

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

Thursday, December 6, 2007

House Business

Mr. Chomiak: Madam Deputy Speaker, I move, seconded by the Minister of Advanced Education (Ms. McGifford),

THAT a Special Committee on Senate Elections be established under *An Act To Establish An All-Party Committee To Make Recommendations On Electing Senators* with the mandate, under the Act, to consider matters relating to the election of senators and report to the Assembly within six months or within any longer period allowed by the Assembly;

THAT the membership of the committee consist of

- (a) seven members designated by the Whip of the NDP caucus,
- (b) four members designated by the Whip of the PC caucus, and
- (c) one member designated by the independent members;

THAT, within the parameters of the Act, the committee be authorized to decide how it will conduct its business, including deciding to hold meetings at time and places it considers advisable to receive briefs and hear representations; and

THAT, except as otherwise provided in this motion or in the Act, the committee have the same status, powers, rules and procedures as a standing committee of the House, including the power to establish a sub-committee for the purposes of carrying out any part of the committee's work.

Mr. Speaker in the Chair

Mr. Speaker: It's been moved by the honourable Attorney General (Mr. Chomiak), seconded by the Minister of Advanced Education,

THAT a Special Committee on Senate Elections—

An Honourable Member: Dispense.

Mr. Speaker: Dispense.

Mr. Chomiak: Mr. Speaker, in consultation with the House leader of the opposition, as well as the House leader from the independent party, we've agreed to not comment on this motion, other than to offer to yourself as Chair any assistance that we as House leaders can offer in expediting this particular matter in so far as the powers delegated to yourself as Speaker. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt motion? [*Agreed*]

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June 5, 2008

By leave, it was agreed that the period of reporting for the Special Committee on Senate Elections to the Assembly be extended to within 12 months or within any longer period allowed by the Assembly.

December 4, 2008

By leave, it was agreed, with respect to the Special Committee on Senate Reform, to waive the requirements as set out in Rule 4(6) regarding the ten days notice for an intersessional committee meeting.

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THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENATE REFORM
Thursday, December 4, 2008

Motion moved by Mr. Eichler and passed (as amended).

That a Subcommittee on Senate Elections be established to travel and consult with Manitobans;
and

That the subcommittee's membership be four NDP members, two Progressive Conservative members, and one Liberal member – with the membership to be provided in writing to the Clerk's Office by the Whips prior to each meeting; and

That the sub-committee hold meetings across Manitoba in January and February of 2009 to consult with Manitobans on Senate Elections; and

That the committee meet at the following locations:

- Flin Flon
- Norway House
- Dauphin
- Carmen
- St. Laurent
- Steinbach
- Russell
- Winnipeg
- Brandon

And that the Sub-Committee be authorized to amend the list of locations if necessary; and

That the sub-committee will hold the meetings in these locations, unless fewer than eight people have registered to present, in which case the Chair will have the discretion to determine if the meeting should proceed or if alternate arrangements should be made; and

That presentations be ten minutes, with a further five minutes for question and answer, with exceptions to be allowed by agreement of the sub-committee; and

That written submissions on Senate elections may be accepted by the sub-committee until March 1, 2009.