

Wednesday, April 20, 2022



PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

SITTING AT 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN –

(No. 35) – The Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months and Related Repeals and Amendments Act/Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs et abrogations et modifications connexes

Ms. FONTAINE –

(No. 206) – The Provincial Court Amendment Act (Mandatory Awareness Training)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Cour provinciale (formation de sensibilisation obligatoire)

MLA ASAGWARA –

(No. 210) – The Restricting Mandatory Overtime for Nurses Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur la réduction du temps supplémentaire obligatoire des infirmières (modification de diverses lois)

Mr. SALA –

(No. 211) – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment Act (Referendum Before Privatization of Subsidiary)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Hydro-Manitoba (référendum applicable à la privatisation des filiales)

MLA ASAGWARA –

(No. 213) – The Health Services Insurance Amendment Act (Personal Care Home Staffing Guidelines)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'assurance-maladie (lignes directrices en matière de dotation applicables aux foyers de soins personnels)

Ms. FONTAINE –

(No. 220) – The Protecting Communications on Public Interest Matters Act (Court of Queen's Bench Act and Defamation Act Amended)/Loi sur la protection des communications portant sur des questions d'intérêt public (Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Cour du Banc de la Reine et la Loi sur la diffamation)

Mr. KINEW –

(No. 221) – The Apprenticeship and Certification Amendment Act (Apprenticeship Supervision)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'apprentissage et la reconnaissance professionnelle (supervision des apprentis)

Mr. MARTIN –

(No. 224) – The Unobstructed Access to Health Care and Education Facilities Act/Loi sur l'accès sans entrave aux établissements de santé et d'enseignement

Mr. LAMONT –

(No. 225) – The Non-Disclosure Agreements Act/Loi sur les accords de confidentialité

MLA LINDSEY –

(No. 229) – The Transportation Infrastructure Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les infrastructures de transport

Mr. MOSES –

(No. 231) – The Mandatory Training for Provincial Employees (Systemic Racism and Human Rights) Act/Loi sur la formation obligatoire des employés provinciaux (racisme systémique et droits de la personne)

Mr. MALOWAY –

(No. 232) – The Catalytic Converter Identification Act/Loi sur l'identification des convertisseurs catalytiques

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Ms. FONTAINE
MLA LINDSEY
Mr. MALOWAY
MLA MARCELINO
Ms. NAYLOR
Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas)
Mr. WIEBE

ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ADJOURNED DEBATE (THIRD DAY OF DEBATE):

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. FRIESEN –

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

And the Proposed Motion of Mr. KINEW in 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 with Brian Pallister’s plan and failed approach to health care, education, reconciliation and the economy; and
- b) taking Brian Pallister’s failed plan for health care cuts from Winnipeg to rural Manitoba; and
- c) instituting a de facto cut to hospitals, emergency rooms and clinics across Winnipeg, Brandon, Swan River, Dauphin, Selkirk, Gimli, Thompson, Flin Flon, The Pas, Churchill and many other rural, Northern and remote communities across the province; and
- d) offering more empty promises to fix the extremely high surgical and diagnostic caseload backlog that has only grown larger because of the inaction and refusal to work with front line workers and invest in real solutions; and
- e) refusing to stop the practice of sending seniors hundreds of kilometres away from home for health care because the PC cuts have removed capacity from the system; and

- f) failing to build new increase the amount of personal care home beds as Manitoba now has fewer personal care home beds today than when the Progressive Conservatives took power in 2016; and
- g) refusing to offer a comprehensive workforce agenda for the health care sector or for reversing their cut to health care coverage for International Students in Manitoba; and
- h) failing to present a plan for adult education or other supports for Manitobans;
- i) rejecting evidence of the effectiveness of safe consumption sites to address the addictions and mental health crisis as the province experienced the highest number of overdose deaths last year in its history; and
- j) continuing to underfund, underspend and cut the K-12 education system leading to larger classes and fewer supports in the classroom for students; and
- k) offering no plan to create the spaces needed in the early learning and child care sector, no real capital program or a workforce strategy to staff the sector; and
- l) failing to implement a universal school breakfast program to ensure every child succeeds in the classroom; and
- m) refusing to provide tampons, pads, cups, period underwear and other such products in schools, to make sure no student is subjected to period poverty; and
- n) failing to provide for regular families as the cost of everyday essentials including electricity and natural gas bills increase; and
- o) making permanent a renters tax hike in the midst of the highest inflation in decades; and
- p) making life more unaffordable by increasing tuition for colleges and universities by millions while continuing to freeze support for post-secondary institutions across the province; and
- q) refusing to help municipalities deliver their essential services by not increasing the funding for municipalities for a 6th consecutive year; and
- r) underspending last year's infrastructure budget by nearly \$60 million dollars and freezing the maintenance and repair budget for provincial roads and highways for at least the next three years while refusing to invest in important projects like repairs to Highway 6 or improvements to Chief Peguis Trail; and
- s) continuing to send hundreds of thousands of dollars of Manitobans' money to a Texas based company in order to access our provincial parks while failing to fix the technical failings of the booking system; and

- t) ignoring the climate crisis by not offering a real plan or targets to address it, underfunding programs meant to support cleaner energy and not adopting measures to support transition like updated Building Codes; and
- u) failing to offer leadership or a plan to grow Manitoba's economy for the next ten years; and
- v) refusing to offer a real plan to create good jobs in rural and Northern Manitoba or to invest in the mining sector; and
- w) jeopardizing access to rural broadband by pursuing privatization and failing to provide investments to ensure rural and northern communities can get connected to highspeed internet; and
- x) ignoring the needs of small businesses who have been left behind by this Provincial Government while it rewards its friends and other well connected insiders; and
- y) lacking any real action on reconciliation with Indigenous peoples; and
- z) refusing to engage in good faith negotiation with rights holders like the Manitoba Metis Federation; and
- aa) failing to offer a plan to build or repair social housing in Manitoba, housing for seniors or a comprehensive plan to address homelessness; and
- bb) refusing to offer real support for settlement services for people fleeing the War in Ukraine while at the same time cutting funding for programs such as 'Immigration pathways'; and
- cc) cutting funding to the Fair Registration Office after having failed to support Internationally Educated Nurses and other professionals in having their credentials recognized in Manitoba; and
- dd) failing to address the concerns of producers, including their concerns regarding increased lease costs, a failing crown lands program and closed Agriculture Offices across the province; and
- ee) rejecting the need to provide proper salaries for working people, failing to properly address the needs of workers in sectors like Community Disability Living Services or Home Care workers or other health care workers and refusing to address the challenges experienced by women, BIPOC and other marginalized groups to fully participate in a pandemic recovery; and
- ff) failing to learn the lessons of the pandemic by further cutting healthcare funding, refusing to release up to date data about the spread of COVID-19 and refusing to call for an independent investigation into the Provincial Government's pandemic response.

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

And the Proposed Motion of Mr. LAMONT in sub-amendment thereto as follows:

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

- gg) failing to make new investments in improving the lives and abilities people of Manitoba, choosing instead to expand existing inequities and selecting the status quo over growth and innovation; and
- hh) failing to increase funding for the Emergency Measures Organization, despite two years of historic crises, including pandemics, fires and floods; and
- ii) failing to provide any sort of a plan for individuals seeking to escape wars in Ukraine and Afghanistan by partnering with local organizations to ensure a proper and smooth resettlement transition to Manitoba; and
- jj) failing to commit to equitable health and education funding for all Manitobans, choosing instead to continue concentrating services in Winnipeg; and
- kk) failing to provide adequate relief and support to smaller enterprises in Manitoba and mom and pop businesses who are struggling to survive after two years of pandemic struggles; and
- ll) failing to create an independent, non-political means of distributing \$50 million in venture capital, which is essential to establishing business confidence; and
- mm) failing to pursue fiscally sound measures, choosing to issue cheques with no lasting economic benefit that will have to be paid back by future generations, while shunning meaningful investments in growth and stability; and
- nn) failing to make desperately needed new investments in education, and in reducing barriers and obstacles that block Manitobans from meeting their full potential; and
- oo) failing to make proactive investments to avoid health concerns especially areas such as diabetes supplies and medications that can prevent death and disability; and
- pp) failing to provide a plan of relief for the thousands of Manitobans that have waited weeks, months, and sometimes years on a waiting list to have necessary medical needs addressed; and
- qq) failing to address the significant impact COVID-19 has had on the mental well being of Manitobans and the development of children by providing a plan that focuses on mental wellness and brain health to ensure that Manitobans are living healthy, fulfilled lives; and
- rr) failing to ensure children attending Manitoba schools receive a minimum of one meal or snack each day; and

- ss) failing to recognize that health care reforms to date have been a disaster, and choosing to build new hospitals across Manitoba while failing to recruit and hire enough hire doctors, nurses and other health professionals to staff existing facilities; and
- tt) failing to provide a seamless, integrated and effective approach to addictions where people can get the help they need at any time of day or night, instead of through RAAM clinics which have limited hours and therefore limited effectiveness; and
- uu) failing to close the wage gap to ensure that rural paramedics are given a wage incentive to live and work in rural Manitoba; and
- vv) failing to present a plan to address economic issues while at the same time making Manitoba more sustainable by making drastic reductions in net carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide emissions; and
- ww) failing to allow Manitobans to take steps to reducing their own carbon footprint by following the Federal Government's lead by providing rebates for the purchase of electric vehicles, major retrofits to existing buildings and adaptations of agriculture.

(Hon. Ms. GORDON – 14 minutes)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

(99 hours 40 minutes)

REPORT STAGE AMENDMENTS:

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN –

(No. 9) – The Scrap Metal Act/Loi sur la ferraille
[Amendment (1) – Mr. MALOWAY]

DEBATE ON SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN –

(No. 7) – The Police Services Amendment Act (Enhancing Independent Investigation Unit Operations)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services de police (amélioration du fonctionnement de l'unité d'enquête indépendante)

(Mr. ISLEIFSON – 27 minutes)

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN –

(No. 8) – The Court of Appeal Amendment and Provincial Court Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Cour d'appel et la Loi sur la Cour provinciale
(Ms. FONTAINE – 28 minutes)

Hon. Ms. SQUIRES –

(No. 13) – The Social Services Appeal Board Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Commission d'appel des services sociaux
(Mr. MOSES – 28 minutes)

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN –

(No. 16) – The Financial Administration Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la gestion des finances publiques
(Mr. WIEBE – 7 minutes)

Hon. Mr. WHARTON –

(No. 22) – The Environment Amendment Act (Pesticide Restrictions)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'environnement (restrictions applicables aux pesticides)
(Mr. ALTOMARE – 15 minutes)

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN –

(No. 26) – The Officers of the Assembly Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur les hauts fonctionnaires de l'Assemblée (modification de diverses lois)
(Mr. BUSHIE – 5 minutes)

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN –

(No. 36) – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment and Public Utilities Board Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Hydro-Manitoba et la Loi sur la Régie des services publics
(Mr. LAMONT – 25 minutes)

SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Mr. HELWER –

(No. 2) – The Public Services Sustainability Repeal Act/Loi abrogeant la Loi sur la viabilité des services publics

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN –

(No. 14) – The Drivers and Vehicles Amendment, Highway Traffic Amendment and Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les conducteurs et les véhicules, le Code de la route et la Loi sur la Société d'assurance publique du Manitoba
(Recommended by His Honour, the Administrator)

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN –

(No. 17) – The Family Law Act, The Family Support Enforcement Act and The Inter-jurisdictional Support Orders Amendment Act/Loi édictant la Loi sur le droit de la famille et la Loi sur l'exécution des obligations alimentaires et modifiant la Loi sur l'établissement et l'exécution réciproque des ordonnances alimentaires

(Recommended by His Honour, the Administrator)

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN –

(No. 18) – The Legislative Security Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la sécurité de la Cité législative

(Recommended by His Honour, the Administrator)

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN –

(No. 19) – The Beneficiary Designation (Retirement, Savings and Other Plans) Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la désignation de bénéficiaires (régimes de retraite, d'épargne et autres)

Hon. Mr. PIWNIUK –

(No. 21) – The Highway Traffic Amendment and Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code de la route et la Loi sur la Société d'assurance publique du Manitoba

(Recommended by His Honour, the Administrator)

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN –

(No. 23) – The Reducing Red Tape and Improving Services Act, 2022/Loi de 2022 visant la réduction du fardeau administratif et l'amélioration des services

(Recommended by His Honour, the Administrator)

Hon. Mr. HELWER –

(No. 24) – The Real Property Valuation Board and Related Amendments Act/Loi sur la Commission de l'évaluation des biens réels et modifications connexes

(Recommended by His Honour, the Administrator)

Hon. Mr. HELWER –

(No. 28) – The Prompt Payment for Construction Act/Loi sur le paiement sans délai des travaux de construction

(Recommended by His Honour, the Administrator)

Hon. Mr. REYES –

(No. 29) – The Mennonite College Federation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Fédération des collèges mennonites

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN –

(No. 30) – The Police Services Amendment and Law Enforcement Review Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services de police et la Loi sur les enquêtes relatives à l'application de la loi
(Recommended by His Honour, the Administrator)

Hon. Ms. CLARKE –

(No. 33) – The Municipal Assessment Amendment and Municipal Board Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'évaluation municipale et la Loi sur la Commission municipale
(Recommended by His Honour, the Administrator)

Hon. Ms. CLARKE –

(No. 34) – The City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment and Planning Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Charte de la ville de Winnipeg et la Loi sur l'aménagement du territoire

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR THURSDAY:

Mr. WISHART –

(No. 233) – The Engineering and Geoscientific Professions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les ingénieurs et les géoscientifiques

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Mr. GUENTER – Strengthening, Rebuilding, Investing, and Recovering in 2022

11. WHEREAS the Provincial Government's priorities in this recovery plan are to focus on strengthening healthcare, clearing the surgical and diagnostic backlog, fighting the growing inflation in order to make life more affordable, helping to build the Manitoba economy, investing in communities, advancing reconciliation, and protecting the shared environment; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is strengthening health care in the province by investing record setting amounts in order to clear the diagnostic and surgical backlog; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has focused on the specific health care needs of seniors and created a department to focus on these needs; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is making life more affordable by helping Manitobans who rent through the creation of a Renters Tax Credit and increasing the money available for those utilizing rent assist; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is rebuilding the economy as part of this recovery plan through improvements to infrastructure projects and investing in attracting new immigration to the province; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government believes that affordable childcare is essential to rebuild the economy, that is why it is investing in childcare to bring down costs and increase available spaces; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is investing in rebuilding those communities that Manitobans have been disconnected from over the last two years by investing more money in the building sustainable communities grant program, almost doubling the funding available; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is working with First Nation and Indigenous communities by collaborating with Elders, Knowledge Keepers, Leaders, and families to advance the shared goal of reconciliation; and

WHEREAS Manitobans have flocked to Manitoba's parks during the last two years, and the Provincial Government protecting the environment and take action on climate change by expanding the funds available to climate and conservation projects.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba agrees that this is an opportunity to rebuild and recover together by focusing on strengthening healthcare, making life affordable, building the economy, investing in communities, advancing reconciliation, and protecting the environment.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING:

The Standing Committee on SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT will meet in Room 254, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to consider Bills referred.

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The Standing Committee on PUBLIC ACCOUNTS will meet in the Chamber, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba on Monday, May 16, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. to consider the following reports referred:

- Auditor General's Report – Management of MRI Services – dated April 2017
- Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Recommendations – dated March 2019
 - *Management of MRI Services*
- Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Recommendations – dated March 2020
 - *Management of MRI Services*

- Auditor General's Report – Follow-up of Previously Issued Recommendations – dated March 2021
 - *Management of MRI Services*

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The Standing Committee on PUBLIC ACCOUNTS will meet in the Chamber, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. to consider the following reports referred:

- Province of Manitoba Annual Report and Public Accounts - dated March 31, 2020.
 - Auditor General's Report – Public Accounts and Other Financial Statement Audits – dated December 2020
 - Province of Manitoba Annual Report and Public Accounts - dated March 31, 2021.
 - Auditor General's Report – Public Accounts and Other Financial Statement Audits – dated December 2021
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