

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 6

SECOND SESSION, FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

PRAYER 1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were respectively read a First Time and had their purposes outlined:

(No. 6) – The Manitoba East Side Road Authority Repeal Act/Loi abrogeant la Loi sur la Commission manitobaine d'aménagement de la route située du côté est

(Hon. Mr. PEDERSEN)

(No. 208) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Continuity of Learning)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (continuité de l'apprentissage)

(Mr. KINEW)

Mr. TEITSMA, Vice-Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs, presented its First Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings:

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

- December 16, 2015 (5th Session 40th Legislature)
- November 25, 2016 (2nd Session 41st Legislature)

Matters under Consideration

- Annual Report of Elections Manitoba for the year ending December 31, 2014 including the conduct of the 2014 Arthur-Virden and Morris by-elections
- Annual Report of Elections Manitoba for the year ending December 31, 2015 including the conduct of The Pas by-election

Committee Membership

Committee membership for the December 16, 2015 meeting:

- Hon. Mr. ALLUM
- Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK
- Mr. CULLEN
- Mr. EICHLER
- Mr. Goertzen

- Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS
- Ms. LATHLIN (Vice-Chairperson)
- Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX
- Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) (Chairperson)
- Mr. PEDERSEN
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER

Committee membership for the November 25, 2016 meeting:

- Mr. ALLUM
- Hon. Mrs. Cox
- Mrs. Guillemard (Chairperson)
- Mr. JOHNSTON
- Mr. KINEW
- Ms. LAMOUREUX
- Ms. Morley-Lecomte
- Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON
- Mr. SWAN
- Mr. TEITSMA
- Mr. Yakimoski

Your Committee elected Mr. TEITSMA as the Vice-Chairperson

Officials speaking on the record at the December 16, 2015 meeting:

Ms. Shipra Verma, Chief Electoral Officer

Officials speaking on the record at the November 25, 2016 meeting:

• Ms. Shipra Verma, Chief Electoral Officer

Report Considered and Passed

Your Committee considered and passed the following report as presented:

• Annual Report of Elections Manitoba for the year ending December 31, 2014 including the conduct of the 2014 Arthur-Virden and Morris by-elections

Report Considered but not Passed

Your Committee considered the following report but did not pass it:

 Annual Report of Elections Manitoba for the year ending December 31, 2015 including the conduct of The Pas by-election

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

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Hon. Mr. WISHART presented:

Annual Report of the Assiniboine Community College for the year ending June 30, 2016.

(Sessional Paper No. 3)

Annual Report of the Red River College for the year ending June 30, 2016.

(Sessional Paper No. 4)

Hon. Mr. PALLISTER, the First Minister, made a statement regarding on the death of Fidel Castro.

Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) and, by leave, Hon. Mr. GERRARD commented on the statement.

Hon. Ms. SQUIRES, the Minister responsible for Status of Women, made a statement regarding Nellie McClung.

Ms. FONTAINE and, by leave, Ms. KLASSEN commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Messrs. TEITSMA, CHIEF and KINEW, Hon. Mr. SCHULER and Mr. HELWER made Members' Statements.

The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Proposed Motion of Mrs. GUILLEMARD:

THAT the following address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor:

We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba thank your Honour for the gracious speech addressed to us at this Second Session of the Forty-First Legislature of Manitoba.

And the proposed amendment moved by Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) as follows:

THAT the Motion be amended by adding the following words at the end:

But this House regrets that the Provincial Government failed to:

- (a) announced an agenda of cuts and austerity breaking its pledge to protect front-line workers and the services they provide while Government Ministers received large wage increases which will lead to increased inequality, undermine the health of the economy and worsen the lives of everyday Manitobans; and
- (b) opened the door to the privatization and deregulation of essential and important front-line services and has resolved to hide its plans from impartial public scrutiny, undermining public delivery of services and public accountability; and
- (c) manufactured partisan, political crises and has refused to produce transparent, long-term financial documents in order to justify an agenda of cuts to front-line services and privatization; and

- (d) failed to take steps to keep the cost of living affordable for Manitobans by enabling increases to home heating rates, electricity rates, auto insurance rates and post-secondary tuition fees; and
- (e) not presented any meaningful plan to address a wide range of needs concerning: health care, home care, seniors, the environment, climate change, the minimum wage, publicly funded child care spaces, the child welfare system, housing, poverty, the justice system, the public education system, funding for post-secondary institutions, infrastructure, rural Manitoba, economic development for the North, investments in Winnipeg, Brandon and other municipalities, agriculture and many other important areas for Manitobans.

As a consequence of these and many other failings, the Provincial Government has thereby lost the trust and confidence of the people of Manitoba and this House.

And the proposed sub-amendment moved by Ms. KLASSEN as follows:

THAT the motion be amended by adding after clause (e) the following clauses:

- (f) failed to commit to lowering ambulance fees by 50% this year; and
- (g) failed to commit to implementing recommendations from the 2016 Liberal Caucus Brain Health Report; and
- (h) failed to commit to increasing the amounts for special needs student funding while simplifying the application processes; and
- (i) failed to commit to diversifying industries and tourism in addition to extricating natural resources in the northern economy; and
- (j) failed to commit to releasing the "duty to consult" framework for Indigenous communities; and
- (k) failed to commit to supporting Urban Aboriginal Economic Development Zones; and
- (l) failed to commit to improving the outdated technology systems utilized in government departments; and
- (m) failed to commit to improving issues relating to supportive housing and personal care homes; and
- (n) failed to commit to reducing the cost of prescription drugs; and
- (o) failed to commit to the development and implementation of a provincial suicide strategy; and
- (p) failed to commit to implementing a mental health support task force for Manitoba communities following a suicide; and

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- (q) failed to commit to including the criminalization of mental illness in the justice system review; and
- (r) failed to commit to reducing the farmland school tax's impact on Manitoba farmers; and
- (s) failed to commit to the immediate construction of a dedicated stroke unit in Manitoba; and
- (t) failed to commit to not increasing the cost of the Provincial Nominee Program applications.

And the debate continuing on the sub-amendment,

And Messrs. Altemeyer, Lagassé and Saran, Hon. Mr. Pedersen, Mr. Selinger, Ms. Morley-Lecomte, Mr. Maloway and Hon. Ms. Clarke having spoken.

And Mr. KINEW speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 29, 2016.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER, Speaker.