

Tuesday, October 10, 2017



PRAYER

SITTING AT 10:00 A.M.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

REPORT STAGE AMENDMENTS – PUBLIC BILLS:

Mr. CURRY –

(No. 215) – The Civil Service Amendment Act (Employment Preference for Reservists with Active Service)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la fonction publique (embauche préférentielle des réservistes ayant été en activité de service)

[Amendment (1) – Mr. KINEW]

CONCURRENCE AND THIRD READINGS – PUBLIC BILLS:

Hon. Mr. WHARTON –

(No. 218) – The Red Tape Reduction Day Act/Loi sur la Journée de la réduction du fardeau administratif – **Selected Bill (Second Reading vote held April 27)**

SECOND READINGS – PUBLIC BILLS:

Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 200) – The Human Rights Code Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code des droits de la personne

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER –

(No. 202) – The Insurance Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les assurances

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER –

(No. 203) – The Electoral Divisions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les circonscriptions électorales

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER –

(No. 205) – The Brookside Cemetery Recognition Act/Loi sur la désignation du cimetière Brookside

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER –

(No. 206) – The Legal Profession Amendment Act (Queen's Counsel Appointments)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la profession d'avocat (nomination de conseillers de la Reine)

Ms. KLASSEN –

(No. 209) – 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

Ms. FONTAINE –

(No. 210) – The Children's Advocate Act/Loi sur le protecteur des enfants

Mr. HELWER –

(No. 211) – The Settlement of International Investment Disputes Act/Loi sur le règlement des différends internationaux relatifs aux investissements

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER –

(No. 212) – The Conflict of Interest Act/Loi sur les conflits d'intérêts

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER –

(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)

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER –

(No. 225) – The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d'assurance publique du Manitoba

Mr. SWAN –

(No. 228) – The Life Leases Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les baux viagers

DEBATE ON SECOND READINGS – PUBLIC BILLS:

On the Proposed Motion of Mr. LINDSEY –

(No. 217) – The Labour Relations Amendment Act (Right to Collective Bargaining)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les relations du travail (droit à la négociation collective)

(Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN – 9 mins)

On the Proposed Motion of Mr. ALLUM –

(No. 216) – The Financial Administration Amendment Act (Economic Indicators)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la gestion des finances publiques (indicateurs économiques)

(Mr. HELWER – 8 mins)

On the Proposed Motion of Mr. ALTEMEYER –

(No. 220) – The Environmental Rights Act/Loi sur les droits environnementaux

(Mr. SMITH (Southdale) – 9 mins)

On the Proposed Motion of Mr. ALTEMEYER –

(No. 219) – The Surface Water Management Act (Amendments to Various Acts to Protect Lakes and Wetlands)/Loi sur la gestion des eaux de surface (modification de diverses lois visant la protection des lacs et des terres humides)

(Hon. Mr. WISHART – 9 mins)

On the Proposed Motion of Mr. SWAN –

(No. 224) – The Family Law Reform Act (Putting Children First)/Loi sur la réforme du droit de la famille (mesures pour le mieux-être des enfants)

(Mr. MICKLEFIELD – 9 mins)

On the Proposed Motion of Mr. KINEW –

(No. 231) – The Education Administration Amendment Act (First Nations, Metis and Inuit Education Policy Framework)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'administration scolaire (cadre stratégique sur l'éducation et l'histoire des Premières nations, des Métis et des Inuits)

(Mr. JOHNSTON – 8 mins)

RESOLUTION:

Mr. HELWER – Withdrawal of the Federal Government's Proposal on Tax Planning Using Private Corporations

21. WHEREAS Manitoba is home to more than 50,000 small businesses that employ over 275,000 Manitobans; and

WHEREAS Manitoba's small business owners and their families are the backbone of the provincial economy that take risks and incur debts to innovate, grow their businesses and move Manitoba forward; and

WHEREAS the basic structure of the existing tax system for small businesses has been in place since 1972; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government proposed a complex and poorly conceived overhaul of Canada's tax system that will dramatically increase taxes paid by smaller corporations by taxing their savings and penalizing a family that passes a business on from one generation to another; and

WHEREAS these changes will significantly increase the administrative burden and red tape headaches for small businesses to comply with the tax system; and

WHEREAS these changes will negatively impact the ability of small businesses to grow and create jobs; and

WHEREAS these changes target middle-class small business owners and their families rather than individuals who take unfair advantage of the tax system; and

WHEREAS this proposal was developed unilaterally by the Federal Government without consultation with the Provincial Government who will see significant change to its provincial tax code due to the longstanding Canada-Manitoba Tax Collection Agreement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Federal Government to withdraw its proposal entitled "Tax Planning Using Private Corporations" to allow time for additional research into the economic and financial impact of changes to the tax treatment of Canada's small businesses and meaningful consultation with impacted stakeholders on any future change to the federal tax treatment of small businesses and federal-provincial-territorial Finance Ministers.

DEBATE ON RESOLUTIONS:

1. Mr. LINDSEY – Port of Churchill
(Mr. JOHNSON – 8 mins./126 mins. remaining)
2. Mr. LAGIMODIERE – Reducing the Devastating Effects of Illicit Opioids
(Hon. Mr. GERRARD – 2 mins./122 mins. remaining)
3. Ms. FONTAINE – Support for Refugees and Newcomers
(Ms. LAMOUREUX – 9 mins./123 mins. remaining)
4. Mr. TEITSMA – Protecting Children and Youth from Viewing Violent, Sexually Explicit Material Online
(Ms. LATHLIN – 6 mins./122 mins. remaining)
5. Mr. WIEBE – Protecting Health Care for Seniors and Families
(Mr. LAGIMODIERE – 5 mins./123 mins. remaining)

7. Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) – Protect Manitoba’s Provincial Nominee Program
(Hon. Mr. SCHULER – 8 mins./122 mins. remaining)
8. Mr. GRAYDON – Recognizing the Historic Investment in Manitoba’s Agricultural Processing Capabilities
(Mr. MALOWAY – 8 mins./124 mins. remaining)
9. Mr. KINEW – Keeping Post-Secondary Education Affordable for Students and Families
(Mr. NESBITT – 1 min./122 mins. remaining)
11. Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) – Provincial Government’s Plan to Shutter Three Winnipeg Emergency Rooms Will Undermine Patient Care and Hurt Families and Seniors
(Mr. NESBITT – 9 mins./127 mins. remaining)
12. Mr. CURRY – Promotion of E-waste Disposal / Recycling
(Open/123 mins. remaining)
13. Mr. SWAN – Extension of Care
(Mr. NESBITT – 7 mins./123 mins. remaining)
15. Ms. LATHLIN – Recognizing Indigenous Peoples as Founding Nations of Canada
(Mr. ISLEIFSON – 3 mins./124 mins. remaining)
17. Mr. ALLUM – Mental Health Promotion Tools and Recovery Oriented Framework for Mental Health
(Hon. Mr. GERRARD – 7 mins./130 mins. remaining)
18. Mr. MARTIN – Previous Provincial Government’s Hydro Mismanagement
(Mr. ALTEMEYER – 9 mins./127 mins. remaining)
19. Mr. MALOWAY – Committing to an East-West Power Grid for Manitoba
(Mr. PIWNIUK – 3 mins./133 mins. remaining)
20. Mr. ALTEMEYER – Protecting Manitoba Lakes and Rivers
(Mr. JOHNSON – 1 min./122 mins. remaining)

SITTING AT 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Hon. Mrs. COX –

(No. 41) – The Government Notices Modernization Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur la modernisation de la publication des avis du gouvernement (modification de diverses lois)

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER –

(No. 204) – The Statutory Holidays Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur les jours fériés (modification de diverses dispositions législatives)

Ms. FONTAINE –

(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)

Mr. SWAN –

(No. 229) – The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Conflict of Interest Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les conflits d'intérêts au sein de l'Assemblée législative et du Conseil exécutif

Mr. SWAN –

(No. 230) – The Executive Government Organization Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'organisation du gouvernement

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Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park)

Mr. SARAN

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ORDERS OF THE DAY (continued)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

(38 hrs. 58 mins.)

(Chamber – Indigenous and Northern Relations)

(Room 255 – Finance)

(Room 254 – Executive Council)

DEBATE ON SECOND READINGS:

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. SQUIRES –

(No. 23) – The Fisheries Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la pêche – **Designated Bill**

(Mr. SWAN)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN –

(No. 34) – The Medical Assistance in Dying (Protection for Health Professionals and Others) Act/Loi sur l'aide médicale à mourir (protection des professionnels de la santé et autres)

(Question Period – 15 mins.)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. FRIESEN –

(No. 36) – The Budget Implementation and Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2017/Loi d'exécution du budget de 2017 et modifiant diverses dispositions législatives en matière de fiscalité

(Mr. MALOWAY – 4 mins.)

SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN –

(No. 24) – The Red Tape Reduction and Government Efficiency Act, 2017/Loi de 2017 sur la réduction du fardeau administratif et l'efficacité du gouvernement – **Designated Bill**

Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON –

(No. 27) – The Elections Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi électorale – **Designated Bill**

(Recommended by His Honour, the Administrator)

Hon. Mr. WHARTON –

(No. 30) – The Local Vehicles for Hire Act/Loi sur la gestion locale des véhicules avec chauffeur – **Designated Bill**

Hon. Mr. WISHART –

(No. 31) – The Advanced Education Administration Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'administration de l'enseignement postsecondaire – **Designated Bill**

Hon. Mr. EICHLER –

(No. 35) – The Agricultural Producers' Organization Funding Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le financement d'organismes de producteurs agricoles

Hon. Mrs. COX –

(No. 37) – The Concussion in Youth Sport Act/Loi sur les commotions cérébrales chez les jeunes athlètes

Hon. Mr. PEDERSEN –

(No. 39) – The Canadian Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Labour Mobility Act and Regulated Health Professions Act Amended)/Loi sur la mise en œuvre de l'accord de libre-échange canadien (modification de la Loi sur la mobilité de la main-d'œuvre et de la Loi sur les professions de la santé réglementées)

Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON –

(No. 40) – The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Assemblée législative

DEBATE ON GOVERNMENT MOTION:

On the Proposed Motion of Mr. MICKLEFIELD –

THAT notwithstanding any Rule or Practice of this House, Bill (No. 213) – The Civil Service Amendment Act (Employment Preference for Reservists with Active Service)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la fonction publique (embauche préférentielle des réservistes ayant été en activité de service) be reinstated during the 2nd Session of the 41st Legislature at the stage it was at when the 1st Session of the 41st Legislature was prorogued.

(Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) – unlimited)

GOVERNMENT MOTION:

Hon. Mr. CULLEN –

THAT Sarah GUILLEMARD, Member for the Electoral Division of Fort Richmond, be Deputy Chairperson of the Committees of the Whole House.

DEBATE ON GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION:

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN – Long Term, Sustainable and Flexible Healthcare Funding

WHEREAS health care is the single largest budget item for provinces and territories, each of whom is responsible for the delivery of quality health services for Canadians; and

WHEREAS provinces pay more than 75 per cent of health care costs and the Federal Government continues to reduce growth in health care funding; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government’s unilateral approach and refusal to engage in a discussion around the importance of a long term and sustainable partnership on health care funding should be of concern to every Manitoban; and

WHEREAS Manitoba is facing a challenging fiscal situation and the Federal Government’s decision to reduce health care funding by more than \$1 billion over the next 10 years is going to put additional strain on the ability to provide services to Manitobans; and

WHEREAS federal funding is essential in order to address the increasing costs associated with the health care needs of the province’s growing and aging population.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be urged to reiterate the position of other governments representing 90 percent of Canada’s population, that is, before any further discussion takes place on a renewed Health Accord, the First Ministers request a meeting with the Prime Minister regarding the need for long term, sustainable and flexible funding for the healthcare system and that if this is not accomplished, any proposed reduction in healthcare funding be delayed until 2018/19.

(Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) – 17 mins)

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR WEDNESDAY:

Mr. SWAN –

(No. 232) – The Health Services Insurance Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'assurance-maladie

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR THURSDAY:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) – Protecting Low Income Manitobans

22. WHEREAS the Provincial Government has announced cuts to the Rent Assist benefit, which would increase rent for over 7000 families, some by as much as \$1200 a year; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government increased rent for Manitoba Housing residents by as much as \$720 a year and changed its policy to eliminate options for families choosing an appropriate unit; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government broke its promise to create a comprehensive strategy to bring Manitobans out of poverty and failed to comply with legislation by not releasing an update in June; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government refused to raise the minimum wage for two years and locked it in at an arbitrarily low rate; and

WHEREAS in the last provincial budget the Provincial Government hiked tuition fees for thousands of students, presenting a barrier for many students to access education, training and good jobs; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government refused to renew funding for the North Point Douglas Women's Centre and other women's centres, which provided supports and counselling for some of Winnipeg's most vulnerable women; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government froze Neighborhoods Alive and Community Places for a year, cutting services and causing unnecessary uncertainty for thousands of Manitobans who rely on these programs; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has broken its promise to protect low income, vulnerable, hardworking families and seniors and has instead cut their supports and cancelled funding for programs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to commit to presenting a real, comprehensive strategy to fight poverty and to protect low income families and seniors, by reversing their damaging cuts to services, lowering fees and ensuring all Manitobans have access to good jobs.