

Throne speech outlines province's priorities for child care, education as Selinger fights for political future ^[1]

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Premier Greg Selinger has tabled a throne speech he says is based on the priorities of Manitobans. The speech comes as Selinger battles people from within his own party who have openly questioned his leadership.

The premier says he has broad support from within his caucus on the contents of the document.

Highlights include:

- Eliminating interest on Manitoba student loans
- Banning minors from using tanning beds
- Moving ahead with a previous pledge to build a higher bridge on PTH 75 in Morris to keep the route open during flood season
- Province says it's closer to identifying where it will build a new outlet from Lake Manitoba for better flood protection
- More Quick Care clinics will be constructed in Winnipeg
- A promise to create a Child Care Commission to make child care universally accessible
- New legislation to help firefighters and paramedics who have PTSD
- And new consumer protection rules for pet owners requiring veterinarian services

The province also included a vague promise to work with new Winnipeg Mayor Brian Bowman on fixing streets, building rapid transit and creating a more vibrant downtown Winnipeg.

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