

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

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## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

### FOURTH SESSION, THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Mr. Speaker presented:

Certificate of Election respecting Mr. Hugh MCFADYEN, the newly elected Member for Fort Whyte.

(Sessional Paper No. 37)

Mr. Hugh MCFADYEN, Member for the Electoral Division for Fort Whyte, was conducted by Mr. MURRAY and Mrs. STEFANSON, to the floor of the House in front of Mr. Speaker.

Mr. MURRAY then said:

Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present to you Mr. Hugh MCFADYEN, Member for the Constituency of Fort Whyte, who has taken the Oath and signed the Roll, and now claims the right to take his seat.

Mr. Speaker thereupon said:

On behalf of all Honourable Members, I wish to welcome you to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba and to wish you well in your parliamentary career.

Mr. McFadyen then advanced to the Chair, shook hands with Mr. Speaker and took his seat.

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Prior to Routine Proceedings, Mr. DERKACH rose on a Matter of Privilege and moved:

THAT the matter of how the media obtained the report "Review of the Workers' Compensation Board" prior to its appropriate release by the Auditor General, on January 17, 2006, to the Members of the Legislative Assembly, and the people of Manitoba, be referred to the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs.

And Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH and Mr. LAMOUREUX having spoken.

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker informed the House he would take the matter under advisement.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to consider the need to seek clarification on why the Government did not act on fixing the Crocus fund back in 2001 and to urge the Premier and his Government to cooperate in making public what really happened. (J. L. Bennie, L. E. Kirton, J. Zigler and others)

Mrs. ROWAT – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Transportation and Government Service to consider providing sufficient resources to enhance driver and vehicle safety on Highway 10 and to consider upgrading Highway 10. (W. Mansell, C. Mansell, C. Mansell and others)

Ms. BRICK, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Justice, presented its Third Report, which was read as follows:

#### **Meetings:**

Your Committee met on Thursday, January 26, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

#### **Matters Under Consideration:**

• **Bill** (No. 13) – The Conservation Districts Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les districts de conservation

## **Committee Membership:**

Committee Membership for the January 26, 2006 meeting:

- Ms. BRICK, Chairperson
- Mr. CULLEN
- Mr. DEWAR
- Mr. FAURSCHOU
- Ms. Korzeniowski
- Mr. MAGUIRE
- Mrs. ROWAT
- Mr. Santos
- Mr. SCHELLENBERG
- Mr. SWAN
- Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS

Your Committee elected Mr. SCHELLENBERG as Vice-Chairperson.

#### **Written Submissions:**

Your Committee received 1 written submission on **Bill** (No. 13) – The Conservation Districts Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les districts de conservation, from the following organization:

Ron Bell

Association of Manitoba Municipalities

## **Bills Considered and Reported:**

• **Bill** (No. 13) – The Conservation Districts Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les districts de conservation

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

On motion of Ms. BRICK, the Report of the Committee was received.

Ms. BRICK, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Justice, presented its Fourth Report, which was read as follows:

## **Meetings:**

Your Committee met on Wednesday, March 1, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

#### **Matters Under Consideration:**

• Bill (No. 16) – The Corporations Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les corporations

#### **Committee Membership:**

Committee Membership for the March 1, 2006 meeting:

- Ms. BRICK, Chairperson
- Mr. DEWAR
- Mr. DYCK
- Mr. FAURSCHOU
- Mr. GOERTZEN
- Ms. Korzeniowski
- Mr. MALOWAY
- Mr. Santos
- Mr. SCHELLENBERG, Vice-Chairperson
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER
- Mrs. TAILLIEU

### **Public Presentations:**

Your Committee heard 2 presentations on **Bill** (**No. 16**) – The Corporations Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les corporations, from the following individual and organization:

Bruce King Dave Angus Private Citizen

Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce

#### Written Submission:

Your Committee received 1 written submission on Bill (No. 16) – The Corporations Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les corporations, from the following organization:

Dan Sherbo

Business Law Section - Manitoba Branch of the Canadian **Bar Association** 

## **Bills Considered and Reported:**

• Bill (No. 16) - The Corporations Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les corporations

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

On motion of Ms. BRICK, the Report of the Committee was received.
Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK presented:
Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board, Quarterly Report, Nine Months, April 1 to December 31, 2005.  (Sessional Paper No. 38)
Hon. Mr. DOER, the First Minister made a statement regarding the passing of two brave Canadian Soldiers, Corporal Paul Davis and Master Corporal Timothy Wilson in Afghanistan.
Mr. Murray and, by leave, Hon. Mr. Gerrard commented on the statement.
Hon. Mr. ROBINSON, the Minister of responsible for Sport made a statement recognizing those Manitobans who were selected and competed in the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy this February.
Mr. DERKACH and, by leave, Hon. Mr. GERRARD commented on the statement.
Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mr. GOERTZEN and Mrs. ROWAT made Members' Statements.
Prior to Grievances, Mr. DERKACH rose on a Matter of Urgent Public Importance and moved:

THAT under Rule 36(1) the regularly scheduled business of the Legislative Assembly be set aside in order to consider this government's lack of attention, accountability and poor judgment respecting the Auditor General's Review of the Worker's Compensation Board, which was made public on January 17, 2006, which contains over 50 recommendations, nine of which are specifically for the Provincial Government.

And Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH having spoken to the urgency of the motion,

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled as follows:

I thank the Honourable Members for their advice to the Chair on whether the motion proposed by the Honourable Official Opposition House Leader should be debated today. The notice required by Rule 36(1) was provided. Under our Rules and Practices, the subject matter requiring urgent consideration must be so pressing that the public interest will suffer if the matter is not immediately given attention. There must also be no other reasonable opportunities to raise the matter.

I do not doubt that this matter is one that is of serious concern to some members in the House.

I have listened very carefully to the arguments put forward, however I was not pursuaded that the ordinary business of the House should be set aside to deal with this issue today. Although undoubtedly this is a very serious issue that the Member has brought forward, I do not believe that the public interest will be harmed if the business of the House is not set aside to debate the motion today.

Additionally, I would like to note that there are other avenues for Members to raise this issue, including questions in Question Period, raising the item under Members' Statements and Grievances, and raising the issue during the upcoming Budget debate.

Therefore, with the greatest of respect, I must rule that this matter does not meet the criteria set by our Rules and Precedents and I rule the motion out of order as a Matter of Urgent Public Importance.

Hon, Mr. SELINGER moved:

THAT this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. SELINGER having spoken.

The debate was, on motion of Mr. MURRAY, adjourned.

Hon. Mr. SELINGER delivered to Mr. Speaker two messages from His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Manitoba as follows:

John HARVARD Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, Estimates of sums required for the services of the Province for the fiscal year ending the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 2007 and recommends these Estimates to the Legislative Assembly.

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA March 6, 2006

(Sessional Paper No. 39)

## Monday, March 6, 2006

## John HARVARD Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, Estimates of sums required for the services of the Province for Capital Expenditures, and recommends these Estimates to the Legislative Assembly.

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Hon. Mr. MACKI	NTOSH moved:	
THAT this House	e do now adjourn.	
And the Question	being put. It was agreed to.	

Hon. George HICKES, Speaker.