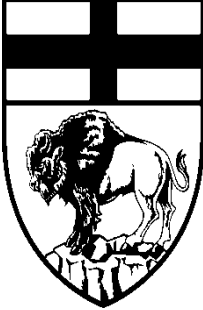


Friday, April 9, 2010

	LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA
	ORDER PAPER No. 25 and NOTICE PAPER
	FOURTH SESSION, THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

SITTING AT 10:00 A.M.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Hon. Mr. ROBINSON –

(No. 18) – The Communities Economic Development Fund Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le Fonds de développement économique local

Mrs. DRIEDGER –

(No. 221) – The Domestic Violence Death Review Committee Act/Loi sur le comité d'examen des décès liés à la violence familiale

Mr. HAWRANIK –

(No. 222) – The Seniors' Rights Act/Loi sur les droits des aînés

PETITIONS

- Mr. DERKACH
- Mr. DYCK
- Mr. SCHULER
- Mrs. DRIEDGER
- Mr. GRAYDON
- Mr. LAMOUREUX
- Mrs. ROWAT
- Mr. BRIESE
- Mr. EICHLER
- Mr. PEDERSEN
- Mr. MAGUIRE

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ADJOURNED DEBATE (FIFTH DAY OF DEBATE):

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK –

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) forcing Manitoba families to pay higher hydro rates, higher water bills, and a range of other hidden taxes in order to pay for three wasteful NDP pet projects which are:
 - i. forcing Manitoba Hydro, against its advice, to build Bipole III on the west side route, costing Manitobans an extra \$640 million, and damaging the environment; and
 - ii. forcing the City of Winnipeg to remove nitrogen from its wastewater, a decision that is expected to cost ratepayers an additional \$350 million, and which respected scientists say could be harmful to the health of Lake Winnipeg; and
 - iii. forcing unwanted enhanced drivers' licenses on Manitobans, costing \$14 million; and
- (b) creating a sinkhole of debt, now at \$23.4 billion and rising. As a result, Manitoba families will be forced to work longer hours at lower pay to pay off this bill in the years ahead; and
- (c) scrapping balanced budget laws in order to allow the NDP to accrue massive deficits totalling \$2.039 billion over the next half decade, putting social programs such as healthcare and education at risk; and

- (d) failing to preserve front line health care services with innovative service delivery, emphasizing preventative care, and reducing bloated bureaucracy; and
- (e) failing to recognize the importance of agriculture and rural communities to our economy; and
- (f) failing to offer a plan to encourage private investment to create opportunity and wealth, so Manitobans can feel hope that we will one day emerge from the hole of debt and dependency and see a brighter future.

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:

- (g) failing to properly manage the finances of Manitoba and as a result building up a huge structural deficit which will hurt Manitobans for many years to come; and
- (h) failing to acknowledge the damage the payroll tax has on economic growth; and
- (i) failing to set high goals for our provincial education system; and
- (j) failing to create an adequate action plan and funding for early childhood education in Manitoba, and
- (k) failing to increase student aid support to post-secondary education students and increasing tuition for university students by 5% which is above the cost of living.
- (l) failing to recognize the need for, and address the establishment of, a Manitoba Science, Engineering and Humanities Research Council; and
- (m) failing to reduce wait times for post-secondary institutions; and
- (n) failing to put patients first by continuing to base RHA spending on global budgets, rather than services delivered; and
- (o) failing to adequately address the diabetes epidemic facing Manitoba and to set a target for reduction of the incidence of diabetes in our province; and
- (p) failing to ensure local community access to health care as has happened with the Westbrook Medical Clinic closure; and

- (q) failing to develop a Manitoba policy on what services community hospitals should provide; and
- (r) failing to implement a plan to reduce child poverty rates in Manitoba; and
- (s) continuing to ignore the need to set targets and hire sufficient enforcement officers to ensure progress on cleaning up Lake Winnipeg and other Manitoba lakes suffering from toxic algae blooms; and
- (t) failing to support the agricultural sector by refusing to fund eco-friendly farming practices, such as a province-wide ALUS program; and
- (u) failing to address climate change and not running a carbon-neutral government; and
- (v) failing to address Northern Manitoba housing issues; and
- (w) failing to act on economic development for First Nations and rural Manitobans; and
- (x) failing to reduce waiting times to a reasonable level in issuing nominee certificates.

(Hon. Mr. RONDEAU – 25 mins)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

(96 hrs. 09 mins.)

SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX –

(No. 3) – The City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment and Municipal Amendment Act (Derelict Property)/Loi modifiant la Charte de la ville de Winnipeg et la Loi sur les municipalités (biens abandonnés)

Hon. Ms. HOWARD –

(No. 4) – The Workplace Safety and Health Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la sécurité et l'hygiène du travail

Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK –

(No. 5) – The Cottage Property Tax Increase Deferral Act (Property Tax and Insulation Assistance Act Amended)/Loi sur le report des majorations de taxes foncières visant les chalets (modification de la Loi sur l'aide en matière de taxes foncières et d'isolation thermique des résidences)

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Ms. ALLAN –

(No. 6) – The Manitoba Association of School Trustees Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Association des commissaires d'écoles du Manitoba

Hon. Mr. SWAN –

(No. 7) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Suspending Drivers' Licences of Drug Traffickers)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (suspension de permis de conduire en cas d'infractions se rapportant au trafic de drogues)

Hon. Mr. ASHTON –

(No. 8) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Safety Precautions to Be Taken When Approaching Tow Trucks and Other Designated Vehicles)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (précautions que doivent prendre les conducteurs qui s'approchent de dépanneuses ou d'autres véhicules désignés)

Hon. Ms. HOWARD –

(No. 9) – The Electricians' Licence Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le permis d'électricien

Hon. Mr. BJORNSON –

(No. 10) – The Proceedings Against the Crown Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les procédures contre la Couronne

Hon. Mr. BLAIKIE –

(No. 12) – The Pimachiowin Aki World Heritage Fund Act/Loi sur le Fonds du patrimoine mondial Pimachiowin Aki

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. SWAN –

(No. 13) – The Civil Remedies Against Organized Crime Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les recours civils contre le crime organisé

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. SWAN –

(No. 14) – The Body Armour and Fortified Vehicle Control Act/Loi sur le contrôle des gilets de protection balistique et des véhicules blindés

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. BJORNSON –

(No. 15) – The Franchises Act/Loi sur les franchises

Hon. Mr. SELINGER –

(No. 16) – The Order of Manitoba Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Ordre du Manitoba

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK –

(No. 17) – The Biofuels Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les biocarburants
(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR MONDAY:

Hon. Mr. SWAN –

(No. 19) – The Protection from Domestic Violence and Best Interests of Children Act (Family Law Statutes Amended)/Loi sur la protection contre la violence familiale et l'intérêt supérieur des enfants (modification de dispositions législatives concernant le droit de la famille)

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR THURSDAY:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Mrs. STEFANSON – Denouncing “Israeli Apartheid Week”

1. WHEREAS Israeli Apartheid Week takes place annually on Manitoba university campuses; and

WHEREAS all students, staff, and visitors to Manitoba campuses should feel safe; and

WHEREAS Israeli Apartheid Week may promote anti-Semitic opinions leading to the harassment and intimidation of Jewish students and staff; and

WHEREAS the use of the word ‘apartheid’ is offensive to victims of apartheid in South Africa and ignores that Israel is a strong democracy that respects the rule of law, where citizens of all backgrounds vote and serve in elected office; and

WHEREAS despite differences of opinion, public debate in Manitoba should be reasoned, informed and respectful of all Manitobans.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to denounce Israeli Apartheid Week as divisive, promoting intolerance and undermining a balanced debate of the Israeli-Palestinian question.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING:

The Standing Committee on PUBLIC ACCOUNTS will meet in Room 255, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. to consider the Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Previously Issued Recommendations – A Review dated March 2009.