



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 24**

**FOURTH SESSION, FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE**

**PRAYER**

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

Immediately following the Prayer, Hon. Mr. GERRARD rose on a Matter of Privilege regarding the Member for Lac du Bonnet heckling the Member for St. Boniface during Member's Statements, suggesting that it was a form of intimidation, and moved:

THAT this matter be referred to a committee of this House.

And Hon. Mr. PEDERSEN having spoken,

And Mr. EWASKO having voluntarily apologized to the House,

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker noted that with the apology, the matter was resolved.

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

(No. 13) – The Private Vocational Institutions Act/Loi sur les établissements d'enseignement professionnel privés

(Hon. Mrs. MAYER for Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN)

(No. 19) – The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la location à usage d'habitation

(Hon. Mr. CULLEN)

Hon. Mr. PEDERSEN presented:

Communities Economic Development Fund, Quarterly Report, Nine Months, April 1, 2018 to January 31, 2019.

(Sessional Paper No. 20)

Annual Report of the Office of the Fire Commissioner for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018.

(Sessional Paper No. 21)

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Messrs. JOHNSTON, LINDSEY and MICKLEFIELD, Ms. FONTAINE and Mr. BINDLE made Members' Statements.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. GRAYDON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to amend The Official Time Act to abolish daylight saving time in Manitoba effective November 4, 2019, resulting in Manitoba remaining on Central Standard Time (CST) throughout the year and in perpetuity. (G. Giesbrecht, A. Hiebert, D. Wiebe and others)

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. (B. Burke, C. Burke, A. Lam and others)

Ms. FONTAINE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to immediately commit to addressing the overpopulation of dogs in Manitoba, more specifically in northern communities, by humanely removing and rehoming unwanted dogs, and in partnership with animal welfare agencies; the Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA); frontline rescues; and the Federal Government to immediately develop a provincial strategy to spay and neuter dogs while providing access to veterinary services for owned dogs in northern communities ensuring the safety of communities and their citizens.

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The House resumed the Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. FIELDING:

THAT this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government.

And the proposed amendment moved by Mr. KINEW as follows:

*THAT the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after “House” and substituting:*

therefore regrets that this budget neglects the priorities of Manitobans by:

- a) breaking the Premier’s promise to protect front line services by making deep cuts to health and education despite unprecedented revenues from the Federal Government; and
- b) continuing the Premier’s attack on the health care system by underspending on health care by \$240 million, cutting the health care budget by \$120 million, continuing forward on the plan to close two more emergency rooms while freezing mental health and addictions services during a methamphetamine epidemic and continuing to undermine health care for women and girls across Manitoba; and
- c) reducing supports for students with special needs while increasing class sizes for the youngest learners and slashing support of daycare for children; and
- d) reducing college and university education by millions while increasing tuition rates for parents and students putting education and good jobs out of the reach of Manitoba’s youth; and
- e) failing to provide a comprehensive jobs strategy for the future, especially for northern Manitobans, that gives more families access to good paying, non-precarious jobs while cutting supports for apprenticeships and training; and

- f) by continuing to cut over \$150 million in infrastructure spending from what was previously promised, cutting \$40 million from water infrastructure in the same year as flood forecasts have worsened while failing to offer any program to reduce greenhouse emissions and fight climate change.

As a consequence, the Provincial Government has thereby lost the confidence of this House and the people of Manitoba.

And the proposed sub-amendment moved by Mr. LAMONT as follows:

*THAT the amendment be amended by adding after clause (f) the following clauses:*

- g) failing to ensure mining operations in Manitoba stay viable and threatening the economic viability of northern communities by delaying mining permits as a result of firing mining branch staff; and
- h) failing to properly implement health system reorganization causing crises in emergency rooms and primary care; and
- i) failing to invest federal funding increases in Manitoba into crucial services and infrastructure for Manitobans; and
- j) failing to support Manitoba's economic health and choking off growth by; falsely inflating the Province's deficit, budgeting increased amounts in departments for which there is no intention of spending the increases and allowing Manitoba's GDP to slip below 1%, putting Manitoba at risk of a recession claiming it as the new normal; and
- k) failing to ensure that wealthy Manitobans pay their fair share of taxes by defending tax loopholes that allow the wealthiest to pay a lesser tax rate than medium and low income Manitobans; and
- l) failing to protect the public universal healthcare system by reiterating plans for a grand bargain that would prioritize cheaper wine imports over the Federal Government maintaining its role in health care; and
- m) failing to ensure Manitobans are earning a living wage by; freezing wages, not increasing the minimum wage to a livable amount, and prioritizing the needs of corporations located outside of Manitoba at the expense of workers; and
- n) failing to cut from the top by increasing executive support for Ministers by 2% which is well above increases to the health budget; and
- o) failing to show any clear plans to improve emergency management and increased climate emergencies including more increased floods, droughts and forest fires; and

- p) failing to improve the health systems in Manitobans by completely stalling provincial increases to health funding and solely relying on federal increases to fund health care cost increases; and
- q) failing to support Manitoba by acting as a barrier to municipalities and First Nations to access much needed federal infrastructure funding; and
- r) failing to support children in the care of CFS by slashing funding under the guise of block funding for agencies; and
- s) failing to meet or work with the trilateral methamphetamine taskforce; and
- t) failing to allow jurisdiction over First Nations' children in CFS; and
- u) failing to support Manitoba's incredible arts and cultural communities by allowing cultural infrastructure to crumble and freezing or decreasing funding to arts and cultural organizations. And the debate continuing on the sub-amendment,

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And Mr. ISLEIFSON, Ms. FONTAINE, Mr. PIWNIUK, Ms. KLASSEN, Messrs. NESBITT, MARCELINO (Tyndall Park), EWASKO and ALTEMEYER and Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE having spoken.

And Ms. LAMOUREUX speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in her name.

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During debate, Mr. WIEBE rose on a point of order regarding the use of a Member's name in the Chamber by the Honourable Member for Lac du Bonnet.

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker ruled that there was a point of order.

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The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 14, 2019.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,  
Speaker.