



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 15

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Mr. SWAN, Bill (No. 213) – The Allied Healthcare Professionals Recognition Week Act/Loi sur la Semaine de reconnaissance des professionnels paramédicaux, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

Mrs. GUILLEMARD, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs, presented its First Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

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

- January 23, 2017 (2nd Session – 41st Legislature)
- January 19, 2018 (3rd Session – 41st Legislature)

Matters under Consideration

- Annual Report of the Children's Advocate for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016
- Annual Report of the Children's Advocate for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017

Committee Membership

Committee membership for the January 23, 2017 meeting:

- Hon. Mr. FIELDING
- Ms. FONTAINE
- Mrs. GUILLEMARD (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. KINEW
- Mr. LAGASSÉ (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Ms. LAMOUREUX
- Mr. MARTIN
- Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE
- Mr. SMITH
- Mr. WIEBE
- Mr. YAKIMOSKI

Committee membership for the January 19, 2018 meeting:

- Mr. ALLUM
- Hon. Mrs. COX
- Hon. Mr. FIELDING
- Mrs. GUILLEMARD (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. LAGASSÉ
- Ms. MARCELINO (Logan)
- Mr. MICKLEFIELD
- Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE
- Mr. NESBITT
- Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas)

Your Committee elected Mr. NESBITT as the Vice-Chairperson at the January 19, 2018 meeting

Official Speaking on Record at the January 23, 2017 meeting:

- Darlene MacDonald, Children's Advocate

Official Speaking on Record at the January 19, 2018 meeting:

- Daphne Penrose, Children's Advocate

Report Considered and Passed

Your Committee considered and passed the following report as presented:

- Annual Report of the Children's Advocate for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016

Report Considered but not Passed

Your Committee considered the following report but did not pass it:

- Annual Report of the Children's Advocate for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017

On motion of Mrs. GUILLEMARD, the Report of the Committee was received.

Mr. WIEBE, 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 in the Legislative Building:

- November 4, 2015 (*4th Session, 40th Legislature*)
- November 30, 2016 (*2nd Session, 41st Legislature*)
- December 19, 2017 (*3rd Session, 41st Legislature*)

Matters under Consideration

- Public Accounts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015 (Volumes 1, 2, and 3)
- Public Accounts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016 (Volumes 1, 2, and 3)
- Public Accounts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017 (Volumes 1, 2, and 3)
- Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Recommendations – dated March 2017
 - *Accounts and Financial Statements*

Committee Membership

Committee Membership for the November 4, 2015 meeting:

- Hon. Mr. DEWAR
- Hon. Mr. GERRARD
- Mr. HELWER (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. FRIESEN
- Mr. JHA
- Mrs. LATHLIN
- Mr. MALOWAY
- Mr. MARCELINO
- Mr. PIWNIUK
- Mrs. STEFANSON
- Mr. WIEBE (*Vice-Chairperson*)

Substitutions received prior to committee proceedings on November 4, 2015:

- Mr. PIWNIUK for Mr. SCHULER
- Mrs. STEFANSON for Mr. PEDERSEN

Committee Membership for the November 30, 2016 meeting:

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

Committee Membership for the December 19, 2017 meeting:

- Mr. BINDLE
- Mr. HELWER (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. JOHNSTON
- Ms. KLASSEN

- Mr. MALOWAY
- Mr. MARCELINO
- Mrs. MAYER
- Mr. MICHALESKI
- Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE
- Mr. WIEBE (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. YAKIMOSKI

Non-Committee Members Speaking on Record

Non-Committee Members speaking on the record at the December 19, 2017 meeting:

- Hon. Mr. FLETCHER

Officials Speaking on Record at the November 4, 2015 meeting:

- Mr. Norm Ricard, Auditor General of Manitoba
- Hon. Mr. DEWAR, Minister of Finance
- Mr. Jim Hrichishen, Deputy Minister of Finance

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- Mr. Norm Ricard, Auditor General of Manitoba
- Hon. Mr. FRIESEN, Minister of Finance
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Agreements:

Your Committee agreed to conclude consideration of *Accounts and Financial Statements* of the Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Recommendations – dated March 2017 at the December 19, 2017 meeting.

Reports Considered and Adopted:

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

- Public Accounts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015 (Volumes 1, 2, and 3)
- Public Accounts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016 (Volumes 1, 2, and 3)

Reports Considered but not Passed:

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

- Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Recommendations – dated March 2017 (*Accounts and Financial Statements – concluded consideration of*)
- Public Accounts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017 (Volumes 1, 2, and 3)

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

Hon. Mr. PALLISTER, the First Minister, made a statement acknowledging the Member for St. Boniface.

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

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Hon. Mr. WHARTON, Mr. LINDSEY, Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE and Mr. NESBITT made Members' Statements.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. KINEW – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reverse the cuts and closures that negatively impact patients' ability access to timely, quality health care and to make real investments in Manitoba's public health care system that will provide a direct benefit to patients, such as: increasing access to primary care; the development of a provincial health human resource plan; increasing publicly funded personal care homes across Manitoba; and increasing the efficiencies of diagnostic testing in Manitoba's health facilities. (D. Blackshaw, L. Lukianchaw, J. MacKay and others)

Mr. ALTEMEYER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reverse the cuts and closures that negatively impact patients' ability access to timely, quality health care and to make real investments in Manitoba's public health care system that will provide a direct benefit to patients, such as: increasing access to primary care; the development of a provincial health human resource plan; increasing publicly funded personal care homes across Manitoba; and increasing the efficiencies of diagnostic testing in Manitoba's health facilities.

Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reverse the cuts and closures that negatively impact patients' ability access to timely, quality health care and to make real investments in Manitoba's public health care system that will provide a direct benefit to patients, such as: increasing access to primary care; the development of a provincial health human resource plan; increasing publicly funded personal care homes across Manitoba; and increasing the efficiencies of diagnostic testing in Manitoba's health facilities. (R. Esquash and others)

Mr. LINDSEY – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to recognize the absolute necessity of maintaining and improving the Northern Patient Transportation Program by continuing to respect Northern Patient Transfer agreements and funding these services in accordance with the needs of northern Manitobans.

Ms. FONTAINE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reverse the cuts and closures that negatively impact patients’ ability access to timely, quality health care and to make real investments in Manitoba’s public health care system that will provide a direct benefit to patients, such as: increasing access to primary care; the development of a provincial health human resource plan; increasing publicly funded personal care homes across Manitoba; and increasing the efficiencies of diagnostic testing in Manitoba’s health facilities. (D. Rivet, D. Puttaert, B. Puttaert and others)

Mr. SWAN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reverse the cuts and closures that negatively impact patients’ ability access to timely, quality health care and to make real investments in Manitoba’s public health care system that will provide a direct benefit to patients, such as: increasing access to primary care; the development of a provincial health human resource plan; increasing publicly funded personal care homes across Manitoba; and increasing the efficiencies of diagnostic testing in Manitoba’s health facilities.

Prior to Grievances, Mr. LINDSEY rose on a Matter of Urgent Public Importance and moved:

THAT in accordance with Rule 38(1), the ordinary business of the house be set aside to discuss a Matter of Urgent Public Importance, namely the urgent issue of railway backlogs across Western Canada which is delaying delivery of Manitoba grain and imposing serious financial constraints on Manitoba producers, and the urgent need for the Manitoba government to stand up for Manitoba farmers and producers and pressure the federal government to immediately act to ensure grain can be shipped to market.

And Mr. LINDSEY, Hon. Mr. CULLEN, and by leave, Hon. Messrs. GERRARD and FLETCHER having spoken to the urgency of the motion,

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker ruled as follows:

I thank Honourable Members for their advice to the Chair on whether the motion proposed by the Honourable Member for Flin Flon should be debated today. I would advise that proper notice of this matter, as required by Rule 38(1), was provided in a timely fashion, and I thank the Member for Flin Flon for that. 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 given immediate 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 all Members of this House, as agricultural issues are a key concern of Manitobans and of this Legislature. However I have listened very carefully to the arguments put forward, and I was not persuaded that the ordinary business of the House should be set aside to deal with this issue today. I would 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, as well as during the upcoming Budget Debate.

Therefore, with the greatest of respect, I rule the motion out of order as a Matter of Urgent Public Importance.

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Madam Speaker laid upon the Table of the House:

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

To the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

I, Gregory SELINGER, Member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba for the electoral division of St. Boniface, do hereby declare that it is my intention to resign my seat in the Legislative Assembly for the electoral division aforesaid.

Given under my hand and seal at the Legislative Offices this 7th day of March, 2018.

(Signed) Gregory Selinger

Witness: Ray Gislason (signed)

Witness: Thomas Scott (signed)

To Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor in Council:

I beg to advise that I have received the written resignation of Mr. Gregory SELINGER, Member for the Electoral Division of St. Boniface in the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba dated the 7th day of March, 2018.

Pursuant to section 24 of The Legislative Assembly Act, I do now request Your Honour in Council to pass an Order-in-Council for the filling of the vacancy in the representation of the Electoral Division of St. Boniface.

Dated at Winnipeg, this 7th day of March, 2018.

(Signed) Honourable Myrna Driedger
 Speaker
 Legislative Assembly of Manitoba

(Sessional Paper No. 19)

The House resumed the debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON:

THAT Bill (No. 11) – The Safe and Responsible Retailing of Cannabis Act (Liquor and Gaming Control Act and Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation Act Amended)/Loi sur la vente au détail responsable et sécuritaire du cannabis (modification de la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools et des jeux et de la Loi sur la Société manitobaine des alcools et des loteries), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

And Ms. FONTAINE and Messrs. JOHNSTON, SWAN and YAKIMOSKI having spoken,

And Mr. WIEBE speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 8, 2018.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.