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MYRNA PHILLIPS, MLA for Wolseley, to be nominated as Speaker.



Myrna Phillips was born in Roland, Manitoba. She lived in Brandon and Thompson, before moving back to Winnipeg in 1975.

She has worked for Great West Life; as a telephone operator at Manitoba Telephone System; and as a salesperson. When living in Thompson, she helped women win the right to work for INCO.

Ms. Phillips worked for the provincial government from 1974 to 1981, first organizing adult education classes in 10 communities in Northern Manitoba, then as a staffing officer with the Civil Service Commission and finally, spent five years as a program officer with the Women's Bureau, Manitoba Department of Labor.

She is the past president of the Park Community Centre in Brandon and past president of The Place for Kids Daycare in Wolseley. She also has been actively involved in the Wolseley Residents' Association.

She was a member of the executive of Local 707 of the Manitoba Government Employees Association, and of its Equal Rights and Opportunities Committee. She was also a resource person to the Manitoba Federation of Labor (Equal Rights and Opportunities Committee).

Ms. Phillips was elected as a Member of the Legislature for Wolseley in 1981. She spent two years as Legislative Assistant to the Minister of Community Services and Corrections with responsibility for development and introduction of the Community Child Day Care Standards Act and Regulations. She has been chairperson of the Government Caucus; Legislative Assistant to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology, and vice-chairperson of the Manitoba Telephone System board of directors.

She has two children, Patrick and Alanna.