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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

ORDER PAPER No. 5
and NOTICE PAPER

FIRST SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

SITTING AT 10:00 A.M.

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ADJOURNED DEBATE (Third Day of Debate):

MLA LOISELLE –

THAT the following Address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor:

We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, thank your Honour for the gracious speech addressed to us at this First Session of the Forty-Third Legislature of Manitoba.

And the Proposed Motion of Ms. STEFANSON in amendment as follows:

THAT the motion be amended by adding at the end the following words:

But this House regrets that the Provincial Government has:

- a) failed to outline how the Provincial Government will make life more affordable in the long term for Manitobans struggling to make ends meet; and
- b) omitted tax relief for small businesses in Manitoba; and
- c) committed to making Manitoba a Maritime province without committing to fighting for the same carbon tax exemptions afforded to such provinces; and
- d) abandoned plans from the previous Provincial Government to build new schools to accommodate a growing student population in the K-12 system; and
- e) abandoned plans to deliver 23,000 childcare spaces to Manitoba's childcare system; and
- f) neglected to detail the specific measures that will be taken to improve retention and recruitment of educators in Manitoba; and
- g) refused to address immigration or Manitoba's population in any substantial manner; and
- h) rejected much-needed upgrades to hospital projects across the province including HSC due to political ideology at the cost of Manitoba patients; and
- i) neglected to detail the specific measures that will be taken to improve retention and recruitment of health care workers in Manitoba; and
- j) disbanded the Diagnostic and Surgical Recovery Task Force, which provided over 85,000 Manitobans with the care they needed, with no plan to help Manitobans waiting in pain; and
- k) failed to mention how the Provincial Government will serve Manitobans waiting for surgical and diagnostic procedures in the short term; and
- l) abandoned six communities that were due to benefit from the construction of new personal care homes; and
- m) failed to address the need for treatment spaces or recovery-oriented care for people struggling with addictions; and
- n) disrespected Manitoba's seniors and those suffering from addictions by disbanding the departments dedicated to seniors, mental health and community wellness; and
- o) failed to mention how the Provincial Government will create new affordable and social housing units that are desperately needed amidst a housing shortage; and

- p) failed to commit to any meaningful action or investments in community art, culture, or non-profit and heritage projects or groups; and
- q) spurned Manitobans who appreciate and enjoy provincial parks and the recreational opportunities and precious ecosystems they hold dear; and
- r) neglected to present a plan to maintain the positive momentum of Manitoba's tourism sector which contributes over \$1 billion to Manitoba's GDP; and
- s) signalled a transition away from a positive plan to develop Manitoba's natural resource economy that was attracting record investment to the province; and
- t) failed to mention the important role that mining and mineral development play in developing Manitoba's provincial economy; and
- u) failed to denounce the previous position taken by NDP Members that policing should be defunded; and
- v) neglected to address the revolving door of catch and release through bail reform; and
- w) disbanded the economic development board and put billions of dollars in investment and thousands of jobs at risk; and
- x) jeopardized financial sustainability of Manitoba Hydro by committing to freeze hydro rates; and
- y) ignored agricultural producers and the agriculture industry which represents nearly 10% of Manitoba's GDP; and
- z) failed to commit to continuing the five-year, \$500 million annual infrastructure budget.

As a consequence of these and many other failings, the Provincial Government has thereby lost the trust and confidence of the people of Manitoba and this House.

(MLA MOROZ – 6 minutes)

SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Mr. KINEW –

(No. 2) – The Louis Riel Act/Loi sur Louis Riel

Hon. Min. SALA –

(No. 3) – The Fuel Tax Amendment Act (Fuel Tax Holiday)/Loi modifiant la Loi de la taxe sur les carburants (période d'exonération de la taxe sur les carburants)

(Recommended by Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR MONDAY:

Hon. Mr. KINEW –

(No. 4) – The Employment Standards Code Amendment and Interpretation Amendment Act (Orange Shirt Day)/Loi modifiant le Code des normes d'emploi et la Loi d'interprétation (Journée du chandail orange)

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR THE NEXT THURSDAY OF PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

MLA KHAN – Calling on the Provincial Government to Remove the Federal Carbon Tax on Home Heating Bills for Manitobans

1. WHEREAS many Manitobans are struggling to make ends meet, and experiencing a cost of living crisis as the cost of essential goods and services are rising; and

WHEREAS home heating is an essential service in Manitoba, with an average of almost 200 days below zero degrees Celsius annually; and

WHEREAS the federal carbon tax is compounding Manitobans affordability concerns, costing households hundreds of dollars in additional costs for home heating, as well as making all goods more expensive; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government has realized the cost of living impact of its carbon tax, offering Atlantic Canadians a reprieve and tax exemption for their home heating oil over the next year; and

WHEREAS Manitobans deserve the same consideration for their home heating needs and cost of living concerns; and

WHEREAS it is counterintuitive to exempt heating oil, while still collecting a carbon tax on the much cleaner burning natural gas that a majority of Manitoba homes utilize; and

WHEREAS Manitoba is one of the only provincial jurisdictions to have not agreed with the stance that all Canadians home heating bills should be exempt from the carbon tax; and

WHEREAS political leaders across party lines have called for a Canada-wide carbon tax exemption for home heating; and

WHEREAS Manitoba is a leader in developing one of the cleanest and greenest electricity systems in the world as its total natural gas consumption is less than 2% of Canada's total demand; and

WHEREAS Provincial leadership in other jurisdictions have already committed to removing the federal carbon tax from home heating bills; and

WHEREAS this Premier has previously publicly committed to pursuing an exemption, and acknowledged that "We also need to show flexibility".

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to remove the federal carbon tax on home heating bills for all Manitobans to provide them much needed relief.
