



**PRAYERS**

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

Mr. MARTINDALE, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Law Amendments presented its Second Report, which was read as follows:

**Meetings:**

Your Committee met on Tuesday, May 7, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

**Matters Under Consideration:**

**Bill (No. 6) – The Fortified Buildings Act/Loi sur les bâtiments fortifiés**

**Bill (No. 8) – The Limitation of Actions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la prescription**

**Membership Resignations / Elections:**

Substitutions received prior to commencement of meeting:

- Mr. DEWAR for Hon. Mr. ASHTON;
- Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH for Hon. Mr. DOER;
- Mr. SCHELLENBERG for Hon. Ms. MIHYCHUK;
- Mr. JENNISSEN for Mr. RONDEAU;
- Mrs. SMITH (Fort Garry) for Mr. ENNS;
- Mr. SCHULER for Mr. PENNER (Emerson).

**Public Presentations:**

Your Committee heard 5 presentations on Bill (No. 8) – The Limitation of Actions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la prescription, from the following individuals and/or organizations:

Elmer Courchene	President, Fort Alexander Residential School Survivors Association
George Bergen	Private Citizen
Betty Hopkins	LEAF Manitoba (Women's Legal Education and Action Fund)
Roma Hart	Private Citizen
Bill Percy	Manitoba Division of Canadian Residential School Plaintiffs' Council Association

**Bills Considered but not Reported:**

**Bill** (No. 6) – The Fortified Buildings Act/Loi sur les bâtiments fortifiés

Your Committee commenced clause by clause consideration of this bill but agreed to defer completion of such clause by clause consideration to a future meeting of the Committee.

**Bills Considered and Reported:**

**Bill** (No. 8) – The Limitation of Actions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la prescription

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill with the following amendment:

*THAT section 2 of the Bill be amended*

*(a) in the proposed subsection 2.1(3), by striking out "Subsection (2) applies" and substituting "Subject to subsection (4), subsection (2) applies"; and*

*(b) by adding the following after the proposed subsection 2.1(3):*

**Limitation period in *The Trustee Act* applies**

**2.1(4)** Subsection (2) is subject to subsection 53(2) of *The Trustee Act*.

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

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Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK, the Minister of Agriculture and Food made a statement regarding the outcome of the Federal-Provincial-Territorial Ministers meeting on the Agricultural Policy Framework held in Ottawa on May 6 and 7, 2002,

Mr. PENNER (Emerson) commented on the statement.

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By leave, Hon. Ms. MIHYCHUK introduced Bill (No. 19) – The Mines and Minerals Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les mines et les minéraux, and outlined the purposes thereof, it was read a First Time.

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Pursuant to Rule 23(1), Messrs. DYCK, NEVAKSHONOFF, PENNER (Steinbach) and JENNISSEN and Hon. Mr. GERRARD made Members' Statements.

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Hon. Mr. CALDWELL moved:

THAT Bill (No. 14) – The Public Schools Modernization Act (Public Schools Act Amended)/Loi sur la modernisation des écoles publiques (modification de la Loi sur les écoles publiques), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. CALDWELL and Ms. ALLAN having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. GILLESHAMMER, adjourned.

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Hon. Ms. BARRETT moved:

THAT Bill (No. 5) – The Workers Compensation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les accidents du travail, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. BARRETT having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. LAURENDEAU, adjourned.

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The House resolving into the Committee of Supply.

And the House continuing in Committee, the Proceedings were interrupted at 5:00 p.m. for Private Members' Business.

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Mr. CUMMINGS moved:

Resolution No. 3: The Importance of Transitional Support to the Work Force

WHEREAS *The Employment and Income Assistance Amendment Act* is an important piece of legislation that will assist Manitobans to reach their full potential and to become active participants in Manitoba's labour force; and

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WHEREAS Manitoba's social assistance system must be reformed to help people make the transition from welfare to work at a time when Manitoba is experiencing a skilled labour shortage; and

WHEREAS social assistance was never intended to be a permanent income replacement program for able-bodied individuals; and

WHEREAS social assistance is intended to be a temporary arrangement for people who are faced with exceptional circumstances and require assistance; and

WHEREAS the Honourable Member for Fort Rouge has stated he "has yet to meet an able-bodied or a capable social-assistance recipient who doesn't want to work"; and

WHEREAS under the Pawley NDP government welfare caseloads went up by 170%; and

WHEREAS since 1996, under the Progressive Conservative administration, the number of people receiving social assistance was reduced by 21,000; and

WHEREAS encouraging able-bodied people to spend their lives on social assistance denies them the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider enacting *The Employment and Income Assistance Amendment Act* which was passed during the fifth sitting of the 36<sup>th</sup> Legislature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to build upon the work of the previous Progressive Conservative administration and consider continuing to offer recipients of social assistance opportunities to enter Manitoba's workforce.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed to amend the resolution in the 6th WHEREAS clause by deleting "went up" and substituting "rose".

And a debate arising

And Mr. CUMMINGS, Hon. Ms. BARRETT, Messrs. HAWRANIK and MARTINDALE having spoken,

And Mr. RONDEAU speaking at 6:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

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The House then adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 9, 2002.

Hon. George HICKES,  
Speaker.