



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 31

THIRD SESSION, THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYERS

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mrs. ROWAT – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Premier to consider ensuring that acute care and emergency services are available to the residents of Rivers and surrounding areas in their local hospital and to live up to his promise to not close the Rivers Hospital and to request that the Minister of Health consider developing a long term solution to the chronic shortages of frontline healthcare professionals in rural Manitoba. (E. Fast, M. Roth, A. Lepp and others)

Mr. LOEWEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Provincial Government to recognize the need for a public high school in the southwest region of Winnipeg and in conjunction with the Public Schools Finance Board, to consider adequate funding to establish a high school in the southwest sector of Winnipeg. (A. Randall, M. Sekundiak, J. Flynn and others)

Mr. GOERTZEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Premier of Manitoba to consider covering the cost of insulin pumps that are prescribed by an Endocrinologist or Medical Doctor under the Manitoba Health Insurance Plan. (J. Renz, B. Cesmystruk, E. Wilchuk and others)

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Provincial Government to consider providing East St. Paul with local ambulance service which would service both East and West St. Paul and to consider improving the way that ambulance service is supplied to all Manitoba's by utilizing technologies such as GPS in conjunction with a Medical Transportation Co-ordination Center (MTCC) which will ensure that patients receive the nearest ambulance in the least amount of time and to consider ensuring that appropriate funding is provided to maintain superior response times and sustainable services. (W. Lesuk, M. Lesuk, T. Lesuk and others)

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Health to allow women with options when they give birth, and to consider stopping the planned closure of the Victoria General Hospital Maternity Ward. (E. Barrett, I. Gillet, M. Aiello and others)

Ms. BRICK, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Human Resources, presented its First Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings:

Your Committee met on Thursday, April 14, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration:

- **Bill (No. 10)** – The Pension Benefits Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les prestations de pension

Committee Membership:

Your Committee elected Ms. BRICK as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected Mr. JHA as the Vice-Chairperson.

Substitutions received prior to commencement of meeting:

- Ms. BRICK for Hon. Mr. RONDEAU
- Mr. MURRAY for Mr. GOERTZEN
- Mr. FAURSCHOU for MITCHELSON
- Hon. Ms. OSWALD for Mr. AGLUGUB
- Mr. JHA for Ms. KORZENIOWSKI
- Mr. DEWAR for Hon. Ms. MCGIFFORD
- Mr. SANTOS for Mr. ALTEMEYER
- Mrs. DRIEDGER for Mr. HAWRANIK

Public Presentations:

Your Committee heard 14 presentations on **Bill (No. 10)** – The Pension Benefits Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les prestations de pension, from the following individuals and/or organizations:

Charles Cruden	Manitoba Society of Seniors
Bill Turnbull	Co-operative Super-Annuation Society Pension Plan
John Klassen	Private Citizen
John Corp	Private Citizen
Jim Neil	City of Winnipeg Retirees Association
Albert Cerilli	Manitoba Federation of Union Retirees
DeeDee Rizzo	Retired Teachers Association of Manitoba
Darlene Dziewit	President, Manitoba Federation of Labour
Wesley M. Stevens	Private Citizen
Brian Peto	Credit Union Central
Jerry Woods	Private Citizen
Webster Webb	Private Citizen
Lori Bourgeois	Private Citizen
Robert Zeigler	Private Citizen

Written Submissions:

Your Committee received one written submission on **Bill (No. 10)** – The Pension Benefits Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les prestations de pension, from the following individuals and/or organizations:

Doris Mahoney

Private Citizen

Bills Considered and Reported:

- **Bill (No. 10)** – The Pension Benefits Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les prestations de pension

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill, with the following amendments:

THAT Clause 11(17) of the Bill be amended by replacing the proposed clause 21(26)(b) with the following:

(b) if there is no spouse or common law partner entitled to a pension under clause (a), pay an amount to

(i) the member's designated beneficiary, other than the member's spouse or common law partner, or

(ii) the member's estate, if there is no such designated beneficiary.

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

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2005-2006 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Energy, Science and Technology.

(Sessional Paper No. 52)

On motion of Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK, Bill (No. 30) – The Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation Act/Loi sur la Société des services agricoles du Manitoba, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mr. SWAN, Mrs. TAILLIEU, Messrs. AGLUGUB and CULLEN and Ms. IRVIN-ROSS made Members' Statements.

Monday, April 18, 2005

The House resolving into Committee of Supply.

The House then adjourned at 5:31 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, 2005.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.