



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 67**

**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. 240).

Hon. Mr. GERRARD moved:

THAT Bill (No. 240) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Diabetes Protocol)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (protocole d'intervention portant sur le diabète), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And. Hon. Messrs. GERRARD and BJORNSON, Mrs. DRIEDGER, Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS, Mr. LAMOUREUX, Ms. BRICK and Mr. SCHULER having spoken,

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

Mr. ALTEMEYER moved:

Resolution No. 20: All-Aboard

WHEREAS poverty reduction has been a top priority of the Provincial Government since 1999; and

WHEREAS since 1999 the Provincial Government has taken significant steps toward reducing poverty including investing in new housing projects, raising the minimum wage by 50%, introducing the Manitoba Child Benefit, fully restoring the national child benefit to low income Manitobans, a benefit that had been clawed back by the previous government, and creating more child care spaces; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is also enhancing Employment and Income Assistance through rewarding work; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has been building healthy neighborhoods through programs such as Neighborhoods Alive!, the Northern Healthy Food Initiative and other Community Economic Development programs; and

WHEREAS starting this fiscal year the Provincial Government invests more than \$744 million annually to poverty reduction efforts; and

WHEREAS according to Statistics Canada, the number of children living in poverty in Manitoba has been reduced by 43% since 1999 and the poverty rate for children of single mothers has declined 52% since 1999; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government's recent All Aboard initiative to fight poverty will focus on 4 key priorities:

- 1) Affordable Housing and Safe, Supportive Communities,
- 2) Education, Training, Employment and Income,
- 3) Strong, Healthy Families and
- 4) Accessible, Responsive, and Coordinated Supports.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to continue to combat poverty in Manitoba and provide Manitobans living in poverty with the means to succeed.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. ALTEMEYER, Mrs. TAILLIEU, Messrs. MARTINDALE, PEDERSEN and MAGUIRE, Ms. MARCELINO and Mr. GOERTZEN having spoken,

And Mr. LAMOUREUX 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. (E. Penner, H. Schmitt, C. Ens and others)

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Health to consider rethinking her refusal to allow an ophthalmologist to practice in Swan River and to consider working with the community to provide this service without further delay. (A. Watkins, G. Alford, G. Anderson and others)

Mr. HAWRANIK – 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 Lac du Bonnet. (C. Beaudry, S. Taillieu, T. Ahlgren 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. (Z. Novoseknik, L. Rosko, D. Winstanley 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. (B. Johnas, G. Jeffery, S. Finkel and others)

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Mr. REID, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development, presented its Fourth Report, which was read as follows:

**Meeting:**

Your Committee met on Monday, September 21, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

**Matters under Consideration**

- **Bill (No. 4)** – The Community Revitalization Tax Increment Financing Act/Loi sur le financement fiscal de la revitalisation urbaine
- **Bill (No. 9)** – The Social Work Profession Act/Loi sur la profession de travailleur social

**Committee Membership**

- Ms. BLADY
- Mr. BRIESE
- Mr. CALDWELL
- Mr. DERKACH
- Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS
- Ms. KORZENIOWSKI (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. LEMIEUX
- Mrs. MITCHELSON
- Mr. REID (*Chairperson*)
- Mrs. ROWAT
- Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK

**Public Presentations**

Your Committee heard the following five presentations on **Bill (No. 4)** – The Community Revitalization Tax Increment Financing Act/Loi sur le financement fiscal de la revitalisation urbaine:

Stefano Grande  
Loretta Martin  
Bruce Alexander  
Lorne Weiss  
Peter Squire

Downtown BIZ  
Centre Venture Development Corporation  
Manitoba School Boards Association  
Manitoba Real Estate Association  
Winnipeg Realtors

Your Committee heard the following 22 presentations on **Bill (No. 9)** – The Social Work Profession Act/Loi sur la profession de travailleur social:

Liz Carlson	Private Citizen
Bert Crocker	Private Citizen
Harvy Frankel, Dean	University of Manitoba Faculty of Social Work
Leona Schroeder	Manitoba Association of Social Workers
Tom Simms	Private Citizen
Michael Hart	Aboriginal Social Workers Society in Manitoba
Karyn Delichte	Private Citizen
Sherrill Hershberg	Private Citizen
Chris Enns	Private Citizen
David Alper	Private Citizen
Darlene MacDonald	Canadian Association of Social Workers
Joy Eidse	Private Citizen
Diane Roussin	MamaWiw Chiitata Centre
Glenda Peebles	MASW-MIRSW Aboriginal Interest Group
Jill Brody	Private Citizen
Dr. Donald Burke, President	William and Catherine Booth College
Oleksandr Kondrasho	Private Citizen
Greg McVicker	Private Citizen
Elsie Flette	First Nations Southern Manitoba Child and Family Services Authority
Neta Friesen	Private Citizen
John Chudzik	Private Citizen
Shauna MacKinnon	Private Citizen

### **Written Submissions**

Your Committee received the following written submission on **Bill (No. 4)** – The Community Revitalization Tax Increment Financing Act/Loi sur le financement fiscal de la revitalisation urbaine:

Doug Dobrowolski, President	Association of Manitoba Municipalities
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Your Committee received the following ten written submissions on **Bill (No. 9)** – The Social Work Profession Act/Loi sur la profession de travailleur social:

Bonnie Bryant	Private Citizen
Laura Crookshanks	Western Manitoba Liaison Group, MASW/MIRSW
Neta Friesen ( <i>by leave</i> )	Private Citizen
Heather Kirkham	On behalf of the social workers who are Community Mental Health Workers in the Assiniboine Regional Health Authority
Keith Mander	Private Citizen
Veronica Marsmen	Canadian Association of Social Workers
Marie McKie	Social Work Health Interest Group
Leona Schroeder ( <i>by leave</i> )	Private Citizen

Vicki Verge  
Erika Wiebe

Manitoba Children's Issues and Interest Group  
Private Citizen

**Bills Considered and Reported**

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

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

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

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

*THAT Clause 10(1)(a) of the Bill be amended by striking out "or" at the end of subclause (ii), adding "or" at the end of subclause (iii) and adding the following after subclause (iii):*

(iv) meets the requirements for registration set out in the regulations respecting applicants who are already certified by a regulatory body governing the profession of social work in another Canadian jurisdiction;

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

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Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK presented:

Annual Report of the Companies Office for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009.  
(Sessional Paper No. 97)

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During Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker interjected and requested that the words "American Ambassador designate" spoken by the Honourable Member for Inkster be withdrawn.

WHEREUPON Mr. LAMOUREUX withdrew his remarks.

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Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. DYCK, CALDWELL, MAGUIRE, JENNISSON and LAMOUREUX made Members' Statements.

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Prior to Grievances, Hon. Mr. GERRARD rose on a Matter of Urgent Public Importance and moved:

THAT in accordance with Rule 36(1), the ordinary business of the House be set aside to discuss a Matter of Urgent Public Importance, namely, the increasing problems with soil erosion due to high water levels on Lake Winnipeg and the loss of land for property owners and the increasing threat to provincial highways.

**Tuesday, September 22, 2009**

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And Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Mr. HAWRANIK and Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK having spoken to the urgency of the motion,

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled as follows:

I thank the Honourable Members for their advice to the Chair on whether the motion proposed by the Honourable Member for River Heights should be debated today. The notice required by Rule 36(1) was provided. Under our Rules and Practices, the subject matter requiring urgent consideration must be so pressing that the public interest will suffer if the matter is not given immediate attention. There must also be no other reasonable opportunities to raise the matter.

I have listened very carefully to the arguments put forward, however I was not persuaded that the ordinary business of the house should be set aside to deal with this issue today. Although this is an issue that some Members may have a concern about, I do not believe that the public interest will be harmed if the business of the house is not set aside to debate the motion today.

Additionally, I would like to note that other avenues exist for Members to raise this issue, including Question Period, Members' Statements and Grievances.

Therefore, with the greatest of respect, I must rule that this matter does not meet the criteria set by our Rules and Precedents and I rule the motion out of order as a Matter of Urgent Public Importance.

However, despite the procedural shortcomings, there does appear to be a willingness to debate the issue. I shall then put the Question to the House shall the debate proceed?

Mr. Speaker then put the Question, "Shall the debate proceed?" It was agreed to.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. MELNICK, Mr. CULLEN and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken.

The debate was terminated in accordance with Rule 36(6).

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In accordance with Rule 27, Mr. PEDERSEN rose on a Grievance.

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In accordance with Rule 31(8), the Government House Leader announced that the Manitoba Friendship Centres Resolution will be considered next Tuesday, September 29, 2009.

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

THAT Bill (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), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And leave having been denied to have the matter remain in the name of Mrs. MITCHELSON,

And Mr. LAMOUREUX, Mrs. STEFANSON, Messrs. BRIESE, MAGUIRE and DERKACH having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

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The Order of the Day having been read for consideration of Report Stage Amendment of Bill (No. 16) – The Police Services Act/Loi sur les services de police, as amended and reported from the Standing Committee on Justice:

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK moved:

*THAT the Bill be amended in Clause 9(2) by striking out "other aboriginal person" and substituting "Metis person".*

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK and Mr. GOERTZEN having spoken,

And the Question being put on the amendment. It was agreed to.

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Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK then moved:

*THAT the Bill be amended by replacing Clause 32(1) with the following:*

**Council to designate chair and vice-chair**

**32(1)** The council must designate one member of the police board as chair and another member as vice-chair.

And Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK and Mr. GOERTZEN having spoken,

And the Question being put on the amendment. It was agreed to.

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By leave, Mr. GOERTZEN withdrew his Proposed Amendment,

By leave, Mr. GOERTZEN moved:

*THAT Bill 16 be amended*

*(a) by replacing Clause 26(1) with the following:*

**Council to establish police board or act as police board**

**26(1)** If a municipality operates a police service, the council of the municipality must either

(a) establish and maintain a police board in accordance with this Division; or

(b) act as a police board for the police service in accordance with this Act.

In the case of a municipality with a population over 200,000, the council must establish and maintain a police board.

*(b) in the part of Clause 29(1) before clause (a), by adding "established by the council" after "the police board";*

*(c) in the part of Clause 30(1) before clause (a), by striking out "The council of a municipality must establish the size of its police board by by-law. The police board" and substituting "A council that establishes a police board must establish the size of the board by by-law. Such a board";*

*(d) in Clause 30(2), by striking out "one member of a police board" and substituting "if a council establishes a police board, one member of the board";*

*(e) in Clause 30(4), by striking out "the police board" and substituting "a police board established by the council of a municipality";*

*(f) in Clause 32(1), by striking out "The council" and substituting "If a council establishes a police board, the council";*

*(g) in Clause 53(4)(e), by adding "in the case of a police board established by one or more councils," before "remove"; and*

*(h) by striking out Clauses 106(2) and (3).*

And a debate arising,

And Mr. GOERTZEN and Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK having spoken,

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

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The House then adjourned at 4:53 p.m. until 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 23, 2009.

Hon. George HICKES,  
Speaker.