

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

	LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA
ORDER PAPER No. 77 and NOTICE PAPER	
SECOND SESSION, FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE	

PRAYER

SITTING AT 1:30 P.M.

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Hon. Mrs. COX –

(No. 41) – The Government Notices Modernization Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur la modernisation de la publication des avis du gouvernement (modification de diverses lois)

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER –

(No. 204) – The Statutory Holidays Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur les jours fériés (modification de diverses dispositions législatives)

Mr. SWAN –

(No. 229) – The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Conflict of Interest Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les conflits d'intérêts au sein de l'Assemblée législative et du Conseil exécutif

Mr. SWAN –

(No. 230) – The Executive Government Organization Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'organisation du gouvernement

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

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COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

(16 hrs. 56 mins.)
(Chamber – Infrastructure)
(Room 255 – Sport, Culture and Heritage)
(Room 254 – Families)

CONCURRENCE AND THIRD READINGS:

Hon. Ms. SQUIRES –

(No. 23) – The Fisheries Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la pêche – **Designated Bill**
(amended – Committee)

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN –

(No. 24) – The Red Tape Reduction and Government Efficiency Act, 2017/Loi de 2017 sur la réduction du fardeau administratif et l'efficacité du gouvernement – **Designated Bill**

Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON –

(No. 27) – The Elections Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi électorale – **Designated Bill**
(amended – Committee)

Hon. Mr. WISHART –

(No. 31) – The Advanced Education Administration Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'administration de l'enseignement postsecondaire – **Designated Bill**

DEBATE ON SECOND READINGS:

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN –

(No. 34) – The Medical Assistance in Dying (Protection for Health Professionals and Others) Act/Loi sur l'aide médicale à mourir (protection des professionnels de la santé et autres)
(Mr. LINDSEY – 1 min.)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. FRIESEN –

(No. 36) – The Budget Implementation and Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2017/Loi d'exécution du budget de 2017 et modifiant diverses dispositions législatives en matière de fiscalité
(Mr. MALOWAY – 4 mins.)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. PEDERSEN –

(No. 39) – The Canadian Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Labour Mobility Act and Regulated Health Professions Act Amended)/Loi sur la mise en œuvre de l'accord de libre-échange canadien (modification de la Loi sur la mobilité de la main-d'œuvre et de la Loi sur les professions de la santé réglementées)
(Mr. LINDSEY – 28 mins.)

SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Mr. EICHLER –

(No. 35) – The Agricultural Producers' Organization Funding Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le financement d'organismes de producteurs agricoles

Hon. Mrs. COX –

(No. 37) – The Concussion in Youth Sport Act/Loi sur les commotions cérébrales chez les jeunes athlètes

Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON –

(No. 40) – The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Assemblée législative

DEBATE ON GOVERNMENT MOTION:

On the Proposed Motion of Mr. MICKLEFIELD –

THAT notwithstanding any Rule or Practice of this House, Bill (No. 213) – The Civil Service Amendment Act (Employment Preference for Reservists with Active Service)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la fonction publique (embauche préférentielle des réservistes ayant été en activité de service) be reinstated during the 2nd Session of the 41st Legislature at the stage it was at when the 1st Session of the 41st Legislature was prorogued.

(Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) – unlimited)

DEBATE ON GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION:

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN – Long Term, Sustainable and Flexible Healthcare Funding

WHEREAS health care is the single largest budget item for provinces and territories, each of whom is responsible for the delivery of quality health services for Canadians; and

WHEREAS provinces pay more than 75 per cent of health care costs and the Federal Government continues to reduce growth in health care funding; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government’s unilateral approach and refusal to engage in a discussion around the importance of a long term and sustainable partnership on health care funding should be of concern to every Manitoban; and

WHEREAS Manitoba is facing a challenging fiscal situation and the Federal Government’s decision to reduce health care funding by more than \$1 billion over the next 10 years is going to put additional strain on the ability to provide services to Manitobans; and

WHEREAS federal funding is essential in order to address the increasing costs associated with the health care needs of the province’s growing and aging population.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be urged to reiterate the position of other governments representing 90 percent of Canada’s population, that is, before any further discussion takes place on a renewed Health Accord, the First Ministers request a meeting with the Prime Minister regarding the need for long term, sustainable and flexible funding for the healthcare system and that if this is not accomplished, any proposed reduction in healthcare funding be delayed until 2018/19.

(Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) – 17 mins)

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR THE NEXT TUESDAY OF PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Ms. LAMOUREUX – Immigration

27. WHEREAS immigration has enabled Manitoba's population to grow and as a direct result all Manitobans are better off as a whole; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Nominee Program is the sole reason for the high number of immigrants coming to the province; and

WHEREAS Manitobans wanting to see family members immigrate to the province has become the driving force behind the success of the program; and

WHEREAS since Jean Chretien and Gary Filmon agreed to the program in the late 1990s, so many things have changed and the program is critically important to the province.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider having an all party committee conduct public hearings on the Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program and provide to the Legislature a series of recommendations on the future direction that should be taken with respect to the program.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER– Conflict of Interest Legislation in Manitoba is woefully inadequate and must be overhauled

28. WHEREAS the Conflict of Interest Act in Manitoba has not been changed or updated in 30 years, with the exception of the addition of a Conflict of Interest Commissioner; and

WHEREAS conflict of interest legislation is largely intended to assist elected representatives by providing an objective understanding against which they gauge their actions, and to satisfy themselves and the public that they are acting appropriately; and

WHEREAS Manitobans need an update to the long overdue system of conflict of interest rules that will greatly enhance the public confidence but not compromise the privacy interests of elected provincial representatives; and

WHEREAS broader disclosure, which is required in the 21st century, must include all personal and private interests and be extended beyond financial measurements; and

WHEREAS the investments markets, federal and provincial taxes, and ease of investing through electronic methods has changed dramatically and quite significantly in the last few years; and

WHEREAS MLAs currently do not have to disclose their penny stock holdings, stock holdings, ETFs, bond holdings or property owned outside of Manitoba; and

WHEREAS the federal guidelines are far more comprehensive than those in Manitoba and the Federal Finance Minister has recently been accused of conflict of interest surrounding property outside of Canada and family trusts; and

WHEREAS individuals who are hired as exempt staff or constituency assistants for Ministers and MLAs using taxpayer funds often also serve as members of the Board of Directors of political parties, organizations, or fundraising activities, thus creating a potential conflict of interest based on those competing roles; and

WHEREAS it is in everyone's interest to strengthen the conflict of interest legislation with the philosophy "trust and verify".

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be urged to update the conflict of interest legislation to include better definitions of immediate family, all investment vehicles, property, trusts, corporations in Canada or liquid assets that are traded anywhere in the world by employing the legislation introduced by the Member of Assiniboia on Conflict of Interest as a possible framework for new and much needed made in Manitoba Conflict of Interest legislation which also includes disclosure and appropriate political activities for those who work for or with MLAs or Cabinet Ministers.
