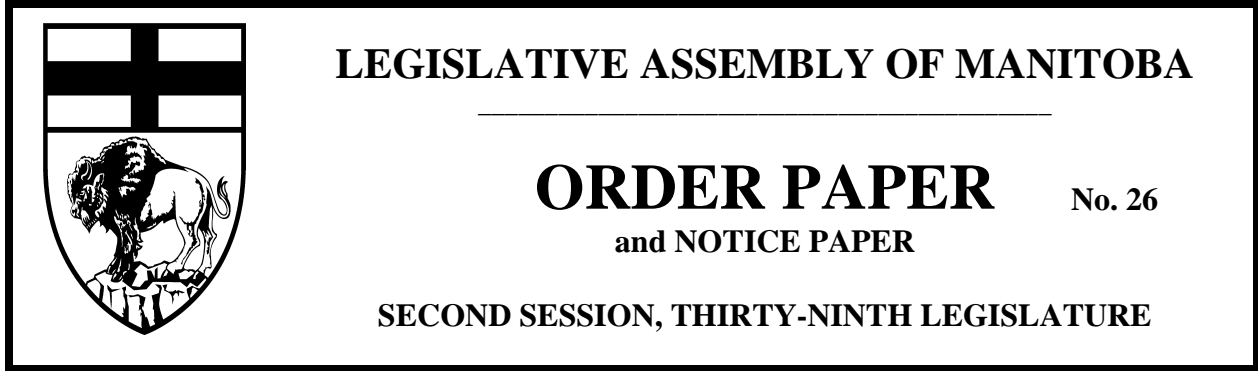


Friday, April 18, 2008



PRAYER

SITTING AT 10:00 A.M.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH –

(No. 16) – The Child Care Safety Charter (Community Child Care Standards Act Amended)/Charte sur la sécurité des enfants en garderie (modification de la Loi sur la garde d'enfants)

Hon. Ms. ALLAN –

(No. 23) – The International Labour Cooperation Agreements Implementation Act/Loi sur la mise en œuvre des accords internationaux de coopération dans le domaine du travail

Hon. Mr. BJORNSON –

(No. 24) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Cyber-Bullying and Use of Electronic Devices)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (cyberintimidation et utilisation de dispositifs électroniques)

Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 206) – The Elections Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi électorale

Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 207) – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Hydro-Manitoba

Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 208) – The Crown Appointment Review Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur l'examen des nominations au sein des sociétés d'état (modification de diverses lois)

Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 210) – The Winter Spreading of Manure and Biosolids Prohibition Act/Loi interdisant l'épandage hivernal de déjections et de biosolides

Mr. LAMOUREUX –

(No. 211) – The Environment Amendment Act (Methamphetamine)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'environnement (méthamphétamine)

Mr. EICHLER –

(No. 213) – The Set Date Elections and Electoral Fairness Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur la tenue d'élections à date fixe et l'équité électorale (modification de diverses lois)

Mrs. DRIEDGER –

(No. 219) – The Government-Issued Photo Identification Act/Loi sur les cartes-photos d'identité délivrées par le gouvernement

Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 226) – The Social Inclusion and Anti-Poverty Act/Loi sur l'inclusion sociale et la lutte contre la pauvreté

Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 228) – The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reporting Act/Loi sur l'obligation de faire rapport des émissions de gaz à effet de serre

Mr. HAWRANIK –

(No. 229) – The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Amendment Act (Elimination of Benefits for Auto Thieves)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d'assurance publique du Manitoba (non-admissibilité aux prestations — voleurs d'automobiles)

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Mrs. TAILLIEU

Mr. MAGUIRE

Mr. CULLEN

Mr. DYCK

Mr. LAMOUREUX

Mr. BRIESE

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ADJOURNED DEBATE (SEVENTH DAY OF DEBATE):

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. SELINGER –

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

And the Proposed Motion of Mr. MCFADYEN in amendment thereto 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) failing to move Manitoba forward towards achieving its true potential and becoming more competitive both within Canada and internationally; and
- (b) increasing Manitoba's reliance on the taxpayers of other provinces through equalization payments; increasing spending by over 6% without any emphasis on getting results for Manitobans; and
- (c) continuing to channel billions into taxpayer funded projects at the expense of private investment which is the true basis for a wealthy society; and
- (d) neglecting to reduce taxes which are increasing out of line with taxes charged in other places with \$9 of new spending for every dollar of tax relief; and
- (e) increasing Manitoba's staggering debt load rather than doing what all responsible families and governments across Canada are doing in good economic times, which is to reduce debt; and
- (f) ignoring the priorities of Manitobans by failing to provide adequate resources to combat crime and put an end to the revolving door justice system; and
- (g) raising Pharmacare deductibles yet again, forcing seniors and low-income Manitobans to bear the brunt of wasteful spending decisions; and

- (h) failing to end hallway medicine, as promised, while at the same time nearly doubling the health care budget; and
- (i) ignoring the City of Brandon, Manitoba's second largest urban centre; and
- (j) extending the tuition freeze for yet another year and weakening our universities and colleges; and
- (k) failing to plan for and meet the urgent infrastructure, education, and child care needs of growing communities throughout the province; and
- (l) neglecting to better protect Manitoba's most vulnerable children in the care of the child welfare system; and
- (m) abandoning rural Manitobans through punitive regulations and the lack of a long-term plan to grow the rural economy; and
- (n) failing to address the challenges facing the cattle and pork sectors as they deal with low commodity prices, the impact of the high Canadian dollar, rising input costs, pending Country of Origin Labeling, and the extension of the moratorium on the hog industry; and
- (o) failing to provide a strategy to deal with the more than four dozen boil water advisories in Manitoba; and
- (p) postponing any significant progress on greenhouse gas emissions targets until beyond the scope of the current government's mandate; and
- (q) neglecting to reverse the misguided political decision to run BiPole III down the West Side of Lake Winnipeg, thereby abandoning East Side communities, wasting \$1.5 billion, and mortgaging the future of Manitoba children.

As a consequence, the 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 thereto the following words:

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

- (r) continuing to ignore the need to set targets for cleaning up Lake Winnipeg and other Manitoba lakes suffering from toxic algal blooms; and
- (s) failure to address climate change by running a carbon-neutral government or implementing a carbon-trading system in Manitoba; and
- (t) neglecting the obvious need for rapid transit to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

- (u) failure to put patients first by continuing to base RHA spending on global budgets rather than services delivered; and
- (v) continuing to ignore the underprivileged in Manitoba by refusing to index the housing allowance portion of social assistance to inflation; and
- (w) failure to implement a plan to reduce child poverty rates in Manitoba; and
- (x) failing to create an adequate action plan and funding for early childhood education in Manitoba; and
- (y) failure to support the agricultural sector by refusing to fund eco-friendly farming practices such as a province wide ALUS program and;
- (z) failing to work with the hog industry to address environmental issues; and
- (aa) refusing to acknowledge the damage the payroll tax has on economic growth; and;
- (bb) failure to act on economic development for First Nations and rural Manitobans; and
- (cc) refusing to consider the feasibility of an underwater hydro line under Lake Winnipeg.
(Mr. LAMOUREUX – 25 mins.)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

DEBATE ON SECOND READINGS:

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. BJORNSON –

(No. 2) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Trans Fats and Nutrition)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (gras trans et nutrition)

(Mr. EICHLER)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK –

(No. 3) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code de la route

(Mrs. ROWAT)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK –

(No. 4) – The Provincial Court Amendment Act (Family Mediators and Evaluators)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Cour provinciale (médiateurs et enquêteurs familiaux)
(Mr. DYCK)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK –

(No. 5) – The Witness Security Act/Loi sur la sécurité des témoins
(Mr. HAWRANIK)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. SELINGER –

(No. 6) – The Securities Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les valeurs mobilières
(Mrs. STEFANSON)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH –

(No. 7) – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act (Child Pornography Reporting)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services à l'enfant et à la famille (obligation de signaler la pornographie juvénile)
(Mr. BRIESE) (Stands)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. MELNICK –

(No. 8) – The Phosphorus Reduction Act (Water Protection Act Amended)/Loi sur la réduction du phosphore (modification de la Loi sur la protection des eaux)
(Mr. HAWRANIK)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. OSWALD –

(No. 9) – The Protection for Persons in Care Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection des personnes recevant des soins
(Mr. HAWRANIK)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. ROBINSON –

(No. 10) – The Legislative Library Act/Loi sur la Bibliothèque de l'Assemblée législative
(Mr. HAWRANIK)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. OSWALD –

(No. 11) – The Optometry Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'optométrie
(Mr. HAWRANIK)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. SELINGER –

(No. 12) – The Securities Transfer Act/Loi sur le transfert des valeurs mobilières
(Mr. DYCK)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX –

(No. 13) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Damage to Infrastructure)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (dommages causés à l'infrastructure)

(Mr. EICHLER)

SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK –

(No. 14) – The Criminal Property Forfeiture Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la confiscation de biens obtenus ou utilisés criminellement

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. RONDEAU –

(No. 15) – The Climate Change and Emissions Reductions Act/Loi sur les changements climatiques et la réduction des émissions de gaz à effet de serre

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS –

(No. 17) – The Environment Amendment Act (Permanent Ban on Building or Expanding Hog Facilities)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'environnement (interdiction permanente visant la construction ou l'agrandissement d'installations réservées aux porcs)

Hon. Ms. OSWALD –

(No. 18) – The Testing of Bodily Fluids and Disclosure Act/Loi sur l'analyse de fluides corporels et la communication des résultats d'analyse

Hon. Mr. SWAN –

(No. 19) – The Liquor Control Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK –

(No. 20) – The Gunshot and Stab Wounds Mandatory Reporting Act/Loi sur la déclaration obligatoire des blessures par balle et par arme blanche

Hon. Mr. SWAN –

(No. 21) – The Advisory Council on Workforce Development Act/Loi sur le Conseil consultatif du développement de la main-d'œuvre

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Ms. ALLAN –

(No. 22) – The Worker Recruitment and Protection Act/Loi sur le recrutement et la protection des travailleurs

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR MONDAY NEXT:

Hon. Mr. SELINGER –

(No. 25) – The Embalmers and Funeral Directors Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les embaumeurs et les entrepreneurs de pompes funèbres

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR THURSDAY NEXT:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Midwifery Training

4. WHEREAS the NDP Government has broken its 2007 provincial election promise to enhance midwifery training in Manitoba even though midwives throughout history have been community experts in providing knowledge, skill, guidance and support to women through pregnancy, labour and birth; and

WHEREAS the World Health Organization recognizes midwives internationally as specialists in normal childbirth; and

WHEREAS the Progressive Conservative Government passed *The Midwifery Act* in 1997 thereby enshrining the right to practice midwifery in Manitoba in law and establishing midwifery as a regulated profession through creation of the Manitoba College of Midwives; and

WHEREAS the demand for midwives in Manitoba far outstrips the services which the current supply of midwives is able to provide; and

WHEREAS according to the Manitoba Midwifery Action Group in the regional health authorities that offer midwifery care more than 50% of the women are turned away due to the shortage of midwives; and

WHEREAS there are less than three dozen practicing midwives in Manitoba and only six of Manitoba's eleven regional health authorities offer midwifery services; and

WHEREAS the only institutional based midwifery training program available in Manitoba is the Aboriginal Midwifery Education Program through the University College of the North; and

WHEREAS our province needs a university or college based midwifery training program in southern Manitoba; and

WHEREAS this NDP Government cancelled a midwifery program developed for the University of Manitoba in 1999; and

WHEREAS this NDP Government has done little to increase the supply of midwives in Manitoba even though the Society of Gynecologists and Obstetricians foresees 34% of its members retiring within the next five years.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider creating a university or college based midwifery program in Winnipeg; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider acknowledging the need to do more to meet the growing demand for midwifery and to consider providing women with greater choice in the type of care they would like throughout their pregnancy, labour and birth.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING:

The Standing Committee on PUBLIC ACCOUNTS will meet in Room 255, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. to consider the Auditor General's Report – A Review of Crown Corporations Council and Compliance Audits dated March 2004.