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**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

**Monday, September 30, 2019**

***The House met at 1:30 p.m.***

*At 1:30 p.m. the Sergeant-at-Arms, carrying the mace and followed by the Speaker, the Clerk, the Deputy Clerk and the Clerk assistants of the Legislative Assembly, entered the Chamber.*

*The Sergeant-at-Arms returned to the north doors and met His Honour the Administrator with the mace.*

**Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms (Mr. Ray Gislason):**His Honour the Administrator.

*His Honour the Administrator, accompanied by the honorary aides-de-camp, the officer escort, the Premier and the Provincial Court judges, entered the Chamber and took his seat on the throne.*

*The Sergeant-at-Arms made obeisance with the mace and retired to the side of the Chamber.*

**SPEECH FROM THE THRONE**

**Hon. Chief Justice Richard Chartier (Administrator of the Province of Manitoba):**Please be seated.

Madam Speaker and members of the Manitoba Legislature, I welcome you to the First Session of the 42nd Legislative Assembly of the province of Manitoba.

      Je vous souhaite la bienvenue à la première session de la quarante-deuxième Législature de la Province du Manitoba.

***Translation***

*I welcome you to the First Session of the 42nd Legislative Assembly of the Province of Manitoba.*

***English***

      I offer my congratulations to all new and returning members of this Assembly. I also offer   the   congratulations and appreciation of all Manitobans to all candidates who sought election to  this Assembly in the recent election. Your commitment and contribution to the validity of our democracy is deserving of our respect.

      To all Manitobans, your government is grateful for the honour to continue serving the people of our province. You have renewed your government's mandate to continue its mission of fixing Manitoba's finances, repairing its services and rebuilding its economy. While significant progress was made in all three areas during the previous term, much work remains to be done in order to complete the task of moving Manitoba forward towards greater prosperity for all. As a government that keeps its promises, your government will continue to work to make Manitoba more economically competitive by reducing regu­latory red tape and encouraging innovation.

      Passage of The Business Registration, Supervision and Ownership Transparency Act (Various Acts Amended)will help Manitoba complete implementa­tion of the New West Partnership Trade Agreement and will provide Manitobans with more access to customers and opportunities across western Canada.

      Your government will address the issues of addictions and honour its obligation to keep our streets safe from crime, and your government will continue to work to strengthen our education system, support families in need and deliver better health care sooner for all Manitobans.

      In the coming days, this Assembly will be asked to complete all necessary legislative requirements in order to fully implement the measures outlined in Budget 2019, measures that increase funding for health care, education and families, measures that increase support for tourism and our creative industries while also investing more than $1 billion in  strategic infrastructure, and, most importantly, measures that lower the provincial sales tax to 7  per cent.

      In 2011, the previous government was elected based on its promise to not raise the provincial sales tax and a commitment to let Manitobans vote on major  tax hikes.

      Just 18 months later, both of those promises were  broken. After making goods–after making more  goods and services subject to the PST, the PST  rate was increased to 8 per cent without the consent of Manitobans. That increase took more than $300 million annually off the kitchen tables of Manitobans.

      The previous government took more from Manitobans and gave less. Your government is committed to taking less from Manitobans and giving them more.

**\*** (13:40)

      Reducing the PST back to 7 per cent is part of your government's plan to guarantee $2,020 in tax savings for Manitobans over the next years.

      Manitobans have given your government the mandate to move forward towards a stronger economy, better services and better jobs. The work to achieve those goals resumes today. They will continue to guide the decisions of this government throughout its mandate. It is the path Manitobans have chosen, it is the bright future they deserve and it is what your government will work hard to deliver.

I now leave you to the business of the session knowing you will faithfully discharge your duties and responsibilities.

      May Divine Providence continue to bless our province and guide this Assembly in all of its deliberations; God bless Manitoba; God bless Canada; God save the Queen.

*His Honour the Administrator rose from the throne and retired from the Chamber escorted by the Sergeant-at-Arms carrying the mace and followed by the honorary aides-de-camp, the officer escort, the Premier and the Provincial Court judges.*

*Prior to their exiting the Chamber, the lyrics of God Save the Queen and O Canada were sung.*

*The Speaker proceeded to the throne.*

*The Sergeant-at-Arms approached the Speaker, made obeisance with the mace, then placed the mace on the table.*

**Madam Speaker:** O Eternal and Almighty God, from Whom all power and wisdom come, we are assembled here before Thee to frame such laws as may tend to the welfare and prosperity of our province. Grant, O merciful God, we pray Thee, that we may desire only that which is in accordance with Thy will, that we may seek it with wisdom, know it with certainty and accomplish it perfectly for the glory and honour of Thy name and for the welfare of all our people. Amen.

      Please be seated.

      At this time I would just like to take a moment to welcome everybody back, and especially to all the new members who are joining us here, a very special occasion it is for you, I'm sure, and all the best to everybody as you are taking on your new tasks before you.