



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 23**

**FOURTH SESSION, FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE**

**PRAYER**

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

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

(No. 9) – The Family Law Modernization Act/Loi sur la modernisation du droit de la famille  
(Hon. Mr. CULLEN)

(No. 220) – The Vital Statistics Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les statistiques de l'état  
civil  
(Mr. KINEW)

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Messrs. REYES and MARCELINO (Tyndall Park), Hon. Mr. FRIESEN and Messrs. LAMONT and JOHNSON made Members' Statements.

The following petitions were presented and read:

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. (C. Henderson, D. Fosseneuve, and others)

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. (S. Friesen, G. Klippenstein, J. Penner and others)

Ms. FONTANE – 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.

In accordance with Rule 33(7), the Government House Leader announced that the FleetNet Replacement Resolution will be considered on the next Tuesday of Private Members' Business.

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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 debate continuing,

And Mr. KINEW having spoken,

And Mr. KINEW moved an amendment 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.

WHEREUPON the Deputy Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Messrs. JOHNSON, WIEBE and LAMONT having spoken.

Mr. LAMONT moved a sub-amendment 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

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- 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,

And Hon. Ms. SQUIRES, Messrs. SWAN, MICKLEFIELD and LINDSEY, Mrs. GUILLEMARD, Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Mr. SMITH (Southdale) and Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) having spoken.

And Mr. ISLEIFSON speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

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The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, 2019.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,  
Speaker.