



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 18**

**FOURTH SESSION, THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE**

**PRAYER**

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

Mr. Speaker presented:

Certificate of Election respecting Mr. Matt WIEBE, the newly elected Member for Concordia.  
(Sessional Paper No. 15)

Mr. Matt WIEBE, Member for the Electoral Division for Concordia, was conducted by Hon. Mr. SELINGER and Hon. Mr. BLAIKIE to the floor of the House in front of Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Mr. SELINGER then said:

Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present to you Mr. Matt WIEBE, Member for the Constituency of Concordia, who has taken the Oath and signed the Roll, and now claims the right to take his seat.

Mr. Speaker thereupon said:

On behalf of all Honourable Members, I wish to welcome you to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba and to wish you well in your parliamentary career.

Mr. Matt WIEBE then advanced to the Chair, shook hands with Mr. Speaker and took his seat.

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. (K. M. Dick, H. Wall, K. Wiebe 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. (R. Wroblewsky, L. Moroz, C. Sigurdson 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. (N. Neufeld, V. Eggie, J. Harvey and others)

Mr. GRAYDON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister charged with the administration of the *Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Act* to consider instructing MPI to allow claimants the right to select an independent claim representative of their choosing, whether paid or unpaid, whether a lawyer or non-lawyer, as claimants with similar claims in other provinces are permitted to do. (M. Young, F. Patriarca, M. Jimeno and others)

Mr. BOROTSIK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Education Citizenship and Youth consider removing education funding by school tax or education levies from all property in Manitoba, including commercial property and consider finding a more equitable method of funding education such as general revenue following the Constitutional funding of education by the Province of Manitoba. (W. Oberding, A. Kovacs, K. Grant and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to consider establishing a 90 day guarantee for processing an application for a minimum of 90% of applicants that have family living in Manitoba. (R. Bambrah, E. Aquino, G. Barairo and others)

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

### **Meetings:**

Your Committee met on the following occasions:

- November 28, 2005
- December 7, 2005
- December 8, 2005
- March 15, 2006
- December 6, 2006
- December 14, 2006
- March 8, 2007
- October 21, 2009
- February 17, 2010
- March 3, 2010

### **Matters under Consideration**

- Auditor General's Report – Examination of the Crocus Investment Fund – May 2005
- Auditor General's Report – Study of Board Governance in Crown Organizations – September 2009

### **Committee Membership**

Committee membership for the November 28, 2005 meeting:

- Mr. CALDWELL
- Mr. CUMMINGS
- Mr. HAWRANIK
- Mr. MAGUIRE
- Mr. MALOWAY (*Vice-Chairperson*)

- Mr. MARTINDALE
- Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF
- Mr. REIMER (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. SANTOS
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER

Committee membership for the December 7, 2005 meeting:

- Mr. CUMMINGS
- MR. DEWAR
- Mr. HAWRANIK
- Ms. KORZENIOWSKI
- Mr. LAMOUREUX
- Mr. MAGUIRE
- Mr. MALOWAY (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. REIMER (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. SANTOS
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER
- Mr. SWAN

Substitutions received during committee proceedings at the December 7, 2005 meeting:

- Hon. Mr. GERRARD for Mr. LAMOUREUX

Committee membership for the December 8, 2005 meeting:

- Mr. CUMMINGS
- MR. DEWAR
- Mr. HAWRANIK
- Ms. KORZENIOWSKI
- Hon. Mr. GERRARD
- Mr. MAGUIRE
- Mr. MALOWAY (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. REIMER (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. SANTOS
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER
- Mr. SWAN

Committee membership for the March 15, 2006 meeting:

- Mr. AGLUGUB
- Mr. CUMMINGS
- Hon. Mr. GERRARD
- Mr. HAWRANIK
- Mr. MAGUIRE
- Mr. MALOWAY (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. MARTINDALE
- Mr. REIMER (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. SANTOS
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER
- Mr. SWAN

Committee membership for the December 6, 2006 meeting:

- Mr. AGLUGUB
- Mr. CUMMINGS
- Mr. DERKACH
- Hon. Mr. GERRARD
- Mr. HAWRANIK
- Mr. MALOWAY (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. MARTINDALE
- Mr. SANTOS
- Mr. SCHULER
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER
- Mr. SWAN

Your Committee elected Mr. DERKACH as the Chairperson at the December 6, 2006 meeting.

Committee membership for the December 14, 2006 meeting:

- Mr. AGLUGUB
- Mr. CUMMINGS
- Mr. DERKACH (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. HAWRANIK
- Mr. LAMOUREUX
- Mr. MALOWAY (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. MARTINDALE
- Mr. SANTOS
- Mr. SCHULER
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER
- Mr. SWAN

Committee membership for the March 8, 2007 meeting:

- Mr. AGLUGUB
- Mr. CUMMINGS
- Mr. DERKACH (*Chairperson*)
- Hon. Mr. GERRARD
- Mr. HAWRANIK
- Mr. MAGUIRE
- Mr. MARTINDALE
- Mr. SALE
- Mr. SANTOS
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER
- Mr. SWAN

Your Committee elected Mr. SWAN as the Vice-Chairperson at the March 8, 2007 meeting.

Committee membership for the October 21, 2009 meeting:

- Mr. BOROTSIK
- Ms. BRAUN
- Mr. DERKACH (*Chairperson*)

- Mr. DEWAR
- Ms. HOWARD (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. JHA
- Mr. LAMOUREUX
- Mr. MAGUIRE
- Ms. SELBY
- Mrs. STEFANSON
- Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK

Committee membership for the February 17, 2010 meeting:

- Ms. BLADY
- Mr. BOROTSIK
- Ms. BRAUN
- Mr. DERKACH (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. DEWAR (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. HAWRANIK
- Mr. LAMOUREUX
- Mr. MARTINDALE
- Ms. SELBY
- Mrs. STEFANSON
- Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK

Committee membership for the March 3, 2010 meeting:

- Mr. BOROTSIK
- Ms. BRICK
- Mr. DERKACH (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. DEWAR (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mrs. DRIEDGER
- Mr. JHA
- Mr. LAMOUREUX
- Mr. MARTINDALE
- Mr. PEDERSEN
- Ms. SELBY
- Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK

### **Officials Speaking on Record**

Officials speaking on the record at the December 7, 2005 meeting:

- Hugh Eliasson, Deputy Minister of Industry, Economic Development and Mines
- Hon. Mr. RONDEAU
- Jon Singleton, Auditor General

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Officials speaking on the record at the December 6, 2006 meeting:

- Hugh Eliasson, Deputy Minister of Competitiveness, Training and Trade
- Bonnie Lysyk, Deputy Auditor General and C.O.O.
- Hon. Mr. SMITH

Officials speaking on the record at the December 14, 2006 meeting:

- Hugh Eliasson, Deputy Minister of Competitiveness, Training and Trade
- Bonnie Lysyk, Deputy Auditor General and C.O.O.
- Hon. Mr. SMITH

Officials speaking on the record at the March 8, 2007 meeting:

- Carol Bellringer, Auditor General
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER
- Hon. Mr. SMITH

Officials speaking on the record at the October 21, 2009 meeting:

- Hugh Eliasson, Deputy Minister of Deputy Minister of Competitiveness, Training and Trade
- Carol Bellringer, Auditor General
- Hon. Mr. SWAN

Officials speaking on the record at the March 3, 2010 meeting:

- Carol Bellringer, Auditor General
- Hon. Mr. BJORNSON
- Maria Capozzi, Audit Principal
- Hugh Eliasson, Deputy Minister of Entrepreneurship, Training and Trade and Deputy Minister of Finance
- Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK

### **Reports Considered and Passed**

Your Committee considered and passed the following reports as presented:

- Auditor General's Report – Examination of the Crocus Investment Fund – May 2005
- Auditor General's Report – Study of Board Governance in Crown Organizations – September 2009

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

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

**Meetings:**

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

- October 25, 2007 (1<sup>st</sup> Session – 39<sup>th</sup> Legislature)
- December 19, 2007 (2<sup>nd</sup> Session – 39<sup>th</sup> Legislature)
- June 1, 2009 (3<sup>rd</sup> Session – 39<sup>th</sup> Legislature)
- November 17, 2009 (3<sup>rd</sup> Session – 39<sup>th</sup> Legislature)
- March 8, 2010 (4<sup>th</sup> Session – 39<sup>th</sup> Legislature)

**Matters under Consideration**

- The Annual Report of the Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007
- The Annual Report of the Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008
- The Annual Report of the Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009

**Committee Membership**

Committee membership for the October 25, 2007 meeting:

- Hon. Mr. ASHTON
- Mr. CULLEN
- Mr. FAURSCHOU
- Ms. HOWARD (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. JHA
- Ms. MARCELINO
- Mr. MCFADYEN
- Mr. PEDERSEN
- Mr. REID (*Chairperson*)
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER
- Mr. SWAN

Committee membership for the December 19, 2007 meeting:

- Mr. ALTEMEYER
- Ms. BRAUN
- Mr. CALDWELL
- Mr. CULLEN
- Mr. GOERTZEN
- Ms. MARCELINO (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. MCFADYEN
- Mr. REID (*Chairperson*)
- Mrs. ROWAT
- Mr. SARAN
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER

Committee membership for the June 1, 2009 meeting:

- Hon. Mr. BLAIKIE
- Mr. BOROTSIK
- Mr. CULLEN
- Mr. JHA (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Ms. MARCELINO
- Mr. MCFADYEN
- Mr. REID (*Chairperson*)
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER
- Mrs. STEFANSON
- Mr. WHITEHEAD
- Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK

Committee membership for the November 17, 2009 meeting:

- Mr. BOROTSIK
- Ms. BRICK (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. CULLEN
- Mr. DEWAR
- Mr. GRAYDON
- Mr. JHA
- Hon. Ms. MARCELINO
- Mr. MCFADYEN
- Mr. REID (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. SARAN
- Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK

Committee membership for the March 8, 2010 meeting:

- Mr. BOROTSIK
- Mr. CALDWELL
- Mr. CULLEN
- Mr. DEWAR
- Mr. GRAYDON
- Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS
- Mr. MCFADYEN
- Mr. REID (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. SARAN
- Mr. WHITEHEAD
- Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK

Your Committee elected Mr. WHITEHEAD as Vice Chairperson at the March 8, 2010 meeting.

**Officials Speaking on the Record**

- Mr. Bob Brennan, President and Chief Executive Officer
- Mr. Vic Schroeder, Chairman



### **Reports Considered and Passed**

Your Committee considered and passed the following reports as presented:

- The Annual Report of the Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007

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

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

- The Annual Report of the Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008
- The Annual Report of the Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009

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

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Mr. REID, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs, presented its Second Report, which was read as follows:

### **Meetings:**

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

- December 22, 2004 (3<sup>rd</sup> Session – 38<sup>th</sup> Legislature)
- May 2, 2006 (4<sup>th</sup> Session – 38<sup>th</sup> Legislature)
- July 10, 2008 (2<sup>nd</sup> Session – 39<sup>th</sup> Legislature)
- May 25, 2009 (3<sup>rd</sup> Session – 39<sup>th</sup> Legislature)
- March 10, 2010 (4<sup>th</sup> Session – 39<sup>th</sup> Legislature)

### **Matters under Consideration**

- Annual Report of Elections Manitoba for the year ending December 31, 2003 including the conduct of the 38th Provincial General Election June 3, 2003
- Annual Report of Elections Manitoba for the year ending December 31, 2004 including the conduct of the Minto and Turtle-Mountain by-elections June 22 and June 29, 2004
- Annual Report of Elections Manitoba for the year ending December 31, 2005 including the conduct of the Fort Whyte by-election December 13, 2005
- Annual Report of Elections Manitoba for the year ending December 31, 2006
- Annual Report of Elections Manitoba for the year ending December 31, 2007 including the conduct of the 39th Provincial General Election May 22, 2007

### **Committee Membership**

Committee membership for the May 2, 2006 meeting:

- Mr. DERKACH
- Mr. DEWAR
- Hon. Mr. DOER
- Mr. HAWRANIK
- Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX

- Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH
- Mr. MARTINDALE
- Mrs. MITCHELSON
- Mr. REID (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. ROCAN
- Mr. SCHELLENBERG (*Vice-Chairperson*)

Committee membership for the July 10, 2008 meeting:

- Hon. Mr. ASHTON
- Ms. BRICK (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. DEWAR
- Hon. Mr. DOER
- Mr. GOERTZEN
- Mr. HAWRANIK
- Ms. HOWARD (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. MCFADYEN
- Hon. Ms. MCGIFFORD
- Hon. Mr. SWAN
- Mrs. TAILLIEU

Committee membership for the May 25, 2009 meeting:

- Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK
- Mr. DERKACH
- Mr. DEWAR
- Hon. Mr. DOER
- Mr. MAGUIRE
- Mr. GOERTZEN
- Ms. HOWARD (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF
- Mrs. TAILLIEU
- Hon. Mr. SWAN
- Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK

Your Committee elected Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF as the Vice-Chairperson.

Committee membership for the March 10, 2010 meeting:

- Hon. Mr. BLAIKIE
- Ms. BRICK
- Mr. DERKACH
- Mr. EICHLER
- Mr. GOERTZEN
- Hon. Ms. HOWARD
- Mr. MCFADYEN
- Mr. REID
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER
- Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS
- Hon. Mr. SWAN

Your Committee elected Mr. REID as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected Ms. BRICK as the Vice-Chairperson.

### **Officials Speaking on Record**

- Richard D. Balasko, Chief Electoral Officer

### **Reports Considered and Passed**

Your Committee considered and passed the following reports as presented:

- Annual Report of Elections Manitoba for the year ending December 31, 2004 including the conduct of the Minto and Turtle-Mountain by-elections June 22 and June 29, 2004
- Annual Report of Elections Manitoba for the year ending December 31, 2005 including the conduct of the Fort Whyte by-election December 13, 2005

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

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

- Annual Report of Elections Manitoba for the year ending December 31, 2003 including the conduct of the 38th Provincial General Election June 3, 2003
- Annual Report of Elections Manitoba for the year ending December 31, 2006
- Annual Report of Elections Manitoba for the year ending December 31, 2007 including the conduct of the 39th Provincial General Election May 22, 2007

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

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Hon. Mr. SELINGER, the First Minister, made a statement to recognize the life and sacrifice Private Garrett William Chidley, a Canadian Soldier tragically killed in the line of duty in Afghanistan on December 30, 2009,

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

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Hon. Mr. ROBINSON, the Minister responsible for Sport made a statement to recognize Canada's and Manitoba's athletes who competed as members of Team Canada in the Vancouver 2010 Winter Games and in the Vancouver 2010 Paralympics Games,

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

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**Tuesday, March 23, 2010**

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During Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker interjected and cautioned the Honourable Member for Portage La Prairie that all Honourable Members should be referred to by their constituency or their portfolio,

WHEREUPON Mr. FAURSCHOU withdrew his remarks.

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By leave, it was agreed to waive Members' Statements for Government Members on Tuesday, March 23, 2010, with the understanding that these statements are to be used by Government Members during Members' Statements on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 in addition to the existing rotation, with the schedule to resume as normal on Thursday, March 25, 2010.

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Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mrs. DRIEDGER, Messrs. LAMOUREUX and DERKACH made Members' Statements.

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Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK moved:

THAT this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK having spoken.

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

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Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK delivered to Mr. Speaker two messages from His Honour, the Administrator of the Province of Manitoba as follows:

Richard SCOTT  
Administrator

The Administrator transmits to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, Estimates of sums required for the services of the Province for Capital Expenditures, and recommends these Estimates to the Legislative Assembly.

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA  
March 23, 2010

(Sessional Paper No. 16)

Richard SCOTT  
Administrator

The Administrator transmits to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, estimates of sums required for the services of the province for the fiscal year ending the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 2011 and recommends these Estimates to the Legislative Assembly.

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA  
March 23, 2010

(Sessional Paper No. 17)

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Hon. Mr. BLAIKIE moved:

THAT this House do now adjourn.

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

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Mr. LAMOUREUX asked Written Question (No. 16) for reply to the following:

16. Can the Minister responsible for Manitoba Hydro tell us if there has been any evaluation done regarding the number of miles or acres of the boreal forest that would be cut down on the east side of Lake Winnipeg versus the west side with respect to Manitoba Hydro's need for a new power line, and if so, will the Minister release the information?
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The House then adjourned at 3:55 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, 2010.

Hon. George HICKES,  
Speaker.