Wednesday, March 22, 2023



PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

SITTING AT 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Hon. Mr. GERRARD -

(No. 214) – The Ecological Reserves Amendment Act (Ecological Corridors)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les réserves écologiques (corridors écologiques)

Mr. MALOWAY -

(No. 220) – The New Motor Vehicle Buyers' Rights Act/Loi sur la protection des droits des acheteurs de véhicules automobiles neufs

Mr. MICHALESKI -

(No. 231) – The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act (2)/Loi n° 2 modifiant la Loi sur la location à usage d'habitation

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GRIEVANCES

ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

(94 hours 13 minutes)
(Chamber – Executive Council)
(Room 254 – Health)
(Room 255 – Education and Early Childhood Learning)

DEBATE ON CONCURRENCE AND THIRD READINGS:

Hon. Mr. CULLEN -

(No. 14) – The Budget Implementation and Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2023/Loi d'exécution du budget de 2023 et modifiant diverses dispositions législatives en matière de fiscalité (Mr. SALA – 29 minutes)

DEBATE ON SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN -

(No. 6) – The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d'assurance publique du Manitoba

(Question Period – 15 minutes)

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN -

(No. 7) – The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis

(Mr. WIEBE – 28 minutes)

Hon. Mr. SMITH (Lagimodière) -

(No. 9) – The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment and Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis et la Loi sur la Société manitobaine des alcools et des loteries

(MLA ASAGWARA – 20 minutes)

SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Mr. SMITH (Lagimodière) -

(No. 2) – The Official Time Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le temps réglementaire

Hon. Mr. NESBITT –

(No. 8) – The Off-Road Trails Safety and Maintenance Act/Loi sur la sécurité et l'entretien des sentiers pour véhicules à caractère non routier

(Recommended by Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. CULLEN -

(No. 10) – The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment Act (Social Responsibility Fee Repealed)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis (abrogation de la taxe de responsabilité sociale)

(Recommended by Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN -

(No. 11) – The Reducing Red Tape and Improving Services Act, 2023/Loi de 2023 visant la réduction du fardeau administratif et l'amélioration des services

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN -

(No. 12) - The Minor Amendments and Corrections Act, 2023/Loi corrective de 2023

Hon. Mr. NESBITT -

(No. 13) - The Wildlife Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la conservation de la faune

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN -

(No. 15) – The Court of King's Bench Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Cour du Banc du Roi

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN -

(No. 16) – The Domestic Violence and Stalking Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la violence familiale et le harcèlement criminel

Hon. Ms. GORDON -

(No. 17) – The Regulated Health Professions Amendment Act (2)/Loi nº 2 modifiant la Loi sur les professions de la santé réglementées

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN -

(No. 18) – The Legislative Security Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la sécurité de la Cité législative

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN -

(No. 19) – The Provincial Offences Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les infractions provinciales

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN -

(No. 20) – The Conflict of Interest (Members and Ministers) Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les conflits d'intérêts des députés et des ministres

Hon. Mr. PIWNIUK –

(No. 21) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code de la route

Hon. Mr. PIWNIUK -

(No. 22) - The Emergency Measures Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les mesures d'urgence

Hon. Ms. SQUIRES -

(No. 23) – The Vulnerable Persons Living with a Mental Disability Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les personnes vulnérables ayant une déficience mentale

Hon. Mr. NESBITT -

(No. 24) – The Wildfires Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les incendies échappés (Recommended by Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. REYES -

(No. 25) – The Workers Compensation Amendment Act (Wildfire Firefighters)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les accidents du travail (pompiers affectés aux incendies échappés) (Recommended by Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor) Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN -

(No. 26) – The Limitations Amendment and Public Officers Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les délais de prescription et la Loi sur les officiers publics

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN -

(No. 27) – The Intimate Image Protection Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection des images intimes

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN -

(No. 28) - The Local Government Statutes Amendment Act/Loi modifiant certaines lois concernant les administrations locales

Hon. Mr. TEITSMA –

(No. 29) - The Life Leases Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les baux viagers

Hon. Mr. SMITH (Lagimodière) -

(No. 30) – The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment and Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation Amendment Act (2)/Loi nº 2 modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis et la Loi sur la Société manitobaine des alcools et des loteries

Hon. Mr. JOHNSON -

(No. 31) - The Animal Care Amendment Act (2)/Loi nº 2 modifiant la Loi sur le soin des animaux

Hon. Ms. SQUIRES -

(No. 32) – An Act respecting Child and Family Services (Indigenous Jurisdiction and Related Amendments)/Loi concernant les services à l'enfant et à la famille (champ de compétence autochtone et modifications connexes)

(Recommended by Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE -

(No. 33) – The Addiction Services Act/Loi sur les services de traitement des dépendances (Recommended by Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN -

(No. 34) - The Police Services Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services de police

Hon. Mr. EWASKO-

(No. 35) – The Education Administration Amendment Act (Teacher Certification and Professional Conduct)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'administration scolaire (brevets d'enseignement et conduite professionnelle)

(Recommended by Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. REYES -

(No. 36) – The Fair Registration Practices in Regulated Professions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les pratiques d'inscription équitables dans les professions réglementées

WRITTEN QUESTIONS – ACCEPTED BUT NOT RETURNED:

Mr. LAMONT -

- 1. Media reported that a Freedom of Information request showed that during the "Convoy Occupation" of the Manitoba Legislature and the blockade at the Emerson border, there were no written records or notes of discussions between the Ministry of Justice, Police services, and the convoy. Why were none of the discussions recorded and who was responsible for making that decision?
- 2. How did the Provincial Government make decisions, give advice, track and plan operations without recording discussions surrounding the "Convoy Occupation" at the Manitoba Legislature that lasted many days, and also caused slowdowns on highways and blockades at the U.S. border involving multiple police and security forces such as the Winnipeg Police Service, RCMP, and legislative security?
- 3. It is a matter of public record that the "Convoy Occupation" included threats, intimidation, occupations and blockades, and its organizers like Pat King had made repeated threats of implied violence on social media for months, stating that politicians and others would be targeted with live ammunition. Will the Premier share the RCMP's full assessment report with Manitobans considering that she wrote to the Prime Minister that based on the advice of the RCMP the Provincial Government was "unaware of any activity involving espionage or sabotage, clandestine foreign-influenced activities or any serious threats of violence directed toward the violent destruction or overthrow of the Canadian government."?
- 4. Since assuming leadership, has the current CEO of Manitoba Hydro consulted with First Nations governance on Manitoba Hydro projects, including, but not limited to, Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak in northern Manitoba, and if so how many consultations been conducted?

Ms. LAMOUREUX -

5. In December 2022, whistleblowers at "The Link", formerly MacDonald Youth Services, alleged that the organization is in difficulties, with 50% staff turnover, allegations of mistreatment of staff and clients, including Indigenous youth, and questionable financial decisions made by the CEO and Board, with allegations dating back to at least 2019. Is the Minister of Families aware of any complaints or letters of concern to her department about The Link prior to the letters from whistleblowers in December 2022 and January 2023 and further, can the Minister of Families advise who is performing the third party investigation into The Link and what is their mandate?

6. Can the Minister of Families advise why the CEO and Board of "The Link" were not relieved of their duties after it was decided that serious allegations that included suggestions of preferential hiring of friends and family into management and spending on extensive renovations and furnishing in its brand new building warranted an investigation?

Hon. Mr. GERRARD -

- 7. Can the Minister of Health explain the Provincial Government's current policy regarding critical incident reporting, and how the policy supports health care workers who have been involved in a critical incident?
- 8. Lions' Place was originally built to provide affordable housing for seniors and the Provincial Government has agreed to cover the cost of the rent after Lions management requested a 10% rental increase as of April, 2022. Why is the province willing to provide a direct subsidy to a private corporate landlord from Alberta, when it would cost less in the long term to directly support the Lions Foundation?
- 9. What is the Minister of Health doing to work with the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Manitoba and the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences and Max Rady College of Medicine at the University of Manitoba to enable more international medical graduates to qualify to practice in Manitoba to address the critical shortage of family physicians and physicians in various specialties?

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR THURSDAY:

Hon. Mr. TEITSMA –

(No. 38) – The Builders' Liens Amendment Act (Prompt Payment)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le privilège du constructeur (paiement rapide)

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Mr. SMOOK – Commending the Provincial Government for Investing in Diabetic Supports

7. WHEREAS the Provincial Government has provided unprecedented amount of support in keys area where Manitobans are most concerned; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has made historic investments for healthcare, seniors, and local communities; and

WHEREAS one of the programs that the Provincial Government has recently decided to give an incredible boost is expanded access for Manitobans to diabetes treatments; and

WHEREAS this new funding announcement will allow all eligible Manitobans over the age of 25 access to insulin pumps and advance glucose monitors; and

WHEREAS this expansion now extends support to all eligible Manitobans who have diabetes; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government intends to provide Manitobans with millions in diabetes treatment specific funding this year; and

WHEREAS this investment is just one part of the \$7.9 billion health care funding coming from the Provincial Government; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has invested above inflationary funding and has allowed for the expansion and creation of many new healthcare services that are relied upon by Manitobans; and

WHEREAS Manitoba, since 2016, has become a leader in diabetes care and coverage, as the Provincial Government has been announcing increased support after increased support.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba commend the Provincial Government for its efforts to help deliver more money for healthcare so that eligible Manitobans with diabetes can get access to insulin pumps and glucose monitors sooner.