

TO THE HONOURABLE THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA:

Your Standing Committee on SOCIAL & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT presents the following as its Fourth Report.

Meetings:

Your Committee met on the following occasions:

- Thursday, June 8, 2006 at 8:30 a.m.
- Thursday, June 8, 2006 at 12:00 p.m.
- Monday, June 12, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

All meetings were held in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration:

- **Bill (No. 25)** – The Consumer Protection Amendment Act (Payday Loans)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection du consommateur (prêts de dépannage)
- **Bill (No. 29)** – The Degree Granting Act/Loi sur l'attribution de grades
- **Bill (No. 32)** – The Real Property Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les biens reels
- **Bill (No. 33)** – The Northern Affairs Act/Loi sur les affaires du Nord
- **Bill (No. 34)** – The Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act/Loi sur les divulgations faites dans l'intérêt public (protection des divulgateurs d'actes répréhensibles)
- **Bill (No. 41)** – The Pharmaceutical Act/Loi sur les pharmacies

Committee Membership:

Committee Membership for the meeting on June 8, 2006 at 8:30 a.m.:

- Ms. BRICK (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. CALDWELL
- Mr. DERKACH
- Mr. GOERTZEN
- Mr. HAWRANIK
- Hon. Mr. LATHLIN
- Mr. MARTINDALE (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Hon. Ms. McGIFFORD
- Mr. REIMER
- Hon. Mr. RONDEAU
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER

Committee Membership for the meeting on June 8, 2006 at 12:00 p.m.:

- Ms. BRICK (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. DERKACH
- Mr. DEWAR
- Mr. GOERTZEN
- Mr. HAWRANIK
- Ms. IRVIN-ROSS
- Hon. Mr. LATHLIN
- Mr. MARTINDALE (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Hon. Ms. McGIFFORD
- Mr. REIMER
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER

Committee Membership for the meeting on June 12, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.:

- Ms. BRICK (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. CUMMINGS
- Mr. GOERTZEN
- Mr. HAWRANIK
- Ms. KORZENIOWSKI
- Hon. Mr. LATHLIN
- Mr. MARTINDALE (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Hon. Ms. McGIFFORD
- Hon. Mr. SALE
- Mr. SCHULER
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER

Substitutions received during committee proceedings for the meeting on June 12, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.:

- Mr. DEWAR for Ms. KORZENIOWSKI
- Mr. JENNISSEN for Hon. Mr. LATHLIN
- Mr. ALTEMEYER for Hon. Mr. SELINGER
- Mr. AGLUGUB for Hon. Ms. McGIFFORD

Public Presentations:

Your Committee heard five presentations on **Bill (No. 25)** – The Consumer Protection Amendment Act (Payday Loans)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection du consommateur (prêts de dépannage), from the following individuals and organizations:

Michael Thompson	President and CEO - Canadian Payday Loan Association
Gloria Desorcy	Manitoba Branch of the Consumers Association Canada
Catharine Johansson	Private Citizen
Mary Lou Bourgeois	Private Citizen
David Love	Private Citizen

Your Committee heard one presentation on **Bill (No. 29)** – The Degree Granting Act/Loi sur l'attribution de grades, from the following individual:

Catharine Johansson	Private Citizen
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Your Committee heard two presentations on **Bill (No. 32)** – The Real Property Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les biens réels, from the following organizations:

Louis Harper	Manitoba Keewatinookinwew Okimowin (MKO)
Carl Braun	Treaty Land Entitlement Committee of Manitoba Inc.

Your Committee heard one presentation on **Bill (No. 34)** – The Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act/Loi sur les divulgations faites dans l'intérêt public (protection des divulgateurs d'actes répréhensibles), from the following individuals and organizations:

Martin Boroditsky	Private Citizen
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Your Committee heard four presentations on **Bill (No. 41)** – The Pharmaceutical Act/Loi sur les pharmacies, from the following individuals and organizations:

Penny Murray	Manitoba Pharmaceutical Association
Scott Ransome	Manitoba Society of Pharmacists
Troy Harwood-Jones	Manitoba International Pharmacists Association
Dr. Sheryl Zelenitsky	Private Citizen

Written Submissions:

Your Committee received one written submission on **Bill (No. 34)** – The Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act/Loi sur les divulgations faites dans l'intérêt public (protection des divulgateurs d'actes répréhensibles), from the following individual:

Paul Thomas	Private Citizen
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Bills Considered and Reported:

Bill (No. 25) – The Consumer Protection Amendment Act (Payday Loans)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection du consommateur (prêts de dépannage)

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

THAT the proposed subsection 164(13), as set out in Clause 3 of the Bill, be replaced with the following:

Application of Public Utilities Board Act

164(13) Part I of *The Public Utilities Board Act* applies, with necessary changes, to the making of an order under this section as if the powers and duties of the board under this section were assigned to the board under that Part, except for the following provisions:

- (a) section 33 (power of board on complaints);
- (b) section 34 (power to appoint counsel) as it relates to the fees and expenses of the person appointed;
- (c) subsection 51(2) (time for service of order);

(d) section 52 (enforcement of order);

(e) section 56 (order as to costs) as it relates to the costs of an intervener;

(f) section 57 (fees).

Bill (No. 29) – The Degree Granting Act/Loi sur l'attribution de grades

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

Bill (No. 32) – The Real Property Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les biens réels

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

Bill (No. 33) – The Northern Affairs Act/Loi sur les affaires du Nord

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

THAT Clauses 181(1) and (2) of the Bill be replaced with the following:

Land acquired becomes Crown land

181(1) Land in northern Manitoba held by the government, including land acquired by the minister under section 180, is Crown land within the meaning of *The Crown Lands Act* and is vested in the Crown.

Dispositions: consultation and ministerial approval

181(2) Crown land in northern Manitoba may be disposed of as provided for in *The Crown Lands Act*, if

(a) in the case of a disposition of Crown land located in, or within eight kilometres of, a community, the minister has consulted the council of the community and approved the disposition; or

(b) in any other case, the minister has approved the disposition.

Bill (No. 34) – The Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act/Loi sur les divulgations faites dans l'intérêt public (protection des divulgateurs d'actes répréhensibles)

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

THAT Clause 30(3) be replaced with the following:

Ombudsman may investigate

30(3) Upon receiving information under this section, the ombudsman may investigate wrongdoing. In that event, Part 3 applies, other than subsection 21(3) (protection from reprisal).

Bill (No. 41) – The Pharmaceutical Act/Loi sur les pharmacies

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

THAT the definition "practitioner" in the English version of Clause 1(1) of the Bill be amended by striking out "and" at the end of clause (a) and substituting "or".

Submitted by,

Ms. Marilyn BRICK, Chairperson
June 12, 2006