



## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

### VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 11

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

#### PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

(No. 6) – The Sign Languages Recognition Act/Loi sur la reconnaissance des langues des signes  
(Hon. Min. FONTAINE)

(No. 228) – The Workers Compensation Amendment Act (Distribution of Surplus Funds)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les accidents du travail (distribution des fonds excédentaires)  
(Mrs. COOK)

Mr. GOERTZEN, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented its First Report, which was read as follows:

#### Meetings

Your Committee met on December 2, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chamber of the Legislative Building.

#### Matters under Consideration

- Auditor General's Report – Department of Education and Early Childhood Learning: Leadership of the K-12 Pandemic Response dated March 2022
- Auditor General's Report – Follow Up of Previously Issued Recommendations dated February 2025
  - *Department of Education and Early Childhood Learning: Leadership of the K-12 Pandemic Response*

### Committee Membership

- Mr. BRAR
- MLA CHEN
- MLA COMPTON
- MLA DELA CRUZ
- MLA DEVGAN
- Mr. EWASKO
- Mr. GOERTZEN (*Chairperson*)
- MLA LAMOUREUX
- MLA MALOWAY (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. OXENHAM
- Mrs. STONE

Substitutions received prior to Committee proceedings:

- Ms. BYRAM for Mrs. STONE

### Officials Speaking on Record

- Tyson Shtykalo, Auditor General
- Mona Pandey, Deputy Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning

### Reports Considered and Passed

Your Committee considered and passed the following report as presented:

- Auditor General's Report – Department of Education and Early Childhood Learning: Leadership of the K-12 Pandemic Response dated March 2022

Your Committee completed consideration of the following chapter as presented:

- Auditor General's Report – Follow Up of Previously Issued Recommendations dated February 2025
  - *Department of Education and Early Childhood Learning: Leadership of the K-12 Pandemic Response*

On motion of Mr. GOERTZEN, the Report of the Committee was received.

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Hon. Min. SCHMIDT tabled:

Annual Report on Nutrition Programs for 2024/2025, dated December 2025.

(Sessional Paper No. 7)

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Hon. Min. FONTAINE, the Minister responsible for Accessibility, made a statement regarding today being International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

Ms. BYRAM and, by leave, MLA LAMOUREUX commented on the statement.

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Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), MLA DELA CRUZ, Mr. WHARTON, MLA COMPTON, Mr. NARTH and MLA LAMOUREUX made Member's statements.

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

Mr. KHAN – To urge the Provincial Government to remove education funding and taxation from property taxes and find a fair and equitable way to fund education in Manitoba.

Mr. EWASKO – To urge the Provincial Government to remove education funding and taxation from property taxes and find a fair and equitable way to fund education in Manitoba.

Mrs. HIEBERT – To urge the Provincial Government to cancel drug-injection sites in the Point Douglas community, including the proposed location at 200 Disraeli Freeway; and to legislate that no future site will be proposed without community support.

Mr. GUENTER – To urge the Provincial Government to remove education funding and taxation from property taxes and find a fair and equitable way to fund education in Manitoba.

Mr. GOERTZEN – To urge the Provincial Government to remove education funding and taxation from property taxes and find a fair and equitable way to fund education in Manitoba.

Mr. PIWNIUK – 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.

Ms. BYRAM – To urge the Provincial Government to remove education funding and taxation from property taxes and find a fair and equitable way to fund education in Manitoba.

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.

MLA BEREZA – To urge the Provincial Government to remove education funding and taxation from property taxes and find a fair and equitable way to fund education in Manitoba.

Mr. BALCAEN – To urge the Provincial Government to remove education funding and taxation from property taxes and find a fair and equitable way to fund education in Manitoba.

Mr. JOHNSON – To urge the Provincial Government to remove education funding and taxation from property taxes and find a fair and equitable way to fund education in Manitoba.

Mr. SCHULER – To urge the Provincial Government to remove education funding and taxation from property taxes and find a fair and equitable way to fund education in Manitoba.

Mrs. COOK – To urge the Provincial Government to remove education funding and taxation from property taxes and find a fair and equitable way to fund education in Manitoba.

Mr. WOWCHUK – To urge the Provincial Government to remove education funding and taxation from property taxes and find a fair and equitable way to fund education in Manitoba.

Mr. WHARTON – To urge the Provincial Government to remove education funding and taxation from property taxes and find a fair and equitable way to fund education in Manitoba.

Mr. NESBITT – To urge the Provincial Government to remove education funding and taxation from property taxes and find a fair and equitable way to fund education in Manitoba.

Mrs. ROBBINS – To urge the Provincial Government to remove education funding and taxation from property taxes and find a fair and equitable way to fund education in Manitoba.

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Following Petitions, Ms. BYRAM rose on a matter of urgent public importance and moved:

THAT in accordance with sub-rule 39(1), the regular business of the House be set aside to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, specifically the repeated and abject failures to protect children in care and report on incidents in a timely manner.

And Ms. BYRAM and Hon. Min. FONTAINE having spoken to the urgency of the motion,

WHEREUPON the Speaker ruled as follows:

I thank the Honourable Members for their advice to the Chair on the motion proposed by the Honourable Member for Agassiz for the matter of urgent public importance. The 90-minute notice required prior to the start of Routine Proceedings by the sub-rule 39(1) was provided, and I thank the Member.

Under our Rules and practices, the subject matter referenced in the Member's motion must be so pressing that the public interest will suffer if it is not given immediate attention. Crucially, there must also be no other reasonable opportunities to raise the matter.

I have listened very carefully to the arguments put forward and, although protecting children in care and reporting incidents in a timely matter is indeed very serious and worthy of consideration and discussion, my duty in this moment is to determine if there are other opportunities for debate on such matters.

With that in mind, I must note that Members do have the opportunity to speak on this topic during Members' Statements, when rising on a grievance. Members can also ask questions on this topic during Oral Questions. Further, those opportunities and others will continue to be available every sitting day in this House.

Accordingly, I do not believe the motion meets the criteria as a matter of urgent public importance, as there are other opportunities to debate the matter. With the greatest of respect, then, I must rule this motion out of order as a matter of urgent public importance.

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

THAT Bill (No. 2) – The Non-Consensual Distribution of Intimate Images Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la distribution non consensuelle des images intimes, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. JOHNSON and PIWNIUK having spoken,

And Mrs. ROBBINS speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

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The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 4, 2025.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,  
Speaker.