



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 18**

**FIRST SESSION, FORTIETH LEGISLATURE**

**PRAYER**

**1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.**

The following Bills were respectively read a First Time and had their purposes outlined:

(No. 3) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Speed Limits in School Zones)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (limites de vitesse dans les zones scolaires)

(Hon. Mr. ASHTON)

(No. 4) – The Missing Persons Act/Loi sur les personnes disparues

(Hon. Mr. SWAN)

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. GRAYDON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the appropriate Provincial Government departments to consider working with all stakeholders to develop a strategy to swiftly address the serious challenges posed by limited cellular phone service in southeastern Manitoba in order to ensure that people and property can be better protected in the future. (S. Graumer, N. Preteau, B. Lambert and others)

Mrs. ROWAT – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Healthy Living, Youth and Seniors to consider implementing a universal hearing screening program accessible to parents of all newborns in Manitoba. (R. Hartry, B. Sadler, N. Kelly and others)

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to consider the importance of reducing the speed limit on PTH 5 to 80 km/hour in the vicinity of the Town of Ste. Rose from the west side of the Turtle River bridge to the south side of the access to the Ste. Rose Auction Mart to help better protect motorist safety. (A. Vandenbosch, J. Haun, E. Chaput and others)

Mr. JHA, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, presented its Third Report, which was read as follows:

**Meetings:**

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

- August 28, 2008 (2<sup>nd</sup> Session – 39<sup>th</sup> Legislature)

- June 25, 2009 (3<sup>rd</sup> Session – 39<sup>th</sup> Legislature)
- September 21, 2010 (4<sup>th</sup> Session – 39<sup>th</sup> Legislature)
- May 24, 2011 (5<sup>th</sup> Session – 39<sup>th</sup> Legislature)
- April 18, 2012

### **Matters under Consideration**

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation for the fiscal year ending February 29, 2008
- Annual Report of the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation for the fiscal year ending February 28, 2009
- Annual Report of the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation for the fiscal year ending February 28, 2010
- Annual Report of the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation for the fiscal year ending February 28, 2011

### **Committee Membership**

Committee Membership for the August 28, 2008 meeting:

- Ms. BRICK (*Chairperson*)
- Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK
- Mr. CULLEN
- Mr. DEWAR
- Mr. FAURSCHOU
- Mr. GRAYDON
- Ms. HOWARD (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Ms. KORZENIOWSKI
- Mr. REID
- Hon. Mr. SWAN
- Mrs. TAILLIEU

Committee Membership for the June 25, 2009 meeting:

- Mr. ALTEMEYER
- Mr. BOROTSIK
- Ms. BRICK (*Chairperson*)
- Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK
- Mr. FAURSCHOU
- Mr. GRAYDON
- Ms. MARCELINO (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. PEDERSON
- Mr. SARAN
- Ms. SELBY
- Hon. Mr. SWAN

Committee Membership for the September 21, 2010 meeting:

- Ms. BLADY (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. CULLEN
- Mr. DEWAR
- Mr. FAURSCHOU
- Mr. GRAYDON

- Mr. JHA (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX
- Mr. MARTINDALE
- Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS
- Hon. Mr. SWAN
- Mrs. TAILLIEU

Committee Membership for the May 24, 2011 meeting:

- Mr. BOROTSIK
- Mr. CULLEN
- Mr. DEWAR
- Mr. GRAYDON
- Hon. Ms. MARCELINO
- Mr. MARTINDALE
- Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. SARAN (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Hon. Mr. SWAN
- Mrs. TAILLIEU
- Mr. WHITEHEAD

Committee Membership for the April 18, 2012 meeting:

- Mr. CALDWELL
- Mr. GAUDREAU
- Mr. GRAYDON
- Mr. DEWAR
- Mr. HELWER
- Mr. JHA (*Chairperson*)
- Hon. Ms. MARCELINO
- Mr. PEDERSEN
- Mr. SARAN
- Mr. SCHULER
- Hon. Mr. SWAN

Your Committee elected Mr. Caldwell as the Vice-Chairperson at the April 18, 2012 meeting.

### **Officials Speaking on Record**

Officials speaking on the record at the August 28, 2008 meeting:

- Ms. Marilyn McLaren, President and Chief Executive Officer

Officials speaking on the record at the June 25, 2009 meeting:

- Ms. Marilyn McLaren, President and Chief Executive Officer

Officials speaking on the record at the September 21, 2010 meeting:

- Ms. Marilyn McLaren, President and Chief Executive Officer
- Mr. Jake Janzen, Board Chairperson

Officials speaking on the record at the May 24, 2011 meeting:

- Ms. Marilyn McLaren, President and Chief Executive Officer

Officials speaking on the record at the April 18, 2012 meeting:

- Ms. Marilyn McLaren, President and Chief Executive Officer
- Mr. Jake Janzen, Board Chairperson

### **Report Considered and Passed**

Your Committee considered and passed the following report as presented:

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation for the fiscal year ending February 29, 2008

### **Reports Considered but not Passed**

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

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation for the fiscal year ending February 28, 2009
- Annual Report of the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation for the fiscal year ending February 28, 2010
- Annual Report of the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation for the fiscal year ending February 28, 2011

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

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Hon. Ms. HOWARD presented:

Annual Report of The Workers Compensation Board for the year ending December 31, 2011.  
(Sessional Paper No. 18)

Annual Report of the Appeal Commission and Medical Review Panel of The Workers Compensation Board for the year ending December 31, 2011.  
(Sessional Paper No. 19)

Annual Report of the Five Year Plan for The Workers Compensation Board for the years 2012 to 2016.  
(Sessional Paper No. 20)

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Hon. Ms. MELNICK, the Minister of Immigration and Multiculturalism, made a statement regarding today, April 19, 2012 being Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Memorial Day.

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

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During Oral Questions, Mrs. TAILLIEU rose on a Matter of Privilege and moved:

THAT this House find the Government in contempt for this blatant misuse of Government staff.

And Hon. Ms. HOWARD and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken.

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker informed the House he would take the matter under advisement.

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Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mrs. ROWAT, Messrs. NEVAKSHONOFF, HELWER and PETTERSEN and Ms. BRAUN made Members' Statements.

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Hon. Ms. MELNICK moved:

WHEREAS in 1995, the Provincial Government took advantage of the Government of Canada's offer to develop devolved immigration settlement services agreements; and

WHEREAS in 1998, the Governments of Canada and Manitoba signed the Canada-Manitoba Immigration Agreement with two critical components, a Settlement Annex and a Provincial Nominee Program Annex; and

WHEREAS Manitoba's business and community leaders were key architects of the Manitoba immigration model and continue to be strong supporters of this successful approach today; and

WHEREAS Manitoba's successful Provincial Nominee Program accounts for 77% of all immigration to Manitoba; and

WHEREAS preliminary figures show that this program played a key role in bringing nearly 16,000 immigrants to Manitoba in 2011; and

WHEREAS since 1999, under the Provincial Nominee Program, over 100,000 new immigrants have settled in Manitoba with more than 25,000 choosing to settle in rural Manitoba contributing to over 130 communities including Brandon, Winkler, Morden, Steinbach, Dauphin and Neepawa; and

WHEREAS the settlement services component of the Canada-Manitoba Immigration Agreement has ensured an effective, integrated Manitoba model of settlement service delivery that is key to ensuring immigrants have the supports they need to be contributing members of Manitoba's economy; and

WHEREAS this important agreement enables the Provincial Government to work directly with over 200 not-for-profit and institutional service providers to ensure immigrants have arrival orientation, labour market supports, adult language training, and integration services; and

WHEREAS an independent evaluation of participants in Manitoba's Provincial Nominee Program showed 85% of respondents were working after three months, and 83% of respondents were working in their fields or a related field; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has announced it is cancelling the Settlement Annex of the Canada-Manitoba Immigration Agreement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba call on the Government of Canada to immediately reverse its decision to cancel the Settlement Annex of the Canada-Manitoba Immigration Agreement with the Provincial Government in order to maintain the successful Manitoba immigration model.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. MELNICK and Mrs. TAILLIEU having spoken,

And Mrs. TAILLIEU moved an amendment as follows:

*THAT the government resolution on Federal Centralization of Settlement Services be amended by deleting the final WHEREAS and THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED and replacing them with the following:*

WHEREAS the Federal Government funds the majority of the Settlement Annex and the Provincial Government has not shown a commitment to provide adequate funding for these needed services.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba encourage the Federal Government to strengthen and improve settlement services in Manitoba which have been lacking under the Provincial Government.

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Hon. Mr. SELINGER, Messrs. SCHULER and GOERTZEN and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken.

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

**YEA**

BRIESE	MCFADYEN
CULLEN	MITCHELSON
DRIEDGER	PEDERSEN
EICHLER	ROWAT
EWASKO	SCHULER
FRIESEN	SMOOK
GOERTZEN	STEFANSON
GRAYDON	TAILLIEU
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**NAY**

ALLAN	MACKINTOSH
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ALTEMEYER	MARCELINO (Logan)
ASHTON	MARCELINO (Tyndall Park)
BJORNSON	MELNICK
BLADY	NEVAKSHONOFF
BRAUN	OSWALD
CHIEF	PETTERSEN
CHOMIAK	ROBINSON
CROTHERS	RONDEAU
DEWAR	SARAN
GERRARD	SELINGER
GAUDREAU	STRUTHERS
HOWARD	SWAN
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And the Question being put on the main motion. It was agreed to, on division.

**YEA**

ALLAN	LEMIEUX
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During the debate, Mrs. TAILLIEU rose on a point of order regarding the Honourable Minister of Immigration and Multiculturalism referring to Members who were absent from the House.

And Hon. Ms. MELNICK having spoken to the point of order,

WHEREUPON Mr. Deputy Speaker ruled that there was a point of order.

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Subsequently during the debate, Hon. Ms. HOWARD rose on a point of order regarding unparliamentary language spoken by the Honourable Member for Morris.

And Mrs. TAILLIEU having spoken to the point of order,

WHEREUPON Mr. Deputy Speaker informed the House he would take the matter under advisement.

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The House then adjourned at 5:03 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Friday, April 20, 2012.

Hon. Daryl REID,  
Speaker.