

TO THE HONOURABLE THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

Your Standing Committee on SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT presents the following as its Sixth Report.

Meetings

Your Committee met on May 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- **Bill (No. 21)** – The Fiscal Responsibility and Taxpayer Protection Act/Loi sur la responsabilité financière et la protection des contribuables
- **Bill (No. 22)** – The Regulatory Accountability Act and Amendments to The Statutes and Regulations Act/Loi sur la responsabilisation en matière de réglementation et modifiant la Loi sur les textes législatifs et réglementaires

Committee Membership

- Mr. ALLUM
- Mr. CURRY
- Hon. Mr. FIELDING
- Hon. Mr. FRIESEN
- Hon. Mr. GERRARD
- Mr. JOHNSTON
- Mr. LINDSEY
- Ms. MARCELINO (Logan)
- Hon. Mr. PEDERSEN
- Mr. SMITH
- Mr. YAKIMOSKI

Your Committee elected Mr. JOHNSTON as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected Mr. YAKIMOSKI the Vice-Chairperson.

Public Presentations

Your Committee heard the following presentation on **Bill (No. 21)** – The Fiscal Responsibility and Taxpayer Protection Act/Loi sur la responsabilité financière et la protection des contribuables:

Jonathan Alward

Canadian Federation of Independent Business

Your Committee heard the following three presentations on **Bill (No. 22)** – The Regulatory Accountability Act and Amendments to The Statutes and Regulations Act/Loi sur la responsabilisation en matière de réglementation et modifiant la Loi sur les textes législatifs et réglementaires:

Chris Goertzen

Association of Manitoba Municipalities

Jonathan Alward

Canadian Federation of Independent Business

James Battershill

Keystone Agricultural Producers

Bills Considered and Reported

- **Bill (No. 21)** – The Fiscal Responsibility and Taxpayer Protection Act/Loi sur la responsabilité financière et la protection des contribuables

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill, with the following amendments, on a counted vote of 6 Yeas, 4 Nays:

THAT Clause 8 of the Bill be amended

(a) in Clause 8(2) by striking out "or (5)," and substituting ", (5) or (5.1),";

(b) by replacing Clauses 8(4) and (5) with the following:

Full payment — no deficit

8(4) If the report under section 7 for a fiscal year shows that the government did not incur a deficit, an amount withheld from a person under subsection (2) for that fiscal year is payable to the person for that fiscal year, without interest.

Salary reduction — contravening deficit

8(5) If the report under section 7 for a fiscal year shows that the government incurred a deficit in contravention of section 4 or 5, the ministerial salary of a person to whom subsection (2) applied for that fiscal year is reduced by the amount withheld for that fiscal year under that subsection.

Salary reduction — non-contravening deficit

8(5.1) If the report under section 7 for a fiscal year to which section 4 applies shows that the government incurred a deficit that does not exceed the baseline amount for that fiscal year, the ministerial salary of a person to whom subsection (2) applied for that fiscal year is reduced according to the following formula:

$$\text{Reduction} = A \times (\$100,000,000 - B) / \$100,000,000$$

In this formula,

A is the amount withheld for that year under subsection (2);

B is the lesser of \$100,000,000 and the amount by which the baseline amount exceeds the deficit.

If the amount withheld for the fiscal year exceeds the salary reduction for that year, the excess is payable to the person for that fiscal year, without interest.

(c) in Clause 8(6) by striking out "or (5)" and substituting "or (5.1)".

THAT Clause 8 of the Bill be amended by adding the following after Clause 8(9):

Transitional — 20% of annual ministerial salary to be withheld for 2017-2018

8(10) Despite subsection (2), amounts totalling 20% of the annual ministerial salary are to be withheld under that subsection from the ministerial salary otherwise payable to a minister for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

- **Bill (No. 22)** – The Regulatory Accountability Act and Amendments to The Statutes and Regulations Act/Loi sur la responsabilisation en matière de réglementation et modifiant la Loi sur les textes législatifs et réglementaires

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill, without amendment, on a counted vote of 7 Yeas, 3 Nays.

Submitted by,

Mr. Scott JOHNSTON, Chairperson
May 11, 2017