



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 12**

**FOURTH SESSION, FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE**

**PRAYER**

**10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.**

Ms. FONTAINE moved:

THAT Bill (No. 200) – The Safe Access to Abortion Services Act/Loi sur l'accès sécuritaire aux services d'interruption volontaire de grossesse, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

Ms. FONTAINE having spoken,

And Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE, Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas), Mr. NESBITT and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. CULLEN, Mr. LINDSEY and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

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

**YEA**

ALLUM  
ALTEMEYER  
FONTAINE  
GERRARD  
KINEW  
LAMONT

LAMOUREUX  
LINDSEY  
MALOWAY  
MARCELINO (Logan)  
SMITH (Point Douglas) ..... 11

NAY

BINDLE	MARTIN
CLARKE	MAYER
COX	MICHALESKI
CULLEN	MICKLEFIELD
CURRY	MORLEY-LECOMTE
EICHLER	NESBITT
EWASKO	PEDERSEN
FRIESEN	SCHULER
GOERTZEN	SMITH (Southdale)
GUILLEMARD	SMOOK
HELWER	STEFANSON
ISLEIFSON	TEITSMA
JOHNSON	WHARTON
JOHNSTON	WISHART
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Mr. LINDSEY moved:

Resolution No. 1: Obstetric Delivery Services at Flin Flon General Hospital

WHEREAS the budget for the Northern Regional Health Authority has been slashed by over \$6 million, making it harder for the north to retain doctors; and

WHEREAS the Premier has slashed budgets and cancelled projects for northern communities, making it harder for families to get the primary health care they need; and

WHEREAS with services already stretched thin in the north, the Premier is now forcing families and seniors to travel further for the health care they need; and

WHEREAS on November 6, 2018, the Northern Regional Health Authority announced that obstetric delivery services at the Flin Flon General Hospital would be suspended, with no discussion regarding when they will be reinstated; and

WHEREAS mothers in Flin Flon, and the surrounding area, will now have to travel at least an hour and a half longer to The Pas, creating unnecessary risk for mothers and babies; and

WHEREAS the people of Flin Flon are concerned for the health and safety of mothers-to-be and their babies, including increased physical and financial stress; and

WHEREAS Flin Flon General Hospital is a regional hub that serves several communities on both sides of the Manitoba/Saskatchewan border; and

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WHEREAS the hospital in The Pas may not be able to handle the extra workload created by this decision, mainly due to this Provincial Government's refusal to invest in much needed services; and

WHEREAS there has been no commitment from this Provincial Government that mothers, and their escorts, who have to travel to The Pas will be covered by the Northern Patient Transport program; and

WHEREAS the Northern Patient Transport Program has been cut by at least \$1 million and been forced to find another \$450,000 in savings by limiting the number of people who are covered by the program; and

WHEREAS access to quality healthcare is a fundamental right of all Manitobans, no matter where they live.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to take immediate action to restore obstetric delivery services at Flin Flon General Hospital and work with the Government of Saskatchewan, and the Federal Government, to ensure that obstetric services continue to be available for the region.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. LINDSEY having spoken,

And Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE, Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Mr. NESBITT, Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas), and Mrs. GUILLEMARD having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE speaking at 12:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in her name.

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**1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.**

The following Bills were read a First Time and had their purposes outlined:

(No. 8) – The Referendum Act/Loi sur les référendums, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined

(Hon. Mr. CULLEN)

(No. 214) – The Electoral Divisions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les circonscriptions électorales

(Hon. Mr. FLETCHER)

(No. 215) – The Efficiency Manitoba Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société pour l'efficacité énergétique au Manitoba

(Hon. Mr. FLETCHER)

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Hon. Ms. SQUIRES presented:

Annual Report on French Language Services for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018.  
(Sessional Paper No. 14)

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Hon. Ms. SQUIRES, the Minister of Sustainable Development, made a statement regarding National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

Ms. FONTAINE, Ms. LAMOUREUX and, by leave, Hon. Mr. FLETCHER commented on the statement.

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Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Mrs. GUILLEMARD, Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas), Hon. Ms. SQUIRES, Ms. LAMOUREUX and Mr. YAKIMOSKI made Members' Statements.

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The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. ALLUM – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Provincial Government consider establishing a cross-departmental team to provide leadership on a culturally appropriate, coordinated response to the growing addictions crisis in our province that includes an aggressive, wide-spread education campaign on the dangers of using methamphetamine and opiates along with addictions education for front-line medical staff in health care facilities, to consider providing additional addictions services in Brandon and Western Manitoba across the continuum of care including acute response, detoxification, long-term rehabilitation, transitional housing, and support for managing co-occurring disorders, to request that the Minister of Health, Seniors and Active Living consider establishing a publicly available inventory of all addictions facilities in Manitoba, and to consider providing supports for the families of people struggling with addiction including counseling, patient navigation and advocacy, and direct access to free naloxone. (R. Hutchings, C. Langlois, S. Noctor and others)

Mr. ALTEMEYER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Provincial Government consider establishing a cross-departmental team to provide leadership on a culturally appropriate, coordinated response to the growing addictions crisis in our province that includes an aggressive, wide-spread education campaign on the dangers of using methamphetamine and opiates along with addictions education for front-line medical staff in health care facilities, to consider providing additional addictions services in Brandon and Western Manitoba across the continuum of care including acute response, detoxification, long-term rehabilitation, transitional housing, and support for managing co-occurring disorders, to request that the Minister of Health, Seniors and Active Living consider establishing a publicly available inventory of all addictions facilities in Manitoba, and to consider providing supports for the families of people struggling with addiction including counseling, patient navigation and advocacy, and direct access to free naloxone. (W. Kozak, M. Horn, E. Graham and others)

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to take the necessary steps to ensure that the Vimy Arena site is not used for an addiction treatment facility and to take the necessary steps to ensure the preservation of public land along Sturgeon Creek for the purposes of park land and recreational activities for public use (including being an important component of the Sturgeon Creek Greenway Trail and the Sturgeon Creek ecosystem) under the current designation of PR2 for the 255 Hamilton Avenue location at the Vimy Arena site, and to maintain the land to continue to be designated for Parks and Recreation Active Neighbourhood/Community.

Mr. LINDSEY – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reinstate obstetric delivery services at Flin Flon General Hospital and work with the Government of Saskatchewan, and the Federal Government, to ensure obstetric services continue to be available on a regional basis. (J. Chambers, D. Coles, T. Couceu and others)

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In accordance with Rule 29, Hon Mr. FLETCHER rose on a Grievance.

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Hon. Mr. FRIESEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 5) – The Mental Health Amendment and Personal Health Information Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la santé mentale et la Loi sur les renseignements médicaux personnels, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. FRIESEN having spoken,

And Mr. KINEW and Hon. Messrs. GERRARD and FLETCHER having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. KINEW and TEITSMA, Hon Mr. GERRARD and Mr. WIEBE having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

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The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, December 6, 2018.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,  
Speaker.