



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 31

THIRD SESSION, THIRTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYERS

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

Meetings:

Your Committee met on Monday, May 13, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters Under Consideration:

- Provincial Auditor's Report on Value for Money Audits for the period ending Autumn 1997
- Provincial Auditor's Report on Value for Money Audits for the period ending Spring 1998
- Provincial Auditor's Report on Value for Money Audits for the period ending Summer 1999
- Provincial Auditor's Report on Value for Money Audits for the period ending June 2000

Committee Membership:

Substitutions received prior to commencement of meeting:

- Mr. STRUTHERS for Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH
- Mr. DERKACH for Mr. LAURENDEAU

Officials Speaking on Record:

- Mr. Jon Singleton, Auditor General of Manitoba

Reports Considered but not Adopted:

Your Committee commenced consideration of the Provincial Auditor's Report on Value for Money Audits for the period ending June 2000 but did not adopt the report.

Reports Considered and Adopted:

Your Committee considered:

- Provincial Auditor's Report on Value for Money Audits for the period ending Autumn 1997
- Provincial Auditor's Report on Value for Money Audits for the period ending Spring 1998
- Provincial Auditor's Report on Value for Money Audits for the period ending Summer 1999

and has adopted the same as presented.

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

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

Meetings:

Your Committee met on the following occasions:

- Tuesday, May 7, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building
- Monday, May 13, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 254 of the Legislative Building

Matters Under Consideration:

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

Membership Resignations / Elections:

At the May 13, 2002 meeting, Mr. MARTINDALE was elected as Chairperson.

At the May 13, 2002 meeting, Mr. SCHELLENBERG was elected as Vice-Chairperson.

Substitutions received prior to commencement of meeting held on May 13, 2002:

- Mrs. SMITH (Fort Garry) for Mr. CUMMINGS;
- Mr. LAURENDEAU for Mr. HAWRANIK;
- Mr. SCHULER for Mr. MAGUIRE;
- Mr. MARTINDALE for Mr. SANTOS;
- Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH for Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK;
- Mr. SCHELLENBERG for Ms. KORZENIOWSKI;
- Mr. AGLUGUB for Hon. Mr. ASHTON;
- Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF for Mr. JENNISSEN;
- Mr. HAWRANIK for Mr. FAURSCHOU.

Bills Considered and Reported:

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

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

THAT clause 6(1)(a) be amended by adding "or the property on which the building is located" after "from the building".

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

By leave, Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH introduced Bill (No. 16) – The Class Proceedings Act/Loi sur les recours collectifs, and outlined the purposes thereof, it was read a First Time.

Pursuant to Rule 23(1), Mrs. DRIEDGER, Messrs. JENNISSON and HAWRANIK, Ms. CERILLI and Mr. DYCK made Members' Statements.

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.

Mr. AGLUGUB moved:

Resolution No. 5: Family Reunification

WHEREAS the ability of individuals to reunite with their family members residing in Canada is an important part of our humanitarian heritage; and

WHEREAS the current criteria for family class sponsorship of immigrants places all cities with populations over 500,000 into one category; and

WHEREAS this criteria places Winnipeg in the same category as Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver; and

WHEREAS the cost of living in Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal is significantly higher than in Winnipeg; and

WHEREAS family sponsorship has proven to be very successful in retaining immigrants in Manitoba; and

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WHEREAS these federal criteria are putting Manitoba at a disadvantage in its ability to attract new immigrants.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Federal Government to create a new category of family sponsorship for Winnipeg and other cities of similar size to reflect the lower cost of living; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly direct the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly to send a copy of this resolution to all Members of Parliament from Manitoba.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. AGLUGUB, Mrs. MITCHELSON, Messrs. SANTOS, DYCK and MARTINDALE having spoken,

And the Question being put, it was agreed to unanimously.

The House then adjourned at 5:24 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, 2002.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.