

TO THE HONOURABLE THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA:

Your Standing Committee on PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS presents the following as its First Report.

Your Committee met on Thursday, August 3, 2000 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building to consider Bills referred.

At that meeting, your Committee elected Mr. SCHELLENBERG as Vice-Chairperson.

Your Committee heard representation on Bills as follows:

Bill (No. 4) - The Elections Finances Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le financement des campagnes électorales

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| David Goldstein, Bryan Stone & Bill Hansen | Canadian Association of Broadcasters and Broadcasters Association of Manitoba |
| Clint Szakacs & Bob Mummery | Manitoba Community Newspapers Association |
| Paul Nielson | Private Citizen |
| John Doyle | Manitoba Federation of Labour |
| Ken Mandziuk | Manitoba Association for Rights and Liberties |
| Dan Overall | Manitoba Chamber of Commerce |
| Paul Moist | Canadian Union of Public Employees, Manitoba Division |
| Victor Vrsnik | Canadian Taxpayers Federation |
| Brian Hanslip | President, Manitoba Party |

Written Submissions:

Bill (No. 4) - The Elections Finances Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le financement des campagnes électorales

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| Aaron Freeman | Democracy Watch |
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Bill (No. 17) – The Elections Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi électorale

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| Rob Hilliard | President, Manitoba Federation of Labour |
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Your Committee has considered:

Bill (No. 17) – The Elections Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi électorale

and has agreed to report the same with the following amendments:

MOTION:

THAT section 11 of the Bill be amended by adding "to their employer not less than five days before the requested leave is to take effect" at the end of the proposed subsection 24.2(2).

MOTION:

THAT section 11 of the Bill be amended by adding the following after the proposed subsection 24.2(2):

Notice of employer=s right to request exemption

24.2(2.1) A request for leave from an employee must contain a statement that the employer has the right to apply to the Manitoba Labour Board for an exemption to the requirement to grant leave within three days of receiving the request.

Timing of request for leave

24.2(2.2) A request for leave may be made in advance of a writ of election being issued provided that an employee meets one of the criteria contained in subsection (1).

MOTION:

THAT section 11 of the Bill be amended by adding "within three days after receiving a request for leave from an employee under subsection 24.2(2)" at the end of the proposed subsection 24.3(2).

MOTION:

THAT section 16 of the Bill be amended as follows:

(a) in subsection (1), by striking out "five days, from the Tuesday" in the proposed subsection 65(4) and substituting "six days, from the Monday";

(b) in subsection (2), by striking out "five" and substituting "six".

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Mr. Conrad SANTOS, Chairperson