



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 66**

**THIRD SESSION, FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE**

**PRAYER**

**10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.**

The House resumed the Debate on the Proposed Resolution of Ms. MAYER:

Resolution No. 16: Celebrating National Indigenous Peoples Day.

WHEREAS First Nations, Inuit and Métis are Canada's Indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples are founding partners in the creation of Manitoba; and

WHEREAS June 21<sup>st</sup> is National Indigenous Peoples Day; and

WHEREAS National Indigenous Peoples Day recognizes and celebrates the many contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples to Canada; and

WHEREAS this Provincial Government recognizes that Indigenous knowledge, art and culture helped to shape the province of Manitoba; and

WHEREAS this Provincial Government recognizes the need to continue working towards reconciliation with First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples; and

WHEREAS this Provincial Government is committed to cultivating a relationship of mutual respect and reconciliation with First Nations, Inuit and Métis people.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba recognize National Indigenous Day by celebrating the many contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples and by reaffirming the commitment to reconciliation with First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities across Manitoba.

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) and Messrs. SWAN, ISLEIFSON, ALTEMEYER and LINDSEY having spoken,

And Mr. ALLUM speaking at 12:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

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

**Meetings:**

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

- December 19, 2017 (*3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Legislature*)
- June 18, 2018 (*3<sup>rd</sup> Session, 41<sup>st</sup> Legislature*)

**Matters under Consideration**

- Auditor General's Report – Annual Report to the Legislature – dated March 2014
  - Chapter 3 – Government Deficits and Debt
- Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Previously Issued Recommendations – dated May 2015
  - Section 13 – Information Technology Security Management Practices
- Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Recommendations – dated May 2016
  - Information Technology Security Management Practices
- Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Recommendations – dated March 2017
  - Information Technology Security Management Practices
- Public Accounts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017 (Volumes 1, 2, and 3)
- Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Recommendations – dated March 2018
  - *Accounts and Financial Statements*

**Committee Membership**

Committee Membership for the December 19, 2017 meeting:

- Mr. BINDLE
- Mr. HELWER (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. JOHNSTON
- Ms. KLASSEN
- Mr. MALOWAY
- Mr. MARCELINO
- Mrs. MAYER
- Mr. MICHALESKI
- Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE
- Mr. WIEBE (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. YAKIMOSKI

Committee Membership for the June 18, 2018 meeting:

- Mr. BINDLE
- Mr. HELWER (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. JOHNSTON
- Ms. KLASSEN
- Mr. LINDSEY

- Mr. MALOWAY
- Mrs. MAYER
- Mr. MICHALESKI
- Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE
- Mr. WIEBE (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. YAKIMOSKI

Substitutions received prior to committee proceedings on June 18, 2018:

- Mr. LINDSEY for Mr. MARCELINO

#### **Non-Committee Members Speaking on Record**

Non-Committee Members speaking on the record at the December 19, 2017 meeting:

- Hon. Mr. FLETCHER

Non-Committee Members speaking on the record at the June 18, 2018 meeting:

- Mr. ALLUM

#### **Officials Speaking on Record at the December 19, 2017 meeting:**

- Mr. Norm Ricard, Auditor General of Manitoba
- Hon. Mr. FRIESEN, Minister of Finance
- Mr. Jim Hrichishen, Deputy Minister of Finance

#### **Officials Speaking on Record at the June 18, 2018 meeting:**

- Mr. Norm Ricard, Auditor General of Manitoba
- Hon. Mr. FRIESEN, Minister of Finance
- Mr. Jim Hrichishen, Deputy Minister of Finance
- Mr. Scott Sinclair, Associate Deputy Minister of Finance

#### **Agreements:**

Your Committee agreed to conclude consideration of *Chapter 3 – Government Deficits and Debt* of the Auditor General’s Report – Annual Report to the Legislature – dated March 2014.

Your Committee agreed to conclude consideration of *Section 13 – Information Technology Security Management Practices* of the Auditor General’s Report – Follow-up of Previously Issued Recommendations – dated May 2015.

Your Committee agreed to conclude consideration of *Information Technology Security Management Practices* of the Auditor General’s Report – Follow-up of Recommendations – dated May 2016.

Your Committee agreed to conclude consideration of *Information Technology Security Management Practices* of the Auditor General’s Report – Follow-up of Recommendations – dated March 2017.

Your Committee agreed to conclude consideration of *Accounts and Financial Statements* of the Auditor General’s Report – Follow-Up of Recommendations – dated March 2018.

**Reports Considered and Adopted:**

Your Committee has considered the following reports and has adopted the same as presented:

- Public Accounts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017 (Volumes 1, 2, and 3)

**Reports Considered but not Passed:**

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

- Auditor General's Report – Annual Report to the Legislature – dated March 2014 (*Chapter 3 – Government Deficits and Debt – concluded consideration of*)
- Auditor General's Report – Follow-up of Previously Issued Recommendations – dated May 2015 (*Section 13 – Information Technology Security Management Practices – concluded consideration of*)
- Auditor General's Report – Follow-up of Recommendations – dated May 2016 (*Information Technology Security Management Practices – concluded consideration of*)
- Auditor General's Report – Follow-up of Recommendations – dated March 2017 (*Information Technology Security Management Practices – concluded consideration of*)
- Auditor General's Report – Follow-Up of Recommendations – dated March 2018 (*Accounts and Financial Statements – concluded consideration of*)

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

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Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Hon. Ms. CLARKE, Messrs. WIEBE and SMITH (Southdale) and Hon. Messrs. GERRARD and PEDERSEN made Members' Statements.

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The following petitions were presented and read:

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to immediately begin implementation of plans to convert systems and forms to be more inclusive of Two-Spirit and other non-binary individuals, whether it be to include a third gender option, or no requirement for gender on forms, unless medically or statistically necessary, including health cards, and birth certificates; to immediately instruct the Manitoba Public Insurance corporation to offer a third gender option, or no gender requirement for licenses or any other form of provincial identification; to instruct Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living to offer the option of Manitoba Health Cards with no gender in order to reduce the anxieties of transgender and non-binary persons accessing the healthcare system as a first step; and to consider revisiting legislation that may need updating to meet the needs of its citizens in this regard. (N. Finkelstein, S. Jamault, B. Jamault and others)

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to take the necessary steps to ensure that the Vimy Arena site is not used for an addiction treatment facility and to take the necessary steps to ensure the preservation of public land along Sturgeon Creek for the purposes of park land and recreational activities for public use (including being an important component of the Sturgeon Creek Greenway Trail and the Sturgeon Creek ecosystem) under the current designation of PR2 for the 255 Hamilton Avenue location at the Vimy Arena site, and to maintain the land to continue to be designated for Parks and Recreation Active Neighbourhood/Community.

Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reverse the decision to close Seven Oaks General Hospital’s emergency room so that families and seniors in north Winnipeg and the surrounding areas have timely access to quality health care services. (F. Tabuyo, J. Dizon, B. Abello and others)

Mr. ALLUM – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to immediately reverse these cuts and invest in rural health care in order to ensure that rural families and seniors have access to quality and timely health and emergency care services.

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Prior to Grievances, Mr. KINEW rose on a Matter of Urgent Public Importance and moved:

THAT in accordance with Rule 38(1), the ordinary business of the house be set aside to discuss a Matter of Urgent Public Importance, namely the urgent issue of the cruel and inhumane policy of the US administration to separate migrant children from their parents when entering the United States to claim asylum and the importance of condemning this inhumane practice on the part of the US administration.

And Mr. KINEW and Hon. Messrs. WISHART and GERRARD (by leave) having spoken to the urgency of the motion,

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker ruled as follows:

I thank Honourable Members for their advice to the Chair on whether the motion proposed by the Honourable Member for Fort Rouge should be debated today.

I would advise that proper notice of this matter, as required by Rule 38(1), was provided in a timely fashion, and I thank the Member for Fort Rouge for that.

I do not doubt that this matter is one that is of serious concern to Members of this House, as the question of asylum migrant children entering the United States of America is an important global issue, however I have some concerns.

First, I would note that there are other avenues for Members to raise this issue, including questions in Question Period, or raising the item under Members' Statements or as a Grievance.

Second, on page 699 of the Third Edition of *House of Commons Procedure and Practice*, Bosc and Gagnon note that when the Speaker is determining whether or not a matter should be brought before the House for urgent consideration, certain criteria must be weighed.

Specifically:

”The Speaker determines whether the matter is related to a genuine emergency and could not be brought before the House within a reasonable time by other means... To do this, consideration is given to the importance and specificity of the issue and the degree to which the matter falls within the administrative responsibilities of the government or could come within the scope of ministerial action.”

This sentiment is supported by rulings from several Manitoba Speakers, including Speaker Rocan and Speaker Phillips.

**Tuesday, June 19, 2018**

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While this is certainly an important global issue, I would rule that it does not fall within the administrative responsibilities of the Manitoba Provincial Government, and accordingly the motion is out of order as a Matter of Urgent Public Importance.

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During the discussion on the Matter of Urgent Public Importance, Mr. KINEW rose on a point of order suggesting that the Minister of Education and Training was not speaking to the urgency of the motion.

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker ruled that there was a point of order.

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The House resolving into Committee of Supply.

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Mr. PIWNIUK, Chairperson of the Committee of Supply, presented the Report of the Proceedings of the Committee of June 19, 2018 as follows:

**IN THE COMMITTEE**

The following Resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED that a sum not exceeding \$10,444,404,000 being 75% of the total amount to be voted as set forth in Part A (Operating Expenditure) of the Estimates, be granted to Her Majesty for the Fiscal Year ending the 31st day of March, 2019.

RESOLVED that a sum not exceeding \$593,438,000 being 90% of the total amount to be voted as set out in Part B (Capital Investment) of the Estimates, be granted to Her Majesty for the Fiscal Year ending the 31st day of March, 2019.

Resolutions were reported and the Report was received.

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Hon. Mr. FRIESEN moved:

THAT there be granted to Her Majesty on account of Certain Expenditures of the Public Service for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2019 out of the Consolidated Fund, the sums of \$10,444,404,000 being 75% of the total amount to be voted as set out in Part A (Operating Expenditure) and \$593,438,000 being 90% of the total amount to be voted as set out in Part B (Capital Investment) of the estimates, laid before the House at the present Session of the Legislature.

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

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On motion of Hon. Mr. FRIESEN, (No. 33) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2018 (2)/Loi n° 2 de 2018 portant affectation anticipée de crédits, was read a First Time and ordered for Second Reading immediately.

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 33) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2018 (2)/Loi n° 2 de 2018 portant affectation anticipée de crédits, be now read a Second Time, and be referred to Committee of the Whole.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. FRIESEN having spoken,

And Mr. WIEBE, Hon. Messrs. GERRARD and FLETCHER and Messrs. SWAN and LINDSEY having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. WIEBE and Hon. Messrs. FLETCHER and GERRARD having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to Committee of the Whole.

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The House resolving into Committee of the Whole.

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Bill (No. 33) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2018 (2)/Loi n° 2 de 2018 portant affectation anticipée de crédits was considered in Committee of the Whole and reported without amendment.

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Hon. Mr. FRIESEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 33) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2018 (2)/Loi n° 2 de 2018 portant affectation anticipée de crédits, reported from Committee of the Whole, be concurred in and be now read for a Third Time and passed.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. FRIESEN having spoken,

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

**YEA**

BINDLE  
CLARKE  
COX  
CULLEN  
CURRY  
EWASKO  
FIELDING  
FLETCHER  
FRIESEN  
GOERTZEN  
GRAYDON  
GUILLEMARD  
HELWER  
ISLEIFSON  
JOHNSON  
JOHNSTON  
LAGASSÉ  
LAGIMODIERE

MARTIN  
MAYER  
MICHALESKI  
MICKLEFIELD  
MORLEY-LECOMTE  
NESBITT  
PALLISTER  
PEDERSEN  
PIWNIUK  
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The House then adjourned at 5:10 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, 2018.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,  
Speaker.