



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 77

THIRD SESSION, THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

By leave, it was agreed for the House to deal with Second Reading of Bill (No. 234).

Mr. FAURSCHOU moved:

THAT Bill (No. 234) – The Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les divulgations faites dans l'intérêt public (protection des divulgateurs d'actes répréhensibles), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. FAURSCHOU, Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK, Mrs. TAILLIEU, Hon. Mr. RONDEAU, Messrs. SCHULER and LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And Hon. Mr. BJORNSON speaking at 11:00 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

Mrs. STEFANSON moved:

Resolution No. 25: The Protection of Lake Winnipeg

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is undertaking costly upgrades to its wastewater treatment plants, a component of which involves nitrogen and phosphorus reductions; and

WHEREAS in September 2008 the Provincial Government asked the Clean Environment Commission (CEC) to review nutrient removal and ammonia treatment strategies for the City of Winnipeg; and

WHEREAS an eminent group of 63 scientists from Canada, the United States and Israel – including internationally-renown ecology professor David Schindler – advised the CEC on December 19, 2008 that “*Removing nitrogen will at best do nothing, and at worst, increase the dominance of the filamentous nitrogen-fixing cyanobacteria that are the public face of eutrophication in Lake Winnipeg and in many other lakes.*”; and

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WHEREAS these respected scientists also advised the CEC that “*Resources intended for nitrogen reductions would be better spent on a more comprehensive management strategy for phosphorus in the Lake Winnipeg watershed, especially in the Red River Basin.*”; and

WHEREAS a recent case study prepared by a City of Winnipeg engineer determined that requiring the City to treat wastewater for both nitrogen and phosphorus at its North End treatment plant could drive up costs to taxpayers by \$750 million more over 20 years; and

WHEREAS a September 24, 2009 *Winnipeg Free Press* editorial stated that on the nitrogen removal debate, “the Doer government...has shown its resilience to reason and science.”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to acknowledge that requiring the City of Winnipeg to remove nitrogen at its wastewater treatment facilities could have undesirable environmental consequences such as promoting blooms of cyanobacteria in Lake Winnipeg; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to acknowledge that the money saved by requiring the City of Winnipeg to focus its wastewater treatment strategy on phosphorus – and not nitrogen – could be better spent on a broader management strategy aimed at reducing phosphorus in the Lake Winnipeg watershed.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. STEFANSON, Hon. Ms. MELNICK, Hon. Messrs. GERRARD and BJORNSON and Mr. FAURSCHOU having spoken,

And Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS speaking at 12:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

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**1:30 O’CLOCK P.M.**

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. DYCK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Health to ensure that patients who are awaiting placement in a personal care home are not moved to distant communities and to consider working with the RHA and the community to speed construction and expansion of long term care facilities in the region. (L. Penner, J. Lesprance, T. Whale and others)

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Transportation consider the immediate twinning of the PTH #15 Floodway Bridge for the safety of the citizens of Manitoba. (D. Raynard, L. Bass, J. Hartmann and others)

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Health to consider working with the Parkland Regional Health Authority to provide a centrally located ambulance and station in the area of Eddystone, Bacon Ridge and Ebb and Flow First Nation. (N. Shuttleworth, K. Desjarlais, R. Desjarlais and others)

Mrs. STEFANSON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Conservation to consider acknowledging that more timely action should have been taken to address the shortcomings with the lagoons in the Whiteshell Provincial Park in order to protect the environment and to consider immediately developing and implementing short and long-term strategies to address them. (D. Juby, R. Teague, M. Brown and others)

Mr. MAGUIRE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Health to consider increasing the number of doctors and nurses in the Virden and District Hospital to ensure stable quality health care for the Virden Catchment Area and to consider establishing a walk-in clinic in the Virden and District Hospital and to consider developing a specialized health care service for the Virden and District Hospital and to consider reopening the Virden and District Hospital operating room. (A. Sproule, M. Lloyd-Davies, K. Galbraith and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Premier of Manitoba consider how important it is to have the Seven Oaks Hospital provide full emergency services seven days a week 24 hours a day. (D. Valdez, N. Robinson, V. Lamirande and others)

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

**Meetings:**

Your Committee met on the following occasions:

- November 28, 2005
- October 7, 2009

**Matters under Consideration**

- Auditor General's Report – Aiyawin Corporation: The Consequences of Mismanagement in a Shared Responsibility Framework – March 2006
- Auditor General's Report – Investigation of the Maintenance Branch of the Manitoba Housing Authority dated November 2004

**Committee Membership**

Committee Membership for the November 28, 2005 meeting:

- Mr. CALDWELL
- Mr. CUMMINGS
- Mr. HAWRANIK
- Mr. MAGUIRE
- Mr. MALOWAY (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. MARTINDALE
- Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF

- Mr. REIMER (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. SANTOS
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER

Committee Membership for the October 7, 2009 meeting:

- Mr. BOROTSIK
- Mr. DERKACH (*Chairperson*)
- Ms. HOWARD (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. JHA
- Mr. LAMOUREUX
- Mr. MAGUIRE
- Ms. MARCELINO
- Mr. MARTINDALE
- Ms. SELBY
- Mrs. STEFANSON
- Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK

#### **Officials Speaking on Record**

Officials speaking on the record at the October 7, 2009 meeting:

- Carol Bellringer, Auditor General
- Mr. Martin Billinkoff, Deputy Minister of Family Services and Housing
- Jack Buckwold, Director of Special Audits, Office of the Auditor General

#### **Reports Considered and Passed**

Your Committee considered and passed the following reports as presented:

- Auditor General's Report – Aiyawin Corporation: The Consequences of Mismanagement in a Shared Responsibility Framework – March 2006
- Auditor General's Report – Investigation of the Maintenance Branch of the Manitoba Housing Authority dated November 2004

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

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Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX presented:

Annual Report of Department of Infrastructure and Transportation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009.

(Sessional Paper No. 146)

Annual Report of The Manitoba Water Services Board for the year fiscal ending March 31, 2009.

(Sessional Paper No. 147)

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Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS presented:

Annual Report of the Manitoba Product Stewardship Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009.  
(Sessional Paper No. 148)

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Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK presented:

Annual Report of the Victim Services Complaints for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009.  
(Sessional Paper No. 149)

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Hon. Ms. MELNICK presented:

Annual Report of the Conservation Districts of Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009.  
(Sessional Paper No. 150)

Annual Report of the Department of Water Stewardship for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009.  
(Sessional Paper No. 151)

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Hon. Mr. BJORNSON presented:

Annual Report of the Department of Education, Citizenship and Youth for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009.  
(Sessional Paper No. 152)

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Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS presented:

Annual Report of The Addictions Foundation of Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009.  
(Sessional Paper No. 153)

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Hon. Mr. SWAN presented:

Annual Report of the Manitoba Development Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009.  
(Sessional Paper No. 154)

Annual Report of the Manitoba Opportunities Fund Limited for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009.  
(Sessional Paper No. 155)

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Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. ALTEMEYER and EICHLER, Hon. Mr. BLAIKIE, Mr. FAURSCHOU and Hon. Ms. MELNICK made Members' Statements.

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By leave, it was agreed, with respect to the Special Committee on Senate Reform, to extend the reporting deadline of the Committee.

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The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX:

THAT Bill (No. 4) – The Community Revitalization Tax Increment Financing Act/Loi sur le financement fiscal de la revitalisation urbaine, reported from the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development, be concurred in and be now read for a Third Time and passed.

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. MAGUIRE and DERKACH, Hon. Mr. GERRARD (by leave), Mr. MCFADYEN and Hon. Mr. DOER having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to, on division.

The Bill was accordingly concurred in, read a Third Time and passed.

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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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His Honour, Philip LEE, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Manitoba, having entered the House at 4:01 p.m., and being seated on the Throne:

Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour in the following words:

Your Honour:

At this sitting, the Legislative Assembly has passed certain Bills that I ask Your Honour to give assent to.

(No. 4) – The Community Revitalization Tax Increment Financing Act/Loi sur le financement fiscal de la revitalisation urbaine

(No. 8) – The Civil Service Superannuation Amendment Act (Enhanced Manitoba Hydro Employee Benefits and Other Amendments)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la pension de la fonction publique (prestations améliorées à l'intention des employés d'Hydro-Manitoba et autres modifications)

(No. 9) – The Social Work Profession Act/Loi sur la profession de travailleur social

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(No. 16) – The Police Services Act/Loi sur les services de police

(No. 26) – The Apprenticeship and Certification Act/Loi sur l'apprentissage et la reconnaissance professionnelle

(No. 31) – The Manitoba Floodway Authority Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Commission du canal de dérivation du Manitoba

(No. 35) – The Municipal Conflict of Interest and Campaign Financing Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur les conflits d'intérêts au sein des municipalités et le financement des campagnes électorales municipales (modification de diverses dispositions législatives)

(No. 36) – The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Amendment Act (Enhanced Compensation for Catastrophic Injuries)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d'assurance publique du Manitoba (majoration de l'indemnisation en cas de lésions catastrophiques)

(No. 37) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Limited At Large Elections of Trustees)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (modalités d'élection des commissaires dans des circonstances limitées)

(No. 217) – The Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Heritage Act/Loi sur la chasse, la pêche sportive et le piégeage patrimoniaux

(No. 226) – The Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day Act/Loi sur la Journée de sensibilisation au deuil périnatal

(No. 238) – The Service Animals Protection Act/Loi sur la protection des animaux d'assistance

To these Bills the Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly as follows:

"In Her Majesty's name, His Honour assents to these Bills."

At 4:06 p.m., His Honour was then pleased to retire.

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The House then adjourned at 4:10 p.m., Thursday, October 8, 2009.

Hon. George HICKES,  
Speaker.