



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 67

SECOND SESSION, FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

In accordance with Rule 33(8), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Protecting Low Income Manitobans Resolution will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

By leave, it was agreed for the House to deal with Second Reading of Bill (No. 231).

Mr. KINEW moved:

THAT Bill (No. 231) – The Education Administration Amendment Act (First Nations, Metis and Inuit Education Policy Framework)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'administration scolaire (cadre stratégique sur l'éducation et l'histoire des Premières nations, des Métis et des Inuits), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. KINEW having spoken,

And Hon. Messrs. WISHART and GERRARD, Mrs. MAYER, Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas), Mr. JOHNSTON and Ms. KLASSEN having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. WISHART, Ms. FONTAINE, Hon. Ms. CLARKE, Ms. KLASSEN and Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) having spoken,

And Mr. JOHNSTON speaking at 11:00 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

Mr. ALTEMEYER moved:

Resolution No. 20: Protecting Manitoba Lakes and Rivers

WHEREAS Manitoba's lakes and rivers are special places which deserve government protection and investments so that future generations can continue to enjoy them; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government should be taking steps to increase protections for Manitoba's natural wonders, like Lake Winnipeg, but instead is loosening standards and weakening protections; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government brought in regressive legislation which weakened regulations on Manitoba's hog production and processing, increasing the risk of nutrients drainage into the Lake Winnipeg and other watersheds; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government considered removing a ban on harmful cosmetic pesticides, some of which are possibly carcinogenic, that seep into the groundwater; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government dismantled a provincial agency that was responsible for delivering environmental protection programs; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is standing idly by while the North Dakota Government is preparing plans to build major infrastructure projects which could potentially damage provincial waterways through the introduction of foreign species and additional nutrients; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has made zero commitments to assist the City of Winnipeg to properly upgrade its North End water treatment plant or address the massive sewage overflows that result each year from the combined sewer system; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government refused to pass a bill introduced by the Official Opposition to protect the province's lakes and wetlands as well as help mitigate the effects of flooding, and which was supported by producers, environmentalists and all sides of the political spectrum.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to immediately reverse its environmental deregulations, stop its cuts to environmental programs and services, and instead support laws and initiatives that will protect provincial lakes and rivers for future generations.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. ALTEMEYER having spoken,

And Hon. Ms. SQUIRES and Messrs. LINDSEY, WOWCHUK, JOHNSON and LAGIMODIERE having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Ms. SQUIRES, Messrs. LINDSEY and WOWCHUK and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

And Mr. JOHNSON speaking at 12:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

(No. 39) – The Canadian Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Labour Mobility Act and Regulated Health Professions Act Amended)/Loi sur la mise en œuvre de l'accord de libre-échange canadien (modification de la Loi sur la mobilité de la main-d'œuvre et de la Loi sur les professions de la santé réglementées)

(Hon. Mr. PEDERSEN)

(No. 40) – The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Assemblée législative

(Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON)

Mr. ISLEIFSON, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, presented its First Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings:

Your Committee met on the following occasions in the Legislative Building:

- September 28, 2015 (4th Session – 40th Legislature)
- September 20, 2016 (1st Session – 41st Legislature)
- September 26, 2017 (2nd Session – 41st Legislature)

Matters under Consideration

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation for the fiscal year ending February 28, 2014
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Committee Membership

Committee Membership for the September 28, 2015 meeting:

- Mr. ALTEMEYER
- Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK
- Mr. CULLEN
- Mr. GOERTZEN
- Ms. HOWARD
- Mr. JHA (*Chairperson*)
- Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH
- Hon Ms. MARCELINO (Logan)
- Mrs. MITCHELSON
- Mr. SCHULER
- Mr. WIEBE (*Vice-Chairperson*)

Committee Membership for the September 20, 2016 meeting:

- Mr. ALTEMEYER
- Mr. CURRY
- Hon. Mr. FLETCHER
- Mr. ISLEIFSON
- Ms. KLASSEN
- Mr. LINDSEY
- Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park)
- Mr. MARTIN
- Mr. SMOOK
- Mr. TEITSMA
- Mr. YAKIMOSKI (*Vice-Chairperson*)

Your Committee elected Mr. SMOOK as the Chairperson at the September 20, 2016 meeting.

Committee Membership for the September 26, 2017 meeting:

- Mr. ALLUM
- Mr. BINDLE
- Hon. Mr. CULLEN
- Mr. CURRY
- Ms. FONTAINE
- Mr. ISLEIFSON
- Mr. JOHNSTON
- Ms. KLASSEN
- Mr. LINDSEY
- Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE
- Mr. TEITSMA

Your Committee elected Mr. ISLEIFSON as the Chairperson at the September 26, 2017 meeting.

Your Committee elected Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE as the Vice-Chairperson at the September 26, 2017 meeting.

Officials Speaking on Record

Officials speaking on the record at the September 28, 2015 meeting:

- Mr. Dan Guimond, President and Chief Executive Officer

Officials speaking on the record at the September 20, 2016 meeting:

- Mr. Dan Guimond, President and Chief Executive Officer
- Brent VanKoughnet, Chairperson of the Board

Officials speaking on the record at the September 26, 2017 meeting:

- Mr. Dan Guimond, President and Chief Executive Officer
- Brent VanKoughnet, Chairperson of the Board

Non-Committee Members Speaking on Record

Non-Committee Members speaking on the record at the September 20, 2016 meeting:

- Hon. Mr. Schuler, Minister of Crown Services
- Mr. Swan, MLA for Minto

Reports Considered and Passed

Your Committee considered and passed the following reports as presented:

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation for the fiscal year ending February 28, 2014
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On motion of Mr. ISLEIFSON, the Report of the Committee was received.

Mr. WIEBE, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented its Fifth Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings:

Your Committee met on the following occasions in the Legislative Building:

- October 30, 2013 (*2nd Session, 40th Legislature*)

- November 26, 2013 (*3rd Session, 40th Legislature*)
- June 19, 2017 (*2nd Session, 41st Legislature*)

Matters under Consideration

- **Auditor General's Report – Follow-up of Our December 2006 Report: Audit of the Child and Family Services Division Pre-Devolution Child in Care Processes and Practices – dated September 2012**
- **Auditor General's Report – Follow-up of Previously Issued Recommendations – dated May 2015**
 - Section 3 – Special Audit: Society for Manitobans with Disabilities
- **Auditor General's Report – Follow-up of Recommendations – dated March 2017**
 - Manitoba Early Learning and Child Care Program

Committee Membership

Committee Membership for the October 30, 2013 meeting:

- Ms. CROTHERS
- Mr. DEWAR (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mrs. DRIEDGER
- Mr. EWASKO
- Hon. Mr. GERRARD
- Mr. HELWER (*Chairperson*)
- Hon. Ms. HOWARD
- Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park)
- Mr. PEDERSEN
- Mr. SARAN
- Mr. WIEBE

Substitutions received prior to committee proceedings on October 30, 2013:

- Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) for Mr. JHA
- Mr. SARAN for Mr. WHITEHEAD
- Mr. EWASKO for Mr. CULLEN

Committee Membership for the November 26, 2013 meeting:

- Hon. Mr. ALLUM
- Mr. CULLEN
- Mr. DEWAR (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mrs. DRIEDGER
- Hon. Mr. GERRARD
- Mr. HELWER (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. JHA
- Mr. PEDERSEN
- Mr. WHITEHEAD
- Mr. WIEBE
- Ms. WIGHT

Substitutions received prior to committee proceedings on November 26, 2013:

- Hon. Mr. ALLUM for Hon. Ms. HOWARD

Committee Membership for the June 19, 2017 meeting:

- Mr. BINDLE
- Mr. HELWER (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. JOHNSTON
- Mr. LAGASSÉ
- Ms. KLASSEN
- Mr. MALOWAY
- Mr. MARCELINO
- Mrs. MAYER
- Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE
- Mr. SMITH
- Mr. WIEBE (*Chairperson*)

Substitutions received prior to committee proceedings on June 19, 2017:

- Mr. LAGASSÉ for Mr. MICHALESKI
- Mr. SMITH for Mr. YAKIMOSKI

Officials Speaking on Record

Officials speaking on record at the October 30, 2013 meeting:

- Carol Bellringer, Auditor General of Manitoba
- Hon. Ms. BRAUN, Minister of Labour and Immigration
- Jeff Parr, Deputy Minister of Labour and Immigration
- Hon. Ms. HOWARD, Minister of Finance
- John Clarkson, Deputy Minister of Finance
- Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS, Minister of Family Services
- Joy Cramer, Deputy Minister of Family Services

Officials speaking on record at the November 26, 2013 meeting:

- Carol Bellringer, Auditor General of Manitoba
- Sandra Cohen, Assistant Auditor General
- Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS, Minister of Family Services
- Joy Cramer, Deputy Minister of Family Services

Officials speaking on record at the June 19, 2017 meeting:

- Norm Ricard, Auditor General of Manitoba
- Hon. Mr. FIELDING, Minister of Families
- Jay Rodgers, Deputy Minister of Families

Agreements:

Your Committee agreed to conclude consideration of the following sections of the Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Previously Issued Recommendations – dated May 2015:

- Section 3 – Special Audit: Society for Manitobans with Disabilities

Your Committee agreed to conclude consideration of the following sections of the Auditor General's Report – Follow-up of Recommendations – dated March 2017:

- Manitoba Early Learning and Child Care Program

Report Considered and Adopted:

Your Committee has considered the following report and has adopted the same as presented:

- Auditor General's Report – Follow-up of Our December 2006 Report: Audit of the Child and Family Services Division Pre-Devolution Child in Care Processes and Practices – dated September 2012

Reports Considered but not Passed:

Your Committee has considered the following reports but did not pass them:

- Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Previously Issued Recommendations – dated May 2015 (Section 3 – Special Audit: Society for Manitobans with Disabilities – *concluded consideration of*)
- Auditor General's Report – Follow-up of Recommendations – dated March 2017 (Manitoba Early Learning and Child Care Program – *concluded consideration of*)

On motion of Mr. WIEBE, the Report of the Committee was received.

Mr. WIEBE, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented its Sixth Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings:

Your Committee met on August 31, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- **Auditor General's Report – Management of Manitoba's Apprenticeship Program – dated July 2017**

Committee Membership

- Mr. HELWER (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. JOHNSTON
- Mr. LAGIMODIERE
- Ms. KLASSEN
- Mr. MALOWAY
- Mr. MARCELINO
- Mrs. MAYER
- Mr. MICHALESKI

- Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE
- Mr. WIEBE (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. YAKIMOSKI

Substitutions received prior to committee proceedings on August 31, 2017:

- Mr. LAGIMODIERE for Mr. BINDLE

Officials Speaking on Record

- Norm Ricard, Auditor General of Manitoba
- Hon. Mr. WISHART, Minister of Education and Training
- James Wilson, Deputy Minister of Education and Training
- Lesley McFarlane, Executive Director Apprenticeship Manitoba

Report Considered and Adopted:

Your Committee has considered the following report and has adopted the same as presented:

- Auditor General's Report – Management of Manitoba's Apprenticeship Program – dated July 2017

On motion of Mr. WIEBE, the Report of the Committee was received.

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN presented:

Restated Estimates of Expenditure and Revenue for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018.
(Sessional Paper No. 57)

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN presented:

Restated Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2017-2018 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Finance.
(Sessional Paper No. 58)

Hon. Ms. SQUIRES presented:

Restated Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2017-2018 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Sustainable Development.
(Sessional Paper No. 59)

Hon. Mrs. COX presented:

Annual Report of the Department of Sport, Culture and Heritage for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017.

(Sessional Paper No. 60)

Hon. Mrs. COX presented:

Restated Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2017-2018 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Sport, Culture and Heritage.

(Sessional Paper No. 61)

Hon. Mr. WHARTON presented:

Restated Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2017-2018 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Municipal Relations.

(Sessional Paper No. 62)

Hon. Ms. CLARKE presented:

Restated Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2017-2018 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Indigenous and Northern Relations.

(Sessional Paper No. 63)

Hon. Mr. PEDERSEN presented:

Restated Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2017-2018 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Growth, Enterprise and Trade.

(Sessional Paper No. 64)

Hon. Mr. PEDERSEN presented:

Annual Report of the Manitoba Development Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017.

(Sessional Paper No. 65)

Hon. Mr. PEDERSEN presented:

Annual Report of the Manitoba Opportunities Fund Limited for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017.

(Sessional Paper No. 66)

Madam Speaker presented:

Report of Amounts Claimed and Paid pursuant to section 4 of the *Members' Salaries, Allowances and Retirement Plans Disclosure Regulation* for the fiscal year ending May 15, 2017.

(Sessional Paper No. 67)

Hon. Mr. PALLISTER, the First Minister, made a statement regarding Federal Small Business Tax Proposals.

Mr. KINEW and, by leave, Hon. Mr. GERRARD commented on the statement.

Hon. Mr. PEDERSEN, the Minister of Growth, Enterprise and Trade, made a statement regarding Canadian Free Trade Agreement.

Mr. ALLUM and, by leave, Hon. Mr. GERRARD commented on the statement.

Hon. Mr. WISHART, the Minister of Education and Training, made a statement regarding World Teacher Day.

Mr. WIEBE and, by leave, Ms. KLASSEN commented on the statement.

Hon. Mrs. COX, the Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage, made a statement regarding the Winnipeg Goldeyes.

Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Hon. Ms. SQUIRES, Mr. SWAN, Hon. Mr. WHARTON, Mr. EWASKO and Hon. Mr. GERRARD made Members' Statements.

By unanimous consent, the House agreed to set aside sub-rules 2(17) and 2(21) for today only, so that the deadline provisions in the Rules for the completion of Second Reading of the Designated Bills will apply to Tuesday, October 10th.

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER asked Written Questions (Nos. 1 to 5) for reply to the following:

1. During the last four years of the previous Provincial Government, the provincial deficit totaled \$2.18 billion. Could the Minister of Finance advise why the most recent four year budget projection calls for a 26% increase totaling \$2.95 billion, given that the current Provincial Government campaigned on reducing the deficit and introducing a balanced budget?

2. Will the Premier confirm his long held commitment to balanced budget legislation, recently affirmed in the 2016 provincial election campaign, by not introducing any new taxes, premiums or levies – such as either a carbon tax or health care tax in the form of a premium – without first receiving approval from the people of Manitoba in the form of a referendum?
3. Why did the Provincial Government create a new Crown Corporation to deal with such matters as drinkable water and transportation, and support the \$30 billion construction of three new hydroelectric power dams, Bipole III and a new transmission line in the United States, when many alternatives are available to meet the needs of Manitobans without incurring huge debts, increasing the size of government, and which would avoid massive rate hikes?
4. Given the current and potential negative implications of Manitoba Hydro expansion and the debt and utility rate hikes involved, will the Provincial Government call a public inquiry to provide a full public understanding of the plans pursued and actions taken by Hydro, as supported by the former Provincial NDP Government?
5. Will the Provincial Government allow the following Private Member's Bills:
 - (No. 212) – The Conflict of Interest Act
 - (No. 213) – The Gift of Life Act (Human Tissue Gift Act Amended)
 - (No. 202) – The Insurance Amendment Act
 - (No. 203) – The Electoral Divisions Amendment Act
 - (No. 205) – The Brookside Cemetery Recognition Act
 - (No. 206) – The Legal Profession Amendment Act (Queen's Counsel Appointments)
 - (No. 225) – The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Amendment Actto be debated, voted on in the House, and referred to Standing Committee?

The House then adjourned at 4:34 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 10, 2017.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.