


Monday, October 29, 2007

	LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA
ORDER PAPER No. 27 and NOTICE PAPER	
FIRST SESSION, THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE	

PRAYER

SITTING AT 1:30 P.M.

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NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR WEDNESDAY:

OPPOSITION DAY MOTION:

Mr. MCFADYEN –

WHEREAS Manitoba Hydro has been directed, against its advice, by the NDP government to construct a third high voltage BiPole transmission line (“BiPole III”) down the west side of Lake Winnipegosis instead of the East Side of Lake Winnipeg; and

WHEREAS the western route (The “NDP Detour”) is more than 400 km longer than the eastern route recommended by Manitoba Hydro experts (the “Recommended Route”); and

WHEREAS the NDP Detour will lead to an unnecessary debt of at least \$400 million related to the capital cost of line construction alone, to be left to future generations of Manitobans; and

WHEREAS the NDP Detour will result in increased line losses due to friction leading to losses of energy sales of between \$250 million and \$1 billion over the life of the project; and

WHEREAS the added debt and lost sales created by the NDP Detour will make every Manitoba family at least \$3000 poorer; and

WHEREAS the unnecessary line losses created by the NDP Detour will also result in a lost opportunity to displace dirty coal generated electricity, which will create added and unnecessary Greenhouse Gas Emissions (“GHGs”) equivalent to an additional 40,000 cars on our roads; and

WHEREAS the abandonment of the Recommended Route takes away significant economic development opportunities for east side first nation communities that are currently among the poorest in Canada; and

WHEREAS Manitoba’s leading constitutional expert says it is possible that the Recommended Route can co-exist with a UNESCO designation on the east side of Lake Winnipeg; and

WHEREAS Xcel Energy, a major Manitoba Hydro customer, has said that power sales will not be impacted by the line location; and

WHEREAS Manitoba Hydro President and CEO Bob Brennan has stated that the Recommended Route is the preferred option from the company’s perspective; and

WHEREAS former NDP MLA Elijah Harper has stated that east side communities are “devastated” by the Government’s decision to abandon the Recommended Route, leaving them in “poverty in perpetuity”; and

WHEREAS Manitoba Keewatinook Ininew Okimowin (“MKO”), an organization that represents Northern Manitoba First Nations Chiefs has stated that the government has acted unilaterally to abandon the Recommended Route without consultation with northern first nations, despite repeated requests by MKO for consultations.

AND WHEREAS the Premier has stated that avoiding a conflict with Robert Kennedy Jr., who is on record as opposing any and all future Hydro development, is a reason to choose the NDP Detour.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to abandon the NDP Detour on the basis that it will result in massive financial, economic, environmental and social damage to Manitoba; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider proceeding with the Recommended Route, subject to necessary regulatory approvals.

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR THURSDAY:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Mrs. ROWAT – Age of Protection

10. WHEREAS Manitoba's Provincial Government has a responsibility to protect children from exploitation by adults; and

WHEREAS adult predators are increasingly using nefarious means such as drugs, alcohol, gifts, false promises and threats to lure or pressure child victims into harmful situations. Children are being misled or coerced into participating in criminal and/or sexual acts; and

WHEREAS the current age of protection in the Canadian Criminal Code recognizes those under eighteen years of age as deserving of certain legal protections; and

WHEREAS Canada has legal standards that acknowledge children are not yet prepared to make life-altering decisions regarding their safety and health; and

WHEREAS children cannot legally smoke cigarettes or drink alcoholic beverages until they are eighteen years of age, yet the age of consent for sexual activity remains fourteen years of age; and

WHEREAS children between the ages of fourteen and sixteen years old are especially vulnerable to exploitation by adult predators at least three years older than them due to this gross legal loophole; and

WHEREAS families, communities and law enforcement authorities are frustrated with the lack of tools available to effectively protect children from exploitation; and

WHEREAS exploitation can take many forms, including the use of children for illegal drug activity, gang recruitment, or sexual abuse; and

WHEREAS any child may become a victim of exploitation, but at-risk children are particularly vulnerable; and

WHEREAS many of the targeted child victims may be in the care of or have had previous contact with Child and Family Services; and

WHEREAS the age of protection is within federal jurisdiction, yet section 52 of Manitoba's Child and Family Services Act could be amended and strengthened to better safeguard children in care; and

WHEREAS the consequences of any type of exploitation are devastating;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider amending and strengthening section 52 of The Child and Family Services Act to allow for the greater protection of children in care who are at risk of being targeted by those who would exploit them; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider lobbying the Federal Government to raise the age of protection to a minimum of sixteen years of age.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

The Standing Committee on SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT will meet in Room 255, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba on Monday, October 29, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. to consider Bills referred.

The Standing Committee on JUSTICE will meet in Room 254, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba on Monday, October 29, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. to consider Bills referred.

The Standing Committee on CROWN CORPORATIONS will meet in Room 255, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba on Wednesday, November 7, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the Annual Reports of the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation for the fiscal years ending February 29, 2004, February 28, 2005, February 28, 2006 and February 28, 2007.

The Standing Committee on CROWN CORPORATIONS will meet in Room 255, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba on Wednesday, November 21, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the Annual Reports of the Manitoba Lotteries Corporation for the fiscal years ending March 31, 2003, March 31, 2004, March 31, 2005, March 31, 2006 and March 31, 2007.

The Standing Committee on CROWN CORPORATIONS will meet in Room 255, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba on December 5, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the Annual Reports of the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission for the fiscal years ending March 31, 2004, March 31, 2005, March 31, 2006 and March 31, 2007.

The Standing Committee on CROWN CORPORATIONS will meet in Room 255, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba on December 12, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the Annual Reports of the Workers Compensation Board for the years ending December 31, 2004, December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2006; the Annual Reports of the Appeal Commission and Medical Review Panel for the years ending December 31, 2004, December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2006 and the Five Year Plans of the Workers Compensation Board for the years 2004-2008, 2005-2009; 2006-2010 and 2007-2011.