



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 78

SECOND SESSION, FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

By unanimous consent, Bill (No. 213) – The Gift of Life Act (Human Tissue Gift Act Amended)/Loi sur le don de la vie (modification de la Loi sur les dons de tissus humains), was withdrawn from Debate on Second Reading.

Ms. FONTAINE moved:

THAT Bill (No. 227) – The Provincial Court Amendment Act (Mandatory Training and Continuing Education)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Cour provinciale (exigences en matière de perfectionnement et de formation continue), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Ms. FONTAINE having spoken,

And Mr. MARTIN, Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas), Ms. LAMOUREUX, Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE and Ms. KLASSEN having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON, Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) and Messrs. MARTIN and ALLUM having spoken,

In accordance with sub-rule 24(2), the debate was interrupted to put the Second Reading Question on Selected Bill (No. 227).

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

YEA

ALLUM	MALOWAY
FONTAINE	MARCELINO (Tyndall Park)
GERRARD	SELINGER
KINEW	SMITH (Point Douglas)
KLASSEN	SWAN
LAMOUREUX	WIEBE 13
LINDSEY	

NAY

BINDLE	MARTIN
COX	MAYER
CULLEN	MICHALESKI
CURRY	MICKLEFIELD
EICHLER	MORLEY-LECOMTE
EWASKO	NESBITT
FIELDING	PEDERSEN
FLETCHER	PIWNIUK
FRIESEN	REYES
GOERTZEN	SCHULER
GRAYDON	SMITH (Southdale)
GUILLEMARD	SMOOK
HELWER	STEFANSON
ISLEIFSON	TEITSMA
JOHNSON	WHARTON
JOHNSTON	WISHART
LAGASSÉ	WOWCHUK
LAGIMODIERE	YAKIMOSKI 36

In accordance with Rule 33(8), the Opposition House Leader announced that the previously debated Provincial Government's Plan to Shutter Three Winnipeg Emergency Rooms will Undermine Patient Care and Hurt Families and Seniors Resolution will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Proposed Resolution of Mr. KINEW:

Resolution No. 9: Keeping Post-Secondary Education Affordable for Students and Families

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has lifted the cap on post-secondary tuition hikes which limited tuition increases to the rate of inflation, allowing tuition to be raised by five percent plus inflation and deregulated course fees; and

WHEREAS universities in Winnipeg and Brandon are preparing to raise tuition at the maximum rate, meaning thousands more dollars in tuition and course fees for students over a four year degree; and

WHEREAS university tuition must be affordable and accessible to all students and parents; and

WHEREAS a tuition hike will hit low-income students and families the hardest, and some students in Manitoba are already using extra supports like food banks to afford their education; and

WHEREAS tuition is the number one barrier to post-secondary education and Manitoba should continue to have the third lowest tuition fees in Canada; and

WHEREAS maintaining the cap on tuition fees will ensure that Manitoba universities can continue to attract students from all socio-economic backgrounds and allow everyone in the province to access education; and

WHEREAS the Premier has frozen wages for public sector workers at the same time he opened the door to tuition hikes, making it harder for students to access post-secondary education and find good paying jobs thereafter; and

WHEREAS the Premier introduced legislation to lift the tuition cap without consulting with students or their families, despite meeting with student leadership several times.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to withdraw Bill 31 and maintain the cap on tuition fees so they rise by only the level of inflation and education remains affordable for every student and family in Manitoba.

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. NESBITT and WIEBE, Hon. Mr. WISHART, Mr. SWAN, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. BINDLE having spoken,

The debate was allowed to remain open.

In accordance with sub-rule 24(2), the debate was interrupted to put the Second Reading Question on Selected Bill (No. 200).

The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. GERRARD:

THAT Bill (No. 200) – The Human Rights Code Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code des droits de la personne, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

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

YEA

ALLUM	MALOWAY
FLETCHER	MARCELINO (Logan)
FONTAINE	MARCELINO (Tyndall Park)
GERRARD	SARAN
KINEW	SELINGER
KLASSEN	SMITH (Point Douglas)
LAMOUREUX	SWAN
LINDSEY	WIEBE 16

NAY

BINDLE	MAYER
COX	MICHALESKI
CULLEN	MICKLEFIELD
CURRY	MORLEY-LECOMTE
EICHLER	NESBITT
EWASKO	PALLISTER
FIELDING	REYES
FRIESEN	SCHULER
GOERTZEN	SMITH (Southdale)
GRAYDON	SMOOK
GUILLEMARD	SQUIRES
HELWER	STEFANSON
ISLEIFSON	TEITSMA
JOHNSON	WHARTON
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MARTIN	

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Hon. Ms. COX, the Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage, made a statement regarding David Alexander Robertson, recipient of the Governor General's Award for Young People's Literature.

Mr. KINEW and, by leave, Ms. KLASSEN commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Mr. MARTIN, Ms. FONTAINE, Hon. Mr. WHARTON, Mr. JOHNSON and Hon. Mr. GERRARD made Members' Statements.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. ALLUM – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plan to repeal the annual operating grant for municipal transit agencies and remove section 88(8) of Bill 36, The Budget Implementation and Statutes Amendment Act, 2017.

Mr. ALTEMEYER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to immediately withdraw Bill 23, The Fisheries Amendment Act and to initiate proper and respectful consultations with fishers on the future of Manitoba's valuable fisheries and the families and communities that depend on them. (B. Drozdowski, K. Wilson, B. Wilson and others)

Mr. LINDSEY – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to recognize the absolute necessity of maintaining and improving the Northern Patient Transportation Program by continuing to respect Northern Patient Transfer agreements and funding these services in accordance with the needs of northern Manitobans.

Mr. MALOWAY – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30.

Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plan to repeal the annual operating grant for municipal transit agencies and remove section 88(8) of Bill 36, The Budget Implementation and Statutes Amendment Act, 2017.

Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reverse the decision to close Concordia Hospital's emergency room so that families and seniors in northeast Winnipeg and the surrounding areas have timely access to quality health care services.

Mr. SWAN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reverse the decision to close Concordia Hospital's emergency room so that families and seniors in northeast Winnipeg and the surrounding areas have timely access to quality health care services.

Ms. LATHLIN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to recognize the absolute necessity of maintaining and improving the Northern Patient Transportation Program by continuing to respect Northern Patient Transfer agreements and funding these services in accordance with the needs of northern Manitobans.

Mr. SELINGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to immediately reverse these cuts which hurt families and seniors' care, weaken healthcare services and drive healthcare workers out of the province and to instead invest in the Provincial Government healthcare system in order to protect and improve patient care. (L. Wingert, L. Konus, L. Stephens and others)

Mr. WIEBE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reverse the decision to close Concordia Hospital’s emergency room so that families and seniors in northeast Winnipeg and the surrounding areas have timely access to quality health care services.

Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) moved the following Opposition Day Motion:

THAT the Legislative Assembly urge the Provincial Government to immediately refer Bill 233 to a Standing Committee so members of the public may make presentations to MLAs on this Bill.

And Ms. MARCELINO (Logan), Hon. Mr. CULLEN, Mr. LINDSEY, Ms. FONTAINE, Messrs. SWAN, MALOWAY and ALTEMEYER, Hon. Messrs. GERRARD and FLETCHER and Messrs. SARAN and KINEW having spoken,

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

YEA

ALLUM	MARCELINO (Logan)
FONTAINE	MARCELINO (Tyndall Park)
KINEW	SARAN
LATHLIN	SWAN
LINDSEY	WIEBE 11
MALOWAY	

NAY

BINDLE	LAMOUREUX
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Hon. Mr. CULLEN presented:

Reply to Written Questions (Nos. 1 to 5), asked by Hon. Mr. FLETCHER, on October 5, 2017:

1. During the last four years of the previous Provincial Government, the provincial deficit totaled \$2.18 billion. Could the Minister of Finance advise why the most recent four year budget projection calls for a 26% increase totaling \$2.95 billion, given that the current Provincial Government campaigned on reducing the deficit and introducing a balanced budget?
2. Will the Premier confirm his long held commitment to balanced budget legislation, recently affirmed in the 2016 provincial election campaign, by not introducing any new taxes, premiums or levies – such as either a carbon tax or health care tax in the form of a premium – without first receiving approval from the people of Manitoba in the form of a referendum?
3. Why did the Provincial Government create a new Crown Corporation to deal with such matters as drinkable water and transportation, and support the \$30 billion construction of three new hydroelectric power dams, Bipole III and a new transmission line in the United States, when many alternatives are available to meet the needs of Manitobans without incurring huge debts, increasing the size of government, and which would avoid massive rate hikes?
4. Given the current and potential negative implications of Manitoba Hydro expansion and the debt and utility rate hikes involved, will the Provincial Government call a public inquiry to provide a full public understanding of the plans pursued and actions taken by Hydro, as supported by the former Provincial NDP Government?
5. Will the Provincial Government allow the following Private Member's Bills:
 - (No. 212) – The Conflict of Interest Act
 - (No. 213) – The Gift of Life Act (Human Tissue Gift Act Amended)
 - (No. 202) – The Insurance Amendment Act
 - (No. 203) – The Electoral Divisions Amendment Act
 - (No. 205) – The Brookside Cemetery Recognition Act
 - (No. 206) – The Legal Profession Amendment Act (Queen's Counsel Appointments)
 - (No. 225) – The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Amendment Actto be debated, voted on in the House, and referred to Standing Committee?

(Sessional Paper No. 88)

Thursday, November 2, 2017

The House then adjourned at 5:01 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, November 6, 2017.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.