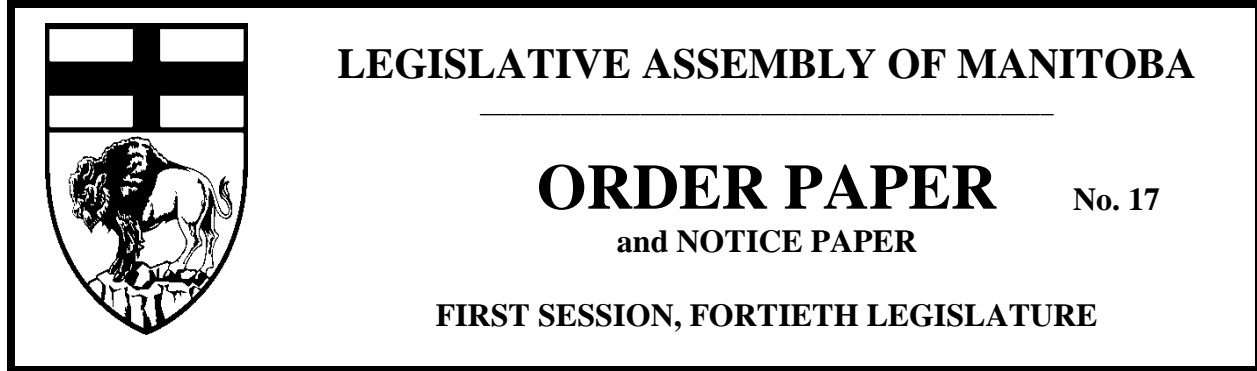


Wednesday, April 18, 2012



PRAYER

SITTING AT 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Hon. Ms. SELBY –

(No. 2) – The Protecting Affordability for University Students Act (Council on Post-Secondary Education Act Amended)/Loi sur la protection de l'accessibilité aux études universitaires (modification de la Loi sur le Conseil de l'enseignement postsecondaire)

Mrs. ROWAT –

(No. 200) – The Seniors' Rights Act/Loi sur les droits des aînés

Mrs. TAILLIEU –

(No. 201) – The Personal Information Protection and Identity Theft Prevention Act/Loi sur la protection des renseignements personnels et la prévention du vol d'identité

Mrs. ROWAT –

(No. 202) – The Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Act/Loi sur le dépistage systématique des déficiences auditives chez les nouveau-nés

Mrs. TAILLIEU –

(No. 203) – The Regulatory Accountability and Transparency Act/Loi sur la responsabilité et la transparence en matière réglementaire

Mr. GOERTZEN –

(No. 204) – The Criminal Property Forfeiture Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la confiscation de biens obtenus ou utilisés criminellement

Mr. BRIESE –

(No. 205) – The Municipal Amendment and City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment Act (Defamation Protection)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les municipalités et la Charte de la ville de Winnipeg (protection contre les accusations de diffamation)

Mr. EICHLER –

(No. 206) – The Drivers and Vehicles Amendment Act (Licence Plates for Volunteer Firefighters)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les conducteurs et les véhicules (plaques d'immatriculation pour pompiers volontaires)

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Mr. GRAYDON
Mr. GOERTZEN

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ADJOURNED DEBATE (SECOND DAY OF DEBATE):

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS –

THAT this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government.
(Mr. MCFADYEN)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION:

Hon. Ms. MELNICK – Federal Centralization of Settlement Services

WHEREAS in 1995, the Provincial Government took advantage of the Government of Canada's offer to develop devolved immigration settlement services agreements; and

WHEREAS in 1998, the Governments of Canada and Manitoba signed the Canada-Manitoba Immigration Agreement with two critical components, a Settlement Annex and a Provincial Nominee Program Annex; and

WHEREAS Manitoba's business and community leaders were key architects of the Manitoba immigration model and continue to be strong supporters of this successful approach today; and

WHEREAS Manitoba's successful Provincial Nominee Program accounts for 77% of all immigration to Manitoba; and

WHEREAS preliminary figures show that this program played a key role in bringing nearly 16,000 immigrants to Manitoba in 2011; and

WHEREAS since 1999, under the Provincial Nominee Program, over 100,000 new immigrants have settled in Manitoba with more than 25,000 choosing to settle in rural Manitoba contributing to over 130 communities including Brandon, Winkler, Morden, Steinbach, Dauphin and Neepawa; and

WHEREAS the settlement services component of the Canada-Manitoba Immigration Agreement has ensured an effective, integrated Manitoba model of settlement service delivery that is key to ensuring immigrants have the supports they need to be contributing members of Manitoba's economy; and

WHEREAS this important agreement enables the Provincial Government to work directly with over 200 not-for-profit and institutional service providers to ensure immigrants have arrival orientation, labour market supports, adult language training, and integration services; and

WHEREAS an independent evaluation of participants in Manitoba's Provincial Nominee Program showed 85% of respondents were working after three months, and 83% of respondents were working in their fields or a related field; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has announced it is cancelling the Settlement Annex of the Canada-Manitoba Immigration Agreement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba call on the Government of Canada to immediately reverse its decision to cancel the Settlement Annex of the Canada-Manitoba Immigration Agreement with the Provincial Government in order to maintain the successful Manitoba immigration model.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS, ADDRESSES FOR PAPERS, ORDERS FOR RETURN – ACCEPTED BUT NOT RETURNED:

WRITTEN QUESTIONS:

Mrs. ROWAT –

1. Could the Minister of Healthy Living, Youth and Seniors explain what the delay is in implementing and mandating a province-wide universal newborn hearing screening program?
2. Will the Minister of Healthy Living, Youth and Seniors provide details of the great deal of empirical research that identifies the outcomes of early intervention for children with hearing loss and attests to the benefits of early intervention?
3. Could the Minister of Healthy Living, Youth and Seniors provide evidence to dispute the contention that early identification of hearing loss will result in fewer requirements for services as the child enters school? For example, signing interpreters, deaf and Hard of Hearing consultants, Ministry involvement, school classroom modifications to reduce sound levels, etc.
4. Could the Minister of Healthy Living, Youth and Seniors provide a detailed explanation if he does not agree that universal newborn hearing screening can be performed by any audiologist or public health nurse provided they are properly trained?
5. Could the Minister of Healthy Living, Youth and Seniors explain what steps would have to be taken to implement universal screening programs in Winnipeg similar to those in rural Manitoba?

Mr. PEDERSEN –

6. In choosing a route for Bipole III, will private landowners be offered an easement or outright purchase of land for the right of way and how will land values for either an easement or purchase be determined?
7. Manitoba Hydro has stated publicly it is not able to use expropriation as a tool for determining right of ways. Will the Government of Manitoba expropriate privately held land on behalf of Manitoba Hydro for Bipole III if landowners are unable to reach suitable terms with Manitoba Hydro?
8. What will be the minimum separation distance between Bipole III and residences, yard sites, and livestock operations?

9. What are Manitoba Hydro's criteria for determining effects on livestock from Bipole III?
10. What is the effect on cellular phone service, GPS guidance systems, and other electronic equipment in the proximity to Bipole III?

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR THURSDAY:

Hon. Mr. ASHTON –

(No. 3) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Speed Limits in School Zones)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (limites de vitesse dans les zones scolaires)

Hon. Mr. SWAN –

(No. 4) – The Missing Persons Act/Loi sur les personnes disparues

Hon. Mr. ASHTON –

(No. 5) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Inter-City Bus Service)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (service d'autobus interurbain)

Mrs. MITCHELSON –

(No. 207) – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services à l'enfant et à la famille

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

The Standing Committee on CROWN CORPORATIONS will meet in Room 255, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the following reports:

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation for the fiscal year ending February 29, 2008
- Annual Report of the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation for the fiscal year ending February 28, 2009
- Annual Report of the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation for the fiscal year ending February 28, 2010
- Annual Report of the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation for the fiscal year ending February 28, 2011

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The Standing Committee on CROWN CORPORATIONS will meet in Room 255, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba on Monday, April 23, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the following reports:

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Lotteries Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010
 - Annual Report of the Manitoba Lotteries Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011
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