

TO THE HONOURABLE THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA:

Your Standing Committee on INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS presents the following as its First Report.

Meetings:

Your Committee met on Wednesday, May 22, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters Under Consideration:

- **Bill (No. 5)** – The Workers Compensation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les accidents du travail

Membership Resignations / Elections:

Substitutions received prior to commencement of meeting:

- Hon. Mr. ASHTON for Hon. Ms. MIHYCHUK;
- Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF for Ms. CERILLI;
- Mr. LAURENDEAU for Mr. SCHULER;
- Mr. DERKACH for Mrs. STEFANSON;
- Mr. GILLESHAMMER for Mr. LOEWEN.

Public Presentations:

Your Committee heard 4 presentations on Bill (No. 5) - The Workers Compensation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les accidents du travail, from the following individuals and/or organizations:

Janet Sabourin	Private Citizen
Alex Forrest	President, United Firefighters of Winnipeg and International Association of Firefighters Representative
Nancy Klassen	Private Citizen
Gerry Schedler	Private Citizen

Bills Considered and Reported:

Bill (No. 5) - The Workers Compensation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les accidents du travail

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill with the following amendments:

THAT the proposed subsection 4(5.4), as set out in section 2 of the Bill, be amended by striking out “the day that subsection comes into force” and substituting “January 1, 1992”.

THAT section 2 of the Bill be amended by adding the following after the proposed subsection 4(5.4):

Research on part-time firefighters

4(5.5) The board must

- (a) conduct research to determine if the injuries referred to in subsection (5.1) are occupational diseases, the dominant cause of which is the employment as a casual or part-time member of a municipal fire brigade; and
- (b) prepare a report on the status of the research and submit it to the minister no later than three years after the coming into force of this subsection, and the minister shall lay a copy of the report before the Assembly within 15 days after receiving it if the Assembly is sitting or, if it is not, within 15 days after the beginning of the next sitting.

Submitted by:

Mr. Daryl Reid, Chairperson

May 22, 2002