



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 75

SECOND SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

The House resumed the debate on the proposed motion of Mrs. COOK:

THAT Bill (No. 203) – The Earlier Screening for Breast Cancer Act/Loi sur l'abaissement du seuil d'admissibilité au dépistage systématique du cancer du sein, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Min. NAYLOR, Ms. BYRAM, Hon. Mr. SIMARD, Mr. PIWNIUK and MLAs CORBETT, LAGASSÉ and DELA CRUZ having spoken,

In accordance with Rule 25, the debate was interrupted to put the Second Reading Question on Selected Bill (No. 203).

And the Question being put. Pursuant to sub-rule 24(7), the division was deferred to take place at 11:55 a.m. on Thursday, October 16, 2025.

In accordance with Rule 34, the Deputy Opposition House Leader announced that the Private Member's resolution titled "Right to Defend Your Home and Family" will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

The House resumed the debate on the proposed motion of Mr. JOHNSON:

THAT Bill (No. 222) – The Criminal Trespassers Act and Amendments to The Occupiers' Liability Act/Loi sur les intrus criminels et modification de la Loi sur la responsabilité des occupants, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And MLA CROSS having spoken,

And Mr. BLASHKO speaking at 11:00 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

The House resumed the debate on the proposed resolution of Mrs. COOK:

Resolution No. 13: School Tax and Education Property Tax Increases

WHEREAS the current Provincial Government has allowed out-of-control, double-digit school tax increases across Winnipeg and Manitoba, pushing property tax bills to unsustainable levels for homeowners, seniors, workers, and families; and

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has called the Provincial Government's property tax grab "historic", as residents across Winnipeg are opening property tax bills this week showing hundreds of dollars more coming out of their pockets; and

WHEREAS according to City of Winnipeg data, residents are facing school tax increases of 14% in Pembina Trails, 17% in Louis Riel, 14% in River East Transcona, and 15% in Winnipeg School Division; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government plans to collect \$182 million more in education property taxes in Budget 2025 through tax increases and the elimination of the 50% school tax rebate; and

WHEREAS this amount is on top of the \$150 million more collected from Manitobans through education property tax increases in Budget 2024; and

WHEREAS the previous, PC Provincial Government began eliminating education property taxes by introducing a 50% rebate for all homeowners, seniors, and farmers, and reduced education property taxes on businesses by 10%; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has failed to introduce a new education funding formula as promised and has instead increased education property taxes on homeowners, small businesses and cottage owners; and

WHEREAS this is a direct result of the Provincial Government eliminating the PCs' universal 50% school tax rebate and replacing it with a limited tax credit that applies only to primary residences—leaving cottagers, small businesses, and others having to pay more; and

WHEREAS Manitoba seniors on fixed incomes should not be taxed out of their homes due to reckless decisions made by the Finance Minister; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government must stop punishing working families with exorbitant school tax hikes, especially when Manitobans are already struggling with a cost-of-living crisis; and

WHEREAS families and businesses are facing double-digit education property tax increases across the province.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to stop these harmful tax hikes and eliminate school taxes from properties in Manitoba.

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mins. MARCELINO and SANDHU and Mr. WOWCHUK having spoken,

And the Question being put. Pursuant to sub-rule 24(7), the division was deferred to take place at 11:55 a.m. on Thursday, October 16, 2025.

During Private Members' Business, Mr. JOHNSON requested a quorum count.

WHEREUPON the Acting Speaker informed the House that there were enough Members to constitute a quorum.

Pursuant to sub-rule 24(7), the division on the proposed motion of Mrs. COOK was deferred to take place today at 11:55 a.m.

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And the Question being put. It was agreed to, on the following division:

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ASAGWARA
BALCAEN
BEREZA
BLASHKO
BRAR
BUSHIE
BYRAM
CABLE
CHEN
COMPTON
COOK
CORBETT
CROSS
DELA CRUZ
DEVGAN
EWASKO
GOERTZEN
GUENTER
HIEBERT
JOHNSON
KENNEDY
KHAN
KING
LAGASSÉ
LAMOUREUX

LOISELLE
MALOWAY
MARCELINO
MOROZ
MOSES
MOYES
NARTH
NAYLOR
NESBITT
OXENHAM
PANKRATZ
PERCHOTTE
PIWNIUK
REDHEAD
ROBBINS
SALA
SANDHU
SCHMIDT
SCHOTT
SCHULER
SIMARD
SMITH
STONE
WHARTON
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The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

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WHEREAS this is a direct result of the Provincial Government eliminating the PCs' universal 50% school tax rebate and replacing it with a limited tax credit that applies only to primary residences—leaving cottagers, small businesses, and others having to pay more; and

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to stop these harmful tax hikes and eliminate school taxes from properties in Manitoba.

And the Question being put. It was negatived, on the following division:

AYE

BALCAEN	LAGASSÉ
BEREZA	LAMOUREUX
BYRAM	NARTH
COOK	NESBITT
EWASKO	PERCHOTTE
GOERTZEN	PIWNIUK
GUENTER	ROBBINS
HIEBERT	SCHULER
JOHNSON	STONE
KHAN	WHARTON
KING	WOWCHUK.....22

NAY

ASAGWARA	MARCELINO
BLASHKO	MOROZ
BRAR	MOSES
BUSHIE	MOYES
CABLE	NAYLOR
CHEN	OXENHAM
COMPTON	PANKRATZ
CORBETT	REDHEAD
CROSS	SALA
DELA CRUZ	SANDHU
DEVGAN	SCHMIDT
KENNEDY	SCHOTT
LOISELLE	SIMARD
MALOWAY	SMITH
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1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Hon. Min. MOYES tabled:

Annual Report and Supplement of Efficiency Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025.
(Sessional Paper No. 124)

Annual Report of the Manitoba Clean Environment Commission for the fiscal year ending March 31,
2025.
(Sessional Paper No. 125)

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), Hon. Min. SANDHU and MLA BEREZA made Member's statements.

By leave, the House reverted to Introduction of Bills.

The following Bill was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined:

(No. 50) – The Constitutional Questions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les questions constitutionnelles

(Hon. Mr. KINEW)

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), Hon. Min. MARCELINO, Mr. KHAN and MLA CORBETT made Member's statements.

Hon. Min. SCHMIDT moved:

THAT this House convey to the family of the late Harry SCHELLENBERG, who served as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, its sincere sympathy in their bereavement and its appreciation of his devotion to duty in a useful life of active community and public service; and that the Speaker be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the family.

And Hon. Min. SCHMIDT, Mr. SCHULER and Mrs. SCHOTT having spoken,

The motion was agreed to, the House standing.

MLA LOISELLE moved:

THAT this House convey to the family of the late Gérard LÉCUYER, who served as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, its sincere sympathy in their bereavement and its appreciation of his devotion to duty in a useful life of active community and public service; and that the Speaker be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the family.

And MLA LOISELLE, Mr. NESBITT and Hon. Mr. SIMARD having spoken,

The motion was agreed to, the House standing.

MLA CROSS moved:

THAT this House convey to the family of the late Herold DRIEDGER, who served as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, its sincere sympathy in their bereavement and its appreciation of his devotion to duty in a useful life of active community and public service; and that the Speaker be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the family.

And MLA CROSS, Mr. PIWNIUK and MLA LAMOUREUX having spoken,

The motion was agreed to, the House standing.

The following petitions were presented and read to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba:

Mr. BALCAEN – To urge the Provincial Government to order an out-of-province review of the prosecutor's decision to not prosecute the accomplice in the death of Jordyn Reimer.

MLA BEREZA – To urge the Provincial Government to order an out-of-province review of the prosecutor's decision to not prosecute the accomplice in the death of Jordyn Reimer.

Mr. WOWCHUK – To urge the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to take the necessary steps to upgrade Provincial Trunk Highway 45 from Russell to Provincial Trunk Highway 10 to meet RTAC standards.

Mr. PIWNIUK – To urge the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning to reverse recent amendments to the Teaching Certificates and Qualifications Regulation that weaken subject-area requirements for teacher certification, and to reinstate teachable majors and minors and early-middle years requirements, which are essential for ensuring teachers have strong knowledge in core subject areas; and to urge the Provincial Government to address teacher shortages through alternative measures that uphold rigorous subject-area standards, which are critical for providing quality education to all Manitoba students.

Mr. GOERTZEN – To urge the Provincial Government to support the investment and placement of an MRI machine in the Portage Regional Health Facility in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

Mr. NARTH – To urge the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning to immediately bring back the three portable classrooms to help alleviate the stress and overcrowding classrooms; and to urge the Provincial Government to reinstate the expansion project for Green Valley School.

Mr. JOHNSON – To urge the Provincial Government to order an out-of-province review of the prosecutor's decision to not prosecute the accomplice in the death of Jordyn Reimer.

Mr. PERCHOTTE – To urge the Provincial Government to order an out-of-province review of the prosecutor's decision to not prosecute the accomplice in the death of Jordyn Reimer.

Mr. KHAN – To urge the Provincial Government to order an out-of-province review of the prosecutor's decision to not prosecute the accomplice in the death of Jordyn Reimer.

Mr. KING – To urge the Provincial Government to support the investment and placement of an MRI machine in the Portage Regional Health Facility in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

Mr. EWASKO – To urge the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning to reverse recent amendments to the Teaching Certificates and Qualifications Regulation that weaken subject-area requirements for teacher certification, and to reinstate teachable majors and minors and early-middle years requirements, which are essential for ensuring teachers have strong knowledge in core subject areas; and to urge the Provincial Government to address teacher shortages through alternative measures that uphold rigorous subject-area standards, which are critical for providing quality education to all Manitoba students.

Mrs. HIEBERT – To urge the Provincial Government to order an out-of-province review of the prosecutor's decision to not prosecute the accomplice in the death of Jordyn Reimer.

MLA LAGASSÉ – To urge the Provincial Government to order an out-of-province review of the prosecutor's decision to not prosecute the accomplice in the death of Jordyn Reimer.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, October 27, 2025.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.