(Hon. Mr. HELWER)

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Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN presented:

Copy of Regulations filed under *The Statutes and Regulations Act*, being Manitoba Regulations Nos. 111/2021 to 127/2022.  
(Sessional Paper No. 2)

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Hon. Ms. CLARKE, the Minister of Municipal Relations, made a statement regarding Municipal Governance Awareness Week.

Mr. WIEBE and, by leave, Mr. LAMONT commented on the statement.

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Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Hon. Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. LATHLIN, Hon. Mr. HELWER, Mr. SALA and Ms. LAMOUREUX made Members' Statements.

The following petitions were presented and read to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba:

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – To urge the Provincial Government to provide online resources for children and adults with learning disabilities and IQs above 75 including: online videos featuring individuals with learning disabilities explaining their situation in a strength-based way to help create awareness; a centralized listing of all resources for those with learning disabilities, including relevant support systems for family, schools, educational and employment institutions; and a free online webinar series and resources to enable individuals with learning disabilities to access government supports; to provide additional resources to ensure that the present two year wait time list for assessments for learning disabilities is reduced to less than one month; to partner with organizations to provide supports for individual and/or group supports for those with learning disabilities who are transitioning to adulthood; to improve funding for Community Living Disability Services (CLDS) and other organizations which could provide supports for those with learning disabilities in order to reduce wait times; to recognize that individuals with learning disabilities with a normal or high IQ have great potential for working provided they have adequate supports, and to set up initiatives to help these individuals get and keep jobs; and to mandate that all teachers must take courses on learning disabilities during their post-secondary education to better understand and educate in order to end the discrimination they often experience in the classroom.

Ms. LAMOUREUX – To urge the Provincial Government to consider hearing loss as a medical treatment under Manitoba Health; and to provide income based coverage for hearing aids to all who need them as hearing has been proven to be essential to Manitobans’ cognitive, mental, and social health and well-being.

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In accordance with Rule 34(8), the Official Opposition House Leader announced that the Private Members’ Resolution titled “Calling on the Provincial Government to Stop Its Private Health Care Agenda and Invest in Manitoba’s Public Health Care System” will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members’ Business.

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The House resumed the debate on the Proposed Motion of Mr. GUENTER:

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 Fifth Session of the Forty-Second Legislature of Manitoba.

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. KINEW having spoken,

And Mr. KINEW moved an 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) demonstrated to Manitobans that the Premier is continuing former Premier Brian Pallister's agenda of health care cuts and privatization while giving cheques to billionaires; and
- b) refused to reverse its cuts to public health care and is instead pushing through further privatization of Manitoba's public health care system, bringing the province closer to a costlier and inequitable American-style two-tier health care system; and
- c) failed to address the current health care crisis in Manitoba that is putting intense strain on front line health care workers and patients waiting in pain in emergency rooms, especially in pediatric facilities such as the Health Science Centre's Children's Hospital; and
- d) continued to cut northern healthcare and mental health services in the north; and
- e) failed to fill widespread staff vacancies in homecare so that seniors and vulnerable Manitobans have access to quality and timely care; and
- f) refused to call an independent public inquiry into Manitoba's pandemic response to learn from its mistakes and bring forward changes to improve the lives of Manitoba families and strengthen the health care system; and
- g) continued to cut and underfund K-12 education in Manitoba while class sizes keep on increasing, while offering no real plans to support adult education; and
- h) refused to address the addictions crisis by failing to provide investments into harm reduction initiatives including safe consumption sites; and
- i) continued to make misleading statements on safe consumption sites by citing non-existent safe consumption sites in California; and
- j) refused to address the housing crisis by failing to build affordable social and supportive housing; and
- k) failed to act to improve access to mental health services across the province, particularly for youth and children and those living in remote and rural areas, as well as supports for children in Child and Family Services care; and
- l) failed to take actions to address the epidemic of Missing and Murdered Women, Girls and Two-Spirited people and failed to offer any concrete supports to help prevent domestic violence and to help those fleeing domestic violence; and

- m) failed to outline how the Provincial Government will reduce the number of children in Child and Family Services care and support those who have left the system; and
- n) continued to make life more expensive for average Manitobans by raising taxes on renters, cutting services, hiking hydro rates, attacking workers and increasing the price of essentials at the grocery store while offering no supports for producers; and
- o) refused to support workers while freezing their wages and undermining workers in the public service by leaving positions vacant in important sectors such as highway safety and health care; and
- p) continued to attack collective bargaining in the province while failing to bring in paid sick days or health and safety supports for working Manitobans to keep them safe and healthy at work; and
- q) refused to take concrete initiatives to advance reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of Manitoba yet again by failing to complete legally required duties or make progress to repair the damage caused by former Premier Pallister's hurtful comments; and
- r) refused to increase funding for municipalities like Brandon, Dauphin, Selkirk, Gimli, Thompson and Flin Flon, leaving their budgets frozen for the 7<sup>th</sup> straight year; and
- s) failed to take meaningful action to combat climate change, while pushing ahead with a plan to privatize provincial parks; and
- t) failed to mention the fact the province has failed to even start the Lake Manitoba/Lake St. Martin Channels project while underspending by millions of dollars in infrastructure projects such as highway maintenance and repair and failing to staff road clearing services adequately especially in northern Manitoba; and
- u) continued its attack on post-secondary students and institutions by forging ahead with the plan to cut funding for universities and colleges while increasing tuition and failing to support English language services for newcomers and refugees; and
- v) failed to offer any vision for supporting the people of northern Manitoba as the Provincial Government continues to cut essential business supports for the people of the north; and
- w) offered no supports for producers suffering from high input costs and other challenges during this cost of living crisis; and
- x) failed to support francophone services in Manitoba; and
- y) failed to support an expansion of broadband services in rural and northern Manitoba; and

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- z) failed to mention how the Provincial Government will work towards creating an equitable Manitoba for everyone, particularly people of colour, women, Indigenous peoples and members of equity seeking groups; and
- aa) failed to fill vacancies in important positions in the justice department such as Crown attorneys in locations across the province; and
- bb) failed to implement a comprehensive plan to support people with disabilities during this cost of living crisis.

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.

WHEREUPON the Deputy Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Hon. Ms. SQUIRES, Mr. WASYLIW, Ms. LAMOUREUX, Hon. Ms. GORDON, MLA LINDSEY and Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN having spoken,

And Mr. SALA speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

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The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Friday, November 18, 2022.

Andrew MICKLEFIELD,  
Deputy Speaker.