

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

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FIRST SESSION, FORTIETH LEGISLATURE

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Hon. Ms. SELBY -

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(No. 205) – The Municipal Amendment and City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment Act (Defamation Protection)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les municipalités et la Charte de la ville de Winnipeg (protection contre les accusations de diffamation)

Mr. EICHLER -

(No. 206) – The Drivers and Vehicles Amendment Act (Licence Plates for Volunteer Firefighters)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les conducteurs et les véhicules (plaques d'immatriculation pour pompiers volontaires)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Hon. Ms. MELNICK - Federal Centralization of Settlement Services

WHEREAS in 1995, the Provincial Government took advantage of the Government of Canada's offer to develop devolved immigration settlement services agreements; and

WHEREAS in 1998, the Governments of Canada and Manitoba signed the Canada-Manitoba Immigration Agreement with two critical components, a Settlement Annex and a Provincial Nominee Program Annex; and

WHEREAS Manitoba's business and community leaders were key architects of the Manitoba immigration model and continue to be strong supporters of this successful approach today; and

WHEREAS Manitoba's successful Provincial Nominee Program accounts for 77% of all immigration to Manitoba; and

WHEREAS preliminary figures show that this program played a key role in bringing nearly 16,000 immigrants to Manitoba in 2011; and

WHEREAS since 1999, under the Provincial Nominee Program, over 100,000 new immigrants have settled in Manitoba with more than 25,000 choosing to settle in rural Manitoba contributing to over 130 communities including Brandon, Winkler, Morden, Steinbach, Dauphin and Neepawa; and

WHEREAS the settlement services component of the Canada-Manitoba Immigration Agreement has ensured an effective, integrated Manitoba model of settlement service delivery that is key to ensuring immigrants have the supports they need to be contributing members of Manitoba's economy; and

WHEREAS this important agreement enables the Provincial Government to work directly with over 200 not-for-profit and institutional service providers to ensure immigrants have arrival orientation, labour market supports, adult language training, and integration services; and

WHEREAS an independent evaluation of participants in Manitoba's Provincial Nominee Program showed 85% of respondents were working after three months, and 83% of respondents were working in their fields or a related field; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has announced it is cancelling the Settlement Annex of the Canada-Manitoba Immigration Agreement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba call on the Government of Canada to immediately reverse its decision to cancel the Settlement Annex of the Canada-Manitoba Immigration Agreement with the Provincial Government in order to maintain the successful Manitoba immigration model.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

The Standing Committee on CROWN CORPORATIONS will meet in Room 255, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the following reports:

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation for the fiscal year ending February 29, 2008
- Annual Report of the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation for the fiscal year ending February 28, 2009
- Annual Report of the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation for the fiscal year ending February 28, 2010
- Annual Report of the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation for the fiscal year ending February 28, 2011

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The Standing Committee on CROWN CORPORATIONS will meet in Room 255, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba on Monday, April 23, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the following reports:

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Lotteries Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010
- Annual Report of the Manitoba Lotteries Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011