



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 38

FIRST SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O’CLOCK A.M.

The following Bills were read a First Time and had their purposes outlined:

(No. 29) – The Body Armour and Fortified Vehicle Control Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le contrôle des gilets de protection balistique et des véhicules blindés

(Hon. Mr. WIEBE)

(No. 30) – The Unexplained Wealth Act (Criminal Property Forfeiture Act and Corporations Act Amended)/Loi sur les richesses inexplicées (modification de la Loi sur la confiscation de biens obtenus ou utilisés criminellement et de la Loi sur les corporations)

(Hon. Mr. WIEBE)

MLA SANDHU, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs, presented its Third Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings:

Your Committee met on April 4, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration:

- Report and Recommendations of the Judicial Compensation Committee dated November 21, 2023

Committee Membership:

- Mr. BALCAEN
- Mr. GOERTZEN
- MLA MALOWAY
- MLA SANDHU
- Mrs. SCHOTT
- Hon. Mr. WIEBE

Your Committee elected MLA SANDHU as the Chairperson

Your Committee elected Mrs. SCHOTT as the Vice-Chairperson

Substitutions received during Committee proceedings:

- MLA MOROZ for MLA MALOWAY

Public Presentations:

By leave, your Committee heard one presentation on the Report and Recommendations of the Judicial Compensation Committee dated November 21, 2023 from:

Kristen Worbanski

Provincial Judges Association of Manitoba

Motions:

Your Committee agreed to the following motion:

- *THAT the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs: accept the recommendations in Schedule A; and recommend the same to the Legislative Assembly.*

SCHEDULE A
Recommendations of the Judicial Compensation Committee
accepted by the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs

1. That the annual salaries for puisne Judges of the Provincial Court of Manitoba are:
 - a. April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024 is \$327,000;
 - b. April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025 – a cumulative adjustment equal to the annual percentage change in the average weekly earnings for Manitoba on April 1, 2024;
 - c. April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 – a cumulative adjustment equal to the annual percentage change in the average weekly earnings for Manitoba on April 1, 2025.

The percentage change in the average weekly earnings shall be calculated based on the percentage change over the preceding calendar year.

This recommendation should apply to all who were judges as of April 1, 2023, including those who retire or otherwise leave the Bench prior to implementation.

2. That the salary differentials for the Chief Judge and the Associate Chief Judges remain in place as of April 1, 2023. This will mean a salary of \$353,160 for the Chief Judge and \$343,350 for the Associate Chief Judges for the 2023 fiscal year.

This recommendation shall apply to all judges who were either a Chief Judge or an Associate Chief Judge as of April 1, 2023, including those who retire or otherwise leave the bench prior to implementation.

3. Simple interest shall be paid from April 1, 2023 to the date of retroactive payment of salary increase(s) including the differentials for the administrative judges and related per diems for senior judges, in accordance with the relevant pre-judgment and post-judgment interest rates as set out in *The Court of King's Bench Act*;
4. Pre-judgment interest shall be payable from April 1, 2023 to the date the recommendations are implemented (whether by vote of the Legislature or by virtue of s. 11.1 (29) of the Act), and post-judgment interest should be payable from that date to the date that judges are paid the resulting retroactive adjustments.
5. Interest shall be paid within 60 days of the date that judges are paid the resulting retroactive adjustments.
6. The Province shall pay 75% of the Association's reasonable legal costs to a maximum aggregate of \$55,000.
7. The Province shall pay 100% of the Association's disbursements, including the costs of experts to a maximum of \$30,000.

Report Considered and Concluded:

Your Committee has completed consideration of the Report and Recommendations of the Judicial Compensation Committee dated November 21, 2023.

On motion of MLA SANDHU, the Report of the Committee was received.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), MLA MOYES, Mr. JACKSON, MLA PANKRATZ, Mrs. STONE and Hon. Min. SCHMIDT made Member's statements.

The House resumed debate on the proposed motion of Hon. Min. SALA:

THAT this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government.

And the proposed amendment moved by Mr. EWASKO as follows:

THAT the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "House" and substituting:

regrets that this budget neglects the priorities of Manitobans by:

- a) introducing measures that were not raised during the recent election campaign just six months ago; and
- b) dividing Manitobans into winners and losers through taxation, thereby creating two Manitobas; and

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- c) neglecting critical areas of investment such as economic growth; urgent medical capacity; the construction of new educational and childcare infrastructure as well as roads, highways, bridges, waterways, and other critical infrastructure; environmental conservation and protection; and public safety; and
- d) inadequately addressing the current cost-of-living crisis, the rising provincial debt load, and effect of increased interest costs; and
- e) not fully accounting for all of the costs of government decision-making and spending since October 3, 2023; and
- f) violating the trust that Manitobans have placed in this new Provincial Government for all of the above reasons

As a consequence, the Provincial Government has thereby lost the confidence of this House and the people of Manitoba.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Mr. OXENHAM, Mrs. STONE, Hon. Min. SCHMIDT, MLA BEREZA and Hon. Mr. SIMARD having spoken,

And Mr. JOHNSON speaking at 12:30 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

The House then adjourned at 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 8, 2024.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.