



**PRAYERS**

**10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.**

The following petitions were presented:

Mr. HAWRANIK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Transportation and Government Services consider rebuilding and reconstructing the 19 kilometres of PR #313 East of PR #315 to Pointe du Bois at the earliest opportunity. (D. Freedy, G. Watkins, P. Diclemente and others)

Mr. DYCK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Transportation and Government Services to consider honouring the previous commitment and complete the four-laning of highway 32 through the City of Winkler, absorbing all costs related to the construction, as previously agreed; to consider the responsibility of the Department of Transportation and Government Services for the construction of rural highways; to consider the significant and strategic importance of the completion of four-laning highway 32 through the City of Winkler, especially as it relates to the economic growth and development of the City of Winkler and its trading area; and to consider the valuable contribution of the City of Winkler and its trading area to the provincial economy, and re-prioritize the four-laning of highway 32 for the 2004 construction season. (C. Wiebe, D. Kroecker, L. Dyck and others)

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to consider supporting the proposed Co-op program. (D. Perry, R. Yanke, R. Castilin others)

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

**Meetings:**

Your Committee met on the following occasions:

- Monday, July 29, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.
- Monday, October 27, 2003 at 1:30 p.m.

All meetings were held in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

**Matters under Consideration:**

- Public Accounts Volume 4 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000
- Provincial Auditor's Report on Business Planning and Performance Measurement: An Assessment Of Timeliness of Implementation and Effectiveness of the Process in Departments for the period ending July 2000
- Provincial Auditor's Report – An Examination of School Board Governance in Manitoba dated October 2000
- Provincial Auditor's Report on Compliance and Special Audits for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001
- Public Accounts Volumes 1, 2, 3 and 4 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001

**Committee Membership**

**Third Session, 37<sup>th</sup> Legislature**

At the July 29, 2002 meeting, your Committee elected Mr. PITURA as the Chairperson and Mr. MALOWAY as the Vice-Chairperson.

Substitutions received prior to the July 29, 2002 meeting:

- Mr. MALOWAY for Mr. DEWAR
- Mr. PITURA for Mr. DERKACH
- Mr. GILLESHAMMER for Mr. HELWER
- Mr. LAURENDEAU for Mr. PENNER (Steinbach)

**First Session, 38<sup>th</sup> Legislature**

At the October 27, 2003 meeting, your Committee elected Mr. REIMER as the Chairperson and Mr. MALOWAY as the Vice-Chairperson.

Substitutions received prior to the October 27, 2003 meeting:

- Mrs. TAILLIEU for Mrs. DRIEDGER

Substitutions made during the October 27, 2003 meeting:

- Ms. BRICK for Mr. REID
- Mr. FAURSCHOU for Mr. MAGUIRE

**Officials Speaking on Record:**

- Mr. Jon Singleton, Auditor General of Manitoba

**Reports Considered and Adopted:**

Your Committee considered:

- Public Accounts Volume 4 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000
- Provincial Auditor's Report on Business Planning and Performance Measurement: An Assessment Of Timeliness of Implementation and Effectiveness of the Process in Departments for the period ending July 2000
- Public Accounts Volumes 1, 2, 3 and 4 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001

and has adopted the same as presented.

**Reports Considered but not Adopted:**

Your Committee considered the following reports but did not adopt them:

- Provincial Auditor's Report – An Examination of School Board Governance in Manitoba dated October 2000
- Provincial Auditor's Report on Compliance and Special Audits for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001

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

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

**Meetings:**

Your Committee met on the following occasions:

- Monday, July 29, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.
- Monday, October 27, 2003 at 1:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 28, 2003 at 1:30 p.m.

All meetings were held in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

**Matters under Consideration:**

- Provincial Auditor's Report – An Examination of School Board Governance in Manitoba dated October 2000
- Provincial Auditor's Report on Compliance and Special Audits for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001
- Annual Report of the Operations of the Office of the Provincial Auditor for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001
- Provincial Auditor's Report – Investigation of an Adult Learning Centre ("The Program") in Morris-Macdonald School Division #19 dated September 2001
- Provincial Auditor's Report – A Review of the Policy Development Capacity within Government Departments dated November, 2001
- Provincial Auditor's Report – Value-for-Money-Audits dated February, 2002
- Annual Report of the Provincial Auditor – Audit of the Public Accounts for the year ending March 31, 2001
- Public Accounts Volumes 1, 2 and 3 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002

**Committee Membership:**

Substitutions made during the October 28, 2003 meeting:

- Mr. DEWAR for Ms. BRICK
- Mr. SCHELLENBERG for Mr. RONDEAU
- Mr. MAGUIRE for Mr. FAURSCHOU

**Officials Speaking on Record:**

- Mr. Jon Singleton, Auditor General of Manitoba

**Reports Considered and Adopted:**

Your Committee considered:

- Annual Report of the Operations of the Office of the Provincial Auditor for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001
- Provincial Auditor's Report – A Review of the Policy Development Capacity within Government Departments dated November, 2001
- Provincial Auditor's Report – Value-for-Money-Audits dated February, 2002
- Annual Report of the Provincial Auditor – Audit of the Public Accounts for the year ending March 31, 2001

and has adopted the same as presented.

**Reports Considered but not Adopted:**

Your Committee considered the following reports but did not adopt them:

- Provincial Auditor's Report – An Examination of School Board Governance in Manitoba dated October 2000
- Provincial Auditor's Report on Compliance and Special Audits for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001
- Provincial Auditor's Report – Investigation of an Adult Learning Centre ("The Program") in Morris-Macdonald School Division #19 dated September 2001
- Public Accounts Volumes 1, 2 and 3 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002

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

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By leave, the following Bills were severally read a First time and had their purposes outlined:

(No. 2) – The Biofuels and Gasoline Tax Amendment Act/Loi sur les biocarburants et modifiant la Loi de la taxe sur l'essence

(Hon. Mr. SALE)

(No. 3) – The Helen Betty Osborne Memorial Foundation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Fondation commémorative Helen Betty Osborne

(Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH)

**Friday, November 21, 2003**

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(No. 4) – The Employment Standards Code Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code des normes d'emploi

(Hon. Ms. ALLAN)

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Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mr. MURRAY, Ms. OSWALD, Mr. TWEED, Ms. BRICK and Mr. MAGUIRE made Members' Statements.

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By leave, it was agreed to waive Rules 31(2) and 31(3) regarding the timing for submission and prioritizing of Private Members' Resolutions with the understanding that the time frames for submission and prioritization will be determined by the House Leaders.

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Mr. JENNISSEN moved, seconded by Ms. OSWALD:

THAT the following address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor:

We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba thank your Honour for the gracious speech addressed to us at this Second Session of the Thirty-Eighth Legislature of Manitoba.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. JENNISSEN and Ms. OSWALD having spoken. The debate was allowed to remain open.

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The House then adjourned at 11:44 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, November 24, 2003.

Hon. George HICKES,  
Speaker.