



## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

### VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 9

#### SECOND SESSION, FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

#### PRAYER

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Ms. FONTAINE, Bill (No. 210) – The Children's Advocate Act/Loi sur le protecteur des enfants, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

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:

- January 28, 2015 (*4<sup>th</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Legislature*)
- November 4, 2015 (*4<sup>th</sup> Session, 40<sup>th</sup> Legislature*)
- November 30, 2016 (*2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Legislature*)

#### Matters under Consideration

- Public Accounts for the fiscal years ending March 31, 2014 (Volumes 1, 2, 3 and 4)
- Public Accounts for the fiscal years ending March 31, 2015 and 2016 (Volumes 1, 2 and 3)
- Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Recommendations – dated May 2016
  - *Accounts and Financial Statements*

#### Committee Membership

Committee Membership for the January 28, 2015 meeting:

- Hon. Mr. DEWAR
- Hon. Mr. GERRARD
- Mr. HELWER (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. JHA
- Mr. MALOWAY
- Mr. MARCELINO
- Mr. MARTIN
- Mr. PEDERSEN
- Mr. SARAN

- Mr. SCHULER
- Mr. WIEBE (*Vice-Chairperson*)

Substitutions received prior to committee proceedings on January 28, 2015:

- Mr. MARTIN for Mr. FRIESEN
- Mr. SARAN for vacancy

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

**Officials Speaking on Record at the January 28, 2015 meeting:**

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

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

- Mr. Norm Ricard, Auditor General of Manitoba

- Hon. Mr. DEWAR
- Mr. Jim Hrichishen, Deputy Minister of Finance

**Officials Speaking on Record at the November 30, 2016 meeting:**

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

**Motions agreed to at the November 30, 2016 Standing Committee meeting:**

- *THAT this Committee recommend that in future meetings dealing with the Public Accounts, printed copies of volume 4 will not be distributed to the members of the Committee.*

**Agreements:**

Your Committee agreed to conclude consideration of *Accounts and Financial Statements* of the Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Recommendations – dated May 2016 at the November 30, 2016 meeting.

**Reports Considered and Adopted:**

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

- Public Accounts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2014 (Volumes 1, 2, 3 and 4)

**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 May 2016 (*Accounts and Financial Statements – concluded consideration of*)
- 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)

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

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Hon. Mr. SCHULER presented:

Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries, Quarterly Report, Three Months, April 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016.

(Sessional Paper No. 7)

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Hon. Mrs. COX presented:

Annual Report of the Sustainable Development Innovations Fund for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016.

(Sessional Paper No. 8)

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Hon. Mr. CULLEN presented:

Annual Report of The Manitoba Labour Board for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015.

(Sessional Paper No. 9)

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Hon. Mr. FRIESEN presented:

Report on Fidelity Bonds according to section 20 of The Public Officers Act dated December 1, 2016.

(Sessional Paper No. 10)

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Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN, the Minister of Health, Seniors and Active Living, made a statement regarding today, December 1, 2016, being World AIDS Day.

Mr. WIEBE and, by leave, Hon. Mr. GERRARD commented on the statement.

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Hon. Mr. SCHULER, the Minister of Crown Services, made a statement regarding safe driving in Manitoba.

Mr. SWAN and, by leave, Ms. LAMOUREUX commented on the statement.

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Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Mr. MICHALESKI, Ms. FONTAINE, Mr. PIWNIUK, Ms. LAMOUREUX and Mr. REYES made Members' Statements.

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The following petition was presented and read:

Mr. MALOWAY – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government do all that is possible to prevent the Bell takeover of MTS and preserve a more competitive cell phone market so that cellular bills for Manitobans do not increase unnecessarily.

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The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Proposed Motion of Mrs. GUILLEMARD:

THAT the following address be presented to Her 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 Forty-First Legislature of Manitoba.

And the proposed amendment moved by Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) as follows:

*THAT the Motion be amended by adding the following words at the end:*

But this House regrets that the Provincial Government failed to:

- (a) announced an agenda of cuts and austerity breaking its pledge to protect front-line workers and the services they provide while Government Ministers received large wage increases which will lead to increased inequality, undermine the health of the economy and worsen the lives of everyday Manitobans; and
- (b) opened the door to the privatization and deregulation of essential and important front-line services and has resolved to hide its plans from impartial public scrutiny, undermining public delivery of services and public accountability; and
- (c) manufactured partisan, political crises and has refused to produce transparent, long-term financial documents in order to justify an agenda of cuts to front-line services and privatization; and
- (d) failed to take steps to keep the cost of living affordable for Manitobans by enabling increases to home heating rates, electricity rates, auto insurance rates and post-secondary tuition fees; and
- (e) not presented any meaningful plan to address a wide range of needs concerning: health care, home care, seniors, the environment, climate change, the minimum wage, publicly funded child care spaces, the child welfare system, housing, poverty, the justice system, the public education system, funding for post-secondary institutions, infrastructure, rural Manitoba, economic development for the North, investments in Winnipeg, Brandon and other municipalities, agriculture and many other important areas for Manitobans.

As a consequence of these and many other failings, the Provincial Government has thereby lost the trust and confidence of the people of Manitoba and this House.

And the proposed sub-amendment moved by Ms. KLASSEN as follows:

*THAT the motion be amended by adding after clause (e) the following clauses:*

- (f) failed to commit to lowering ambulance fees by 50% this year; and

- (g) failed to commit to implementing recommendations from the 2016 Liberal Caucus Brain Health Report; and
- (h) failed to commit to increasing the amounts for special needs student funding while simplifying the application processes; and
- (i) failed to commit to diversifying industries and tourism in addition to extricating natural resources in the northern economy; and
- (j) failed to commit to releasing the “duty to consult” framework for Indigenous communities; and
- (k) failed to commit to supporting Urban Aboriginal Economic Development Zones; and
- (l) failed to commit to improving the outdated technology systems utilized in government departments; and
- (m) failed to commit to improving issues relating to supportive housing and personal care homes; and
- (n) failed to commit to reducing the cost of prescription drugs; and
- (o) failed to commit to the development and implementation of a provincial suicide strategy; and
- (p) failed to commit to implementing a mental health support task force for Manitoba communities following a suicide; and
- (q) failed to commit to including the criminalization of mental illness in the justice system review; and
- (r) failed to commit to reducing the farmland school tax’s impact on Manitoba farmers; and
- (s) failed to commit to the immediate construction of a dedicated stroke unit in Manitoba; and
- (t) failed to commit to not increasing the cost of the Provincial Nominee Program applications.

And the debate continuing on the sub-amendment,

And Mr. KINEW, Hon. Mrs. COX, Ms. LATHLIN, Hon. Mr. EICHLER, Messrs. WIEBE and YAKIMOSKI, Ms. FONTAINE and Hon. Mr. PALLISTER having spoken.

And the Question being put on the sub-amendment. It was negatived.

And the Question being put on the amendment. It was negatived, on the following division:

**YEA**

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ALTEMEYER	MARCELINO (Logan)
CHIEF	SARAN
FONTAINE	SELINGER
KINEW	SWAN
LATHLIN	WIEBE ..... 13
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BINDLE	MARTIN
CLARKE	MAYER
COX	MICHALESKI
CULLEN	MICKLEFIELD
CURRY	MORLEY-LECOMTE
EICHLER	NESBITT
EWASKO	PALLISTER
FIELDING	PEDERSEN
FRIESEN	PIWNIUK
GERRARD	REYES
GOERTZEN	SCHULER
GRAYDON	SMITH
GUILLEMARD	SMOOK
HELWER	SQUIRES
ISLEIFSON	STEFANSON
JOHNSON	TEITSMA
JOHNSTON	WHARTON
KLASSEN	WISHART
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And the Question being put on the main motion. It was agreed to, on the following division:

**YEA**

BINDLE  
CLARKE  
COX  
CULLEN  
CURRY  
EICHLER  
EWASKO  
FIELDING  
FLETCHER  
FRIESEN  
GOERTZEN  
GRAYDON  
GUILLEMARD  
HELWER  
ISLEIFSON  
JOHNSON  
JOHNSTON  
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**NAY**

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The House then adjourned at 4:44 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Friday, December 2, 2016.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,  
Speaker.