TO THE HONOURABLE THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA:

Your Standing Committee on LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS presents the following as its Third Report.

Meetings:

Your Main Committee met on the following occasions:

- Thursday, December 2, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 254 of the Legislative Building
- Tuesday, December 21, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building
- Tuesday, March 22, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building (in camera)

Your Sub-Committee met on the following occasions. All meetings took place in Room 1023 - 405 Broadway:

- Thursday, January 6, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.
- Monday, January 31, 2005 at 1:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at 1:00 p.m.
- Thursday, March 3, 2005 at 9:51 a.m.
- Friday, March 4, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.
- Monday, March 7, 2005 at 9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, March 8, 2005 at 9:30 a.m.
- Friday, March 11, 2005 at 1:30 p.m.

Matters Under Consideration:

• Recruitment and Selection of the Children's Advocate

Motions Adopted and Reported:

Motion adopted at the December 21, 2004 meeting (motion was reported in the 2nd Report of this Standing Committee)

THAT a Sub-Committee of the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs consisting of: Kerri Irvin-Ross Greg Dewar Kevin Lamoureux Kelvin Goertzen Daryl Reid, as Chairperson

be struck to establish the selection criteria, the advertisement, conduct the screening and interviews and provide to this Committee their recommendation of the appointment of the individuals to fill the positions of the Ombudsman and of the Children's Advocate.

Sub-Committee Report

At the March 22, 2005 meeting, the Sub-Committee reported that it had met in camera on Thursday, January 6, 2005 at 10:00 a.m., Monday, January 31, 2005 at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, March 3, 2005 at 9:51 a.m., Friday, March 4, 2005 at 9:00 a.m., Monday, March 7, 2005 at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 8, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. and Friday, March 11, 2005 at 1:30 p.m.

The Sub-Committee reported that thirty-three applications were received for the position of the Children's Advocate, and from these applications, interviews were held with seven (7) candidates. Interviews were held on March 4, 7 and 8. Following from these interviews, on March 11, the Sub-Committee agreed to recommend to the Standing Committee of Legislative Affairs that Billie Schibler be the nominee for the position of the Children's Advocate in Manitoba.

Items agreed to at the March 22, 2005 Meeting

Your Committee has unanimously agreed to make its report to the Lieutenant Governor in Council with the recommendation that Billie Schibler be appointed as the Children's Advocate for the Province of Manitoba.

Submitted by,

Daryl REID Chairperson

March 22, 2005