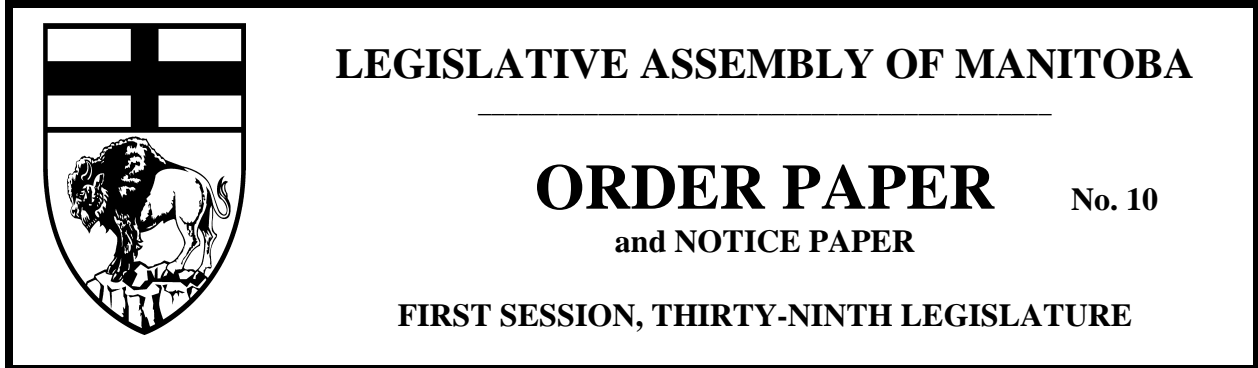


Wednesday, September 26, 2007



PRAYER

SITTING AT 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS –

(No. 3) – The Healthy Child Manitoba Act/Loi sur la stratégie « Enfants en santé Manitoba »

Hon. Mr. RONDEAU –

(No. 4) – The Real Property Amendment Act (Wind Turbines)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les biens réels (éoliennes)

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK –

(No. 5) – The Public Accounts Committee Meeting Dates Act (Legislative Assembly Act Amended)/Loi sur les dates de réunion du Comité des comptes publics (modification de la Loi sur l'Assemblée législative)

Hon. Ms. MCGIFFORD –

(No. 6) – The Adult Literacy Act/Loi sur l'alphabétisation des adultes

Hon. Mr. SELINGER –

(No. 7) – The Insurance Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les assurances

Hon. Mr. BJORNSON –

(No. 8) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Regional Vocational Schools)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (écoles professionnelles régionales)

Hon. Mr. SELINGER –

(No. 9) – The Securities Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les valeurs mobilières

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK –

(No. 10) – The Family Maintenance Amendment and Inter-jurisdictional Support Orders Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'obligation alimentaire et la Loi sur l'établissement et l'exécution réciproque des ordonnances alimentaires

Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH –

(No. 11) – The Children's Advocate's Enhanced Mandate Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur l'élargissement du mandat du protecteur des enfants (modification de diverses dispositions législatives)

Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK –

(No. 13) – The Organic Agricultural Products Act/Loi sur les produits agricoles biologiques

Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX –

(No. 14) – The Government Purchases Amendment Act (Responsible Manufacturing)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les achats du gouvernement (pratiques équitables des fabricants)

Hon. Mr. RONDEAU –

(No. 15) – The Biofuels Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les biocarburants

Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX –

(No. 17) – The Firefighters, Peace Officers and Workers Memorial Foundations Act/Loi sur les fondations à la mémoire des pompiers, des agents de la paix et des travailleurs

Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS –

(No. 18) – The Forest Health Protection Act/Loi sur la protection de la santé des forêts

Hon. Ms. ALLAN –

(No. 19) – The Fair Registration Practices in Regulated Professions Act/Loi sur les pratiques d'inscription équitables dans les professions réglementées

Hon. Mr. ASHTON –

(No. 20) – The Planning Amendment Act (Deemed Single Operations)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'aménagement du territoire (exploitations réputées uniques)

Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH –

(No. 21) – The Housing and Renewal Corporation Amendment Act (Fund for Housing Revitalization)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d'habitation et de rénovation (fonds destiné à la revitalisation des logements)

Hon. Ms. OSWALD –

(No. 22) – The Medical Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi médicale

Hon. Mr. LATHLIN –

(No. 23) – The Real Property Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les biens réels

Hon. Mr. RONDEAU –

(No. 24) – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment and Public Utilities Board Amendment Act (Electricity Reliability)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Hydro-Manitoba et la Loi sur la Régie des services publics (fiabilité du réseau électrique)

Mr. HAWRANIK –

(No. 209) – The Historic Trans-Canada Highway Act/Loi sur l'ancienne route transcanadienne

Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 210) – The Workplace Safety and Health Amendment Act (Harassment in the Workplace)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la sécurité et l'hygiène du travail (harcèlement dans le lieu de travail)

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(87 hrs. 48 mins.)

SECOND READINGS:

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(No. 16) – The Statutory Holidays Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur les jours fériés
(modification de diverses dispositions législatives)

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR THURSDAY:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Mr. SCHULER – Crocus Investment Fund Scandal

2. WHEREAS widespread damage has been done to the venture capital market in Manitoba as a result of the Crocus Investment Fund scandal; and

WHEREAS the Auditor General's *Examination of the Crocus Investment Fund* indicated that as early as 2001 the Government was made aware of red flags at the Crocus Investment Fund; and

WHEREAS the RCMP cannot investigate the role Government officials may have had in the demise of the Crocus Investment Fund; and

WHEREAS the Manitoba Securities Commission can only investigate the board of directors of the Crocus Investment Fund not the role that Government may have played in the fall of the Crocus Investment Fund; and

WHEREAS in previous Public Accounts hearings, no one would answer questions regarding who had the authority to overrule industry officials and prevent them from doing their jobs regarding the Crocus Investment Fund; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has been named in \$200 million lawsuit filed on behalf of investors in the Crocus Investment Fund and as a result the Premier, the Finance Minister and other ministers will not be able to answer questions put to them in Question Period because the case would be before the courts; and

WHEREAS the RCMP investigation, Manitoba Securities Commission hearings or Public Accounts DO NOT FORCE the government officials to testify under oath about their knowledge of the Crocus Investment Fund Scandal; and

WHEREAS as a direct result of the Government ignoring the red flags, more than 34,000 Crocus investors have lost more than \$60 million; and

WHEREAS only a public inquiry will force every person involved in the Crocus Investment Fund scandal to testify under oath and only then will Manitobans hear the truth of what really led to the demise of the Crocus Investment Fund.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to strongly consider calling an independent public inquiry into the Crocus Investment Fund scandal.

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR TUESDAY NEXT:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Mr. ALTEMEYER – Kyoto Support

3. WHEREAS climate change is the political, economic, and social issue of our era; and

WHEREAS since 1999, the Manitoba Government has undertaken various program initiatives with other levels of government and business in rural and urban communities that protect water and natural areas, reduce waste, prevent pollution, and grow a sustainable economy. This collaborative approach ensures programs concerning climate change are strategically designed and effectively implemented; and

WHEREAS the Manitoba public is concerned about climate change and a climate change action plan. This concern was established by the 2002 Manitoba Climate Change Task Force consultations and a 2006 survey that revealed 84% of Manitobans are concerned about climate change; and

WHEREAS the 2002 task force consultations also revealed that Manitobans see positive opportunities in climate change, both economically and environmentally. Some opportunities that the public has identified include clean renewable energy, ethanol fuel and energy efficiency in homes and businesses, and new opportunities in transportation and agriculture, all of which have the potential to result in health benefits for Manitobans; and

WHEREAS in 2002, the Manitoba Government responded to these public concerns over climate change and took a leadership role in calling on the Federal Government to ratify the Kyoto Protocol - the only international agreement that provides a clear path to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This leadership role has since been recognized nationally and internationally; and

WHEREAS the Manitoba Government's response program, Kyoto and Beyond, is the province's main strategy on climate change. This program will allow the province to meet, and even exceed, the targets under the Kyoto accord; and

WHEREAS Kyoto and Beyond reduces greenhouse gas emissions in a number of ways. This includes geothermal heat pumps, 10% ethanol blends, conversion of coal to natural gas at the Selkirk generating station, the introduction of models of wind, solar and hydrogen power, and the promotion of sustainable agricultural ecosystems. Other successful provincial initiatives include Manitoba Hydro's Power Smart programs, Biofuel productions, and greening Downtown Winnipeg. Also, Manitoba was the first province to join the federal government's One-Tonne Challenge and hybrid buses, built right here in Winnipeg, are currently running on the streets of cities like Seattle and Vancouver; and

WHEREAS Manitoba's Green and Growing document, which expanded on the Kyoto and Beyond initiative, was created to further Manitoba's goals of protecting the environment and growing the economy simultaneously. Green and Growing is composed of seven strategic priorities designed to achieve sustainability across our province. The first priority is concerned with energy and climate. The second priority is protection of water. The third is the protection of our natural areas and the fourth is the reduction of waste and prevention of pollution. The fifth priority is working with the private sector to build a sustainable economy. The sixth is fostering a green and healthy society and the seventh is ensuring the government runs its internal operations in a green and sustainable way; and

WHEREAS the Manitoba Government has also worked together with the Federal Government on a climate change action. In 2004 Canada and Manitoba signed a memorandum of understanding for co-operation in addressing climate change dedicated to developing renewable energy opportunities, such as the wind farm at St. Leon, Manitoba and the construction of the ethanol plant in Minnedosa; and

WHEREAS in July 2005, the Manitoba Government issued its first ever Sustainability Report that measured the province's overall well-being in terms of environment, economy, health and social development. This accountability measure will continue Manitoba's tradition of promoting both a healthy environment and sustainable economy.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to continue to support its climate change action plan and consider developing its leadership position; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Provincial Government to continue to encourage and work with the Federal Government in addressing the serious problems posed by climate change through the Kyoto Protocol.