



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 83**

**SECOND 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. 242).

Mr. DERKACH moved:

THAT Bill (No. 242) – The Electoral Divisions Amendment Act (Population Variances for Southern Rural Constituencies)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les circonscriptions électorales (écarts démographiques pour les circonscriptions rurales du Sud), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. DERKACH, Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK, Mrs. ROWAT, Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX, Messrs. EICHLER, MARTINDALE and FAURSCHOU having spoken,

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

Mr. BRIESE moved:

Resolution No. 27: State of Rural Health Care

WHEREAS rural health care has not been a priority of the Provincial Government; and

WHEREAS shortages of doctors, nurses, lab technologists, and other health care professionals have threatened the stability and accessibility of rural health care; and

WHEREAS there are currently 17 emergency rooms closed throughout rural Manitoba due to these shortages, with many more are operating on reduced hours, leaving tens of thousands of Manitobans without access to emergency care; and

WHEREAS Emergency Medical Services in various parts of the province have been suspended due to ongoing shortages of personnel; and

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WHEREAS a lack of access to emergency care threatens the safety and health of rural Manitobans; and

WHEREAS rural Manitobans face wait times of many weeks, months and even years for diagnostic tests, appointments with specialists, and surgeries; and

WHEREAS these wait times are detrimental to rural Manitobans' quality of life; and

WHEREAS nursing shortages have forced personal care homes throughout rural Manitoba to stop admitting patients, even though there are beds available; and

WHEREAS this has forced seniors to move away from their communities and created significant hardship for these Manitobans and their families; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has failed to significantly increase the number of nurse practitioner positions in rural communities and thus failed to make good use of Manitoba's health care resources; and

WHEREAS certain health care services are not available throughout rural Manitoba, including midwifery, which is only available in seven of the eleven rural Regional Health Authorities; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government's health care record, particularly in rural communities, has been a profound disappointment to Manitobans.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba condemn the Minister of Health for this failure to resolve the very serious problems facing health care in Manitoba.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. BRIESE, Hon. Ms. OSWALD, Mrs. DRIEDGER, Hon. Mr. BJORNSON and Mr. MAGUIRE having spoken,

And Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF 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 request the Minister of Health to strongly consider giving priority for funding to develop and staff a new 100 bed long-term-care facility so that clients are not exposed to unsafe conditions and so that Boundary Trails Health Centre beds remain available for acute care patients instead of waiting placement clients. (P. Fehr, A. Peters, M. Falk and others)

Mrs. ROWAT – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to consider hard surfacing of the unpaved portion of PR 340, south of Canadian Forces Base Shilo, towards Wawanesa. (R. Seafoot, D. McLean, L. Paulson and others)

Mr. BOROTSIK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Education Citizenship and Youth to consider removing education funding by school tax or education levies from all property in Manitoba and to consider finding a more equitable method of funding education such as general revenue following the Constitutional funding of education by the Province of Manitoba. (R. Cameron, A. Myskiw, B. Beck and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Premier to consider taking whatever action possible to keep both the Air Canada flight attendant base and the Air Canada pilot base here in Winnipeg. (S. Phillips, M. Phillips, J. Easton and others)

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Health to consider the feasibility of a joint health centre, including an emergency room, to service Neepawa, Minnedosa and the surrounding area and to consider sustaining health care services in this area by working with local physicians and the Assiniboine Regional Health Authority on this initiative. (B. Ehr, B. Syryk, T. Stanick and others)

Mr. MAGUIRE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Health to consider creating a health care environment in which doctors want to work and build their careers in Manitoba and to consider making it a priority to recruit doctors to southwestern Manitoba so emergency rooms do not have to be closed when they are needed most. (R. Didluck, K. Gardner, G. Smith and others)

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

### **Meetings**

Your Committee met on the following occasions:

- May 7, 2008
- May 14, 2008
- September 23, 2008
- October 8, 2008

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

### **Matters under Consideration**

- Auditor General's Report – Review of the Workers Compensation Board dated January 2006
- Auditor General's Report – Audit of the Public Accounts for the year ending March 31, 2007
- Public Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2007 (Volume 1)
- Public Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2007 (Volume 2)
- Public Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2007 (Volume 3)
- Public Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2007 (Volume 4)

### Committee Membership

Committee Membership for the May 7, 2008 meeting:

- Mr. BOROTSIK
- Ms. BRAUN
- Mr. DERKACH (*Chairperson*)
- Ms. HOWARD
- Mr. JHA
- Mr. LAMOUREUX
- Mr. MAGUIRE
- Mr. MALOWAY (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. MARTINDALE
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER
- Mrs. STEFANSON

Committee Membership for the May 14, 2008 meeting:

- Mr. BOROTSIK
- Ms. BRAUN
- Mr. DERKACH (*Chairperson*)
- Ms. HOWARD
- Mr. JHA
- Mr. LAMOUREUX
- Mr. MAGUIRE
- Mr. MALOWAY (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. MARTINDALE
- Mr. PEDERSEN
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER

Committee membership for the September 23, 2008 meeting:

- Mr. BOROTSIK
- Ms. BRAUN
- Mr. DERKACH (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. DEWAR
- Ms. HOWARD
- Mr. LAMOUREUX
- Ms. MARCELINO
- Mr. MARTINDALE
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER
- Mrs. STEFANSON
- Mrs. TAILLIEU

Your Committee elected Ms. HOWARD as the Vice-Chairperson at the September 23, 2008 meeting.

Committee Membership for the October 8, 2008 meeting:

- Mr. BOROTSIK
- Ms. BRAUN
- Mr. DERKACH (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. DEWAR
- Ms. HOWARD (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. LAMOUREUX
- Mr. MAGUIRE
- Ms. MARCELINO
- Mr. MARTINDALE
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER
- Mrs. TAILLIEU

### **Officials Speaking on Record**

Officials speaking on the record at the May 7, 2008 meeting:

- Carol Bellringer, Auditor General
- Diane Gray, Deputy Minister of Finance

Officials speaking on the record at the May 14, 2008 meeting:

- Carol Bellringer, Auditor General

Officials speaking on record at the September 23, 2008 meeting:

- Hon. Ms. ALLAN
- Mr. Jeff Parr, Deputy Minister of Labour and Immigration
- Mr. Doug Sexsmith, President and CEO Workers Compensation Board

Officials speaking on record at the October 8, 2008 meeting:

- Hon. Ms. ALLAN
- Mr. Doug Sexsmith, President and CEO Workers Compensation Board
- Diane Gray, Deputy Minister of Finance

### **Reports Considered and Passed**

Your Committee considered and passed the following reports as presented:

- Auditor General's Report – Review of the Workers Compensation Board dated January 2006
- Public Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2007 (Volume 1)
- Public Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2007 (Volume 2)
- Public Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2007 (Volume 3)
- Public Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2007 (Volume 4)

**Report Considered but not Passed**

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

- Auditor General's Report – Audit of the Public Accounts for the year ending March 31, 2007

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

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Hon. Mr. BJORNSON presented:

Annual Report of the Department of Education, Citizenship and Youth for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008.

(Sessional Paper No. 135)

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Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK presented:

Annual Report of the Victim Services Complaints for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008.

(Sessional Paper No. 136)

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Hon. Ms. MELNICK presented:

Annual Report of the Department of Water Stewardship for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008.

(Sessional Paper No. 137)

Annual Report of The Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008.

(Sessional Paper No. 138)

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Hon. Ms. MCGIFFORD presented:

Annual Report of the Department of Advanced Education and Literacy for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008.

(Sessional Paper No. 139)

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Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS presented:

Annual Report of the Manitoba Round Table for Sustainable Development for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008.

(Sessional Paper No. 140)

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Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS for Hon. Mr. ASHTON presented:

Annual Report of The Public Utilities Board for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008.  
(Sessional Paper No. 141)

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During Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker interjected and requested that the words "the great hypocrite" spoken by the Honourable First Minister be withdrawn.

WHEREUPON Hon. Mr. DOER withdrew his remarks.

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Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. JHA and BRIESE, Ms. BLADY, Mrs. ROWAT and Ms. HOWARD made Members' Statements.

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The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK:

THAT Bill (No. 38) – The Balanced Budget, Fiscal Management and Taxpayer Accountability Act/Loi sur l'équilibre budgétaire, la gestion financière et l'obligation de rendre compte aux contribuables, as amended and reported from the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs, be concurred in and be now read a Third Time and passed.

And the debate continuing,

And leave having been denied to have the matter remain in the name of Mr. HAWRANIK,

And Mr. BOROTSIK, Hon. Mr. SELINGER and Mr. MCFADYEN having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to, on the following division:

**YEA**

ALLAN	MARCELINO
ALTEMEYER	MARTINDALE
ASHTON	MCGIFFORD
BLADY	MELNICK
BJORNSON	NEVAKSHONOFF
BRAUN	OSWALD
BRICK	REID
CHOMIAK	ROBINSON
DEWAR	RONDEAU
DOER	SARAN
HOWARD	SELBY
IRVIN-ROSS	SELINGER
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DRIEDGER	MITCHELSON
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The Bill was accordingly concurred in, read a Third Time and passed.

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His Honour, John HARVARD, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Manitoba, having entered the House at 3:51 p.m., and being seated on the Throne:

Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour in the following words:

Your Honour:

At this sitting, the Legislative Assembly has passed certain Bills that I ask Your Honour to give assent to.

(No. 17) – The Environment Amendment Act (Permanent Ban on Building or Expanding Hog Facilities)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'environnement (interdiction permanente visant la construction ou l'agrandissement d'installations réservées aux porcs)

(No. 31) – The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'accès à l'information et la protection de la vie privée

(No. 32) – The Personal Health Information Amendment Act (2)/Loi n° 2 modifiant la Loi sur les renseignements médicaux personnels

(No. 35) – The Statutes Correction and Minor Amendments Act, 2008/Loi corrective de 2008

(No. 37) – The Lobbyists Registration Act and Amendments to The Elections Act, The Elections Finances Act, The Legislative Assembly Act and The Legislative Assembly Management Commission Act/Loi sur l'inscription des lobbyistes et modifiant la Loi électorale, la Loi sur le financement des campagnes électorales, la Loi sur l'Assemblée législative et la Loi sur la Commission de régie de l'Assemblée législative



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(No. 38) – The Balanced Budget, Fiscal Management and Taxpayer Accountability Act/Loi sur l'équilibre budgétaire, la gestion financière et l'obligation de rendre compte aux contribuables

(No. 47) – The CentrePort Canada Act/Loi sur la Société CentrePort Canada

(No. 232) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Anaphylaxis Policies)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (politiques sur l'anaphylaxie)

(No. 300) – The Royal Lake of the Woods Yacht Club Incorporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi constituant en corporation « The Royal Lake of the Woods Yacht Club »

To these Bills the Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly as follows:

"In Her Majesty's name, His Honour assents to these Bills."

At 3:55 p.m., His Honour was then pleased to retire.

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The House then adjourned at 3:58 p.m., Thursday, October 9, 2008.

Hon. George HICKES,  
Speaker.