



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 47

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O’CLOCK A.M.

Mrs. COOK moved:

THAT Bill (No. 228) – The Workers Compensation Amendment Act (Distribution of Surplus Funds)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les accidents du travail (distribution des fonds excédentaires), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. COOK having spoken,

And MLAs CORBETT and BEREZA, Mr. BALCAEN and Ms. BYRAM having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Min. MARCELINO, Hon. Mr. SIMARD, MLA BEREZA and Hon. Mr. WIEBE having spoken,

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

Mr. KING moved:

Resolution No. 8: Streamlining Business Permitting and Investment Attraction by Establishing a Single-Desk Investment Office

WHEREAS Manitoba lags behind other provinces due to key factors such as overly stringent government regulations, lengthy processing times, and poor communication; and

WHEREAS the elimination of the delays caused by these regulations is essential for Manitoba’s economic growth; and

WHEREAS Manitoba possesses significant untapped potential to attract foreign and extra-provincial investment, particularly in high-growth sectors such as advanced manufacturing, value added and agri-food processing, resource development, clean technology, and transportation logistics; and

WHEREAS entrepreneurs and investors regularly encounter complex, inconsistent, and duplicative processes when navigating Manitoba's provincial and municipal regulatory systems, including permitting, zoning, and infrastructure access; and

WHEREAS the absence of a centralized, business- and investor-friendly entry point in Manitoba creates unnecessary barriers and inefficiencies that deter entrepreneurship and investment, and delay economic development projects; and

WHEREAS other jurisdictions across Canada have implemented investor concierge-style services and investment facilitation offices to reduce red tape, streamline approvals, and coordinate regulatory navigation for out-of-province and foreign investors; and

WHEREAS such an office would also support investors in identifying and applying for relevant provincial and municipal grants, incentives, and supports; and

WHEREAS Manitoba would benefit from a similar model through the establishment of a Single-Desk Investment Office (Office) to act as a nexus for businesses of all kinds and a dedicated liaison for prospective investors; and

WHEREAS this Office would help streamline the approvals process by replacing complex and cumbersome provincial and municipal regulatory systems with a single entity where businesses, entrepreneurs, and investors could pull any provincial permit, receive in-person information about permits, pay fees, receive clear timelines, and obtain timely approvals; and

WHEREAS such an Office could also help provide clearer communication, facilitate site selection and hydro hookups, and help investors connect with both public and private sector partners for land acquisition and leasing and any other permitting-related services.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to expedite the creation of a centralized Single-Desk Investment Office to facilitate a timely, clear, and streamlined approvals process for entrepreneurs, businesses, and others who want to invest in growing Manitoba's economy.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. KING having spoken,

And Hon. Min. KENNEDY, Mr. NARTH and Mrs. ROBBINS having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And MLA CHEN, Mr. NARTH and Hon. Mr. MOSES having spoken,

And MLA DEVGAN speaking at 12:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

1:30 O’CLOCK P.M.

MLA COMPTON, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development, presented its Second Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on April 22, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- **Bill (No. 14)** – The Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les divulgations faites dans l’intérêt public (protection des divulgateurs d’actes répréhensibles)
- **Bill (No. 20)** – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l’Hydro-Manitoba
- **Bill (No. 39)** – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment and Tax Administration and Miscellaneous Taxes Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l’Hydro-Manitoba et la Loi sur l’administration des impôts et des taxes et divers impôts et taxes
- **Bill (No. 46)** – The Securities Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les valeurs mobilières
- **Bill (No. 51)** – The Public Sector Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity Governance Act/Loi sur la gouvernance de l’intelligence artificielle et de la cybersécurité au sein du secteur public

Committee Membership

- MLA COMPTON
- Hon. Min. MOROZ
- Mr. NARTH
- Mr. OXENHAM
- Hon. Min. SALA
- Mrs. STONE

Your Committee elected MLA COMPTON as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected Mr. OXENHAM as the Vice-Chairperson.

Public Presentations

Your Committee heard the following presentation on **Bill (No. 14)** – The Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les divulgations faites dans l’intérêt public (protection des divulgateurs d’actes répréhensibles):

David Grant

Private citizen

Your Committee heard the following three presentations on **Bill (No. 20)** – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l’Hydro-Manitoba:

Brett Kristjanson	10013580 Manitoba Ltd.
Guildo Theriault	Private citizen
Geoff Hill	Private citizen

Your Committee heard the following three presentations on **Bill (No. 39)** – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment and Tax Administration and Miscellaneous Taxes Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l’Hydro-Manitoba et la Loi sur l’administration des impôts et des taxes et divers impôts et taxes:

David Grant	Private citizen
Brett Kristjanson	10013580 Manitoba Ltd.
Guildo Theriault	Private citizen

Your Committee heard the following presentation on **Bill (No. 46)** – The Securities Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les valeurs mobilières:

David Grant	Private citizen
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Written Submissions

Your Committee received the following written submission on **Bill (No. 20)** – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l’Hydro-Manitoba:

James Beddome	Manitoba Eco-Network
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Your Committee received the following three written submissions on **Bill (No. 39)** – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment and Tax Administration and Miscellaneous Taxes Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l’Hydro-Manitoba et la Loi sur l’administration des impôts et des taxes et divers impôts et taxes:

Dirk Wang	NewDecade Energy Ltd.
Scott Brooker	Private citizen
James Beddome	Manitoba Eco-Network

Your Committee received the following two written submissions on **Bill (No. 51)** – The Public Sector Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity Governance Act/Loi sur la gouvernance de l’intelligence artificielle et de la cybersécurité au sein du secteur public:

Denys Volkov	Association of Manitoba Municipalities
Heather Fast	Manitoba Eco-Network

Bills Considered and Reported

- **Bill (No. 14)** – The Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les divulgations faites dans l'intérêt public (protection des divulgateurs d'actes répréhensibles)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 20)** – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Hydro-Manitoba

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 39)** – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment and Tax Administration and Miscellaneous Taxes Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Hydro-Manitoba et la Loi sur l'administration des impôts et des taxes et divers impôts et taxes

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 46)** – The Securities Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les valeurs mobilières

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 51)** – The Public Sector Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity Governance Act/Loi sur la gouvernance de l'intelligence artificielle et de la cybersécurité au sein du secteur public

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

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

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

Meetings

Your Committee met on April 22, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 254 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- **Bill (No. 15)** – The Consumer Protection Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection du consommateur
- **Bill (No. 48)** – The Real Property Amendment and Planning Amendment Act (Land Conveyed for Public Purposes)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les biens réels et la Loi sur l'aménagement du territoire (biens-fonds cédés à des fins publiques)
- **Bill (No. 49)** – The Business Practices Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les pratiques commerciales

Committee Membership

- Mr. BRAR
- MLA DEVGAN
- Mr. GUENTER
- MLA LOISELLE
- Mr. NESBITT
- Hon. Min. SANDHU

Your Committee elected MLA LOISELLE as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected MLA DEVGAN as the Vice-Chairperson.

Non-Committee Members Speaking on Record

- Hon. Mr. KOSTYSHYN

Public Presentations

Your Committee heard the following seven presentations on **Bill (No. 15)** – The Consumer Protection Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection du consommateur:

Anthony Rosborough	Private citizen
John Graham	Retail Council of Canada
Rick Vincent	Piston Ring Service
Dean Harder	National Farmers Union – Manitoba
Warrington Ellacott	Whirlpool Canada LP
Denis Cloutier	Automotive Trades Association of Manitoba
David Grant	Private citizen

Your Committee heard the following presentation on **Bill (No. 48)** – The Real Property Amendment and Planning Amendment Act (Land Conveyed for Public Purposes)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les biens réels et la Loi sur l'aménagement du territoire (biens-fonds cédés à des fins publiques):

David Grant	Private citizen
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Your Committee heard the following four presentations on **Bill (No. 49)** – The Business Practices Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les pratiques commerciales:

Josh Tabish	Chamber of Progress
John Graham	Retail Council of Canada
Zainab Mansaray	Canada-Africa Relation Enterprises Inc.
David Grant	Private citizen

Written Submissions

Your Committee received the following nine written submissions on **Bill (No. 15)** – The Consumer Protection Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection du consommateur:

Emily Holtby	Automotive Industries Association of Canada
John Pearce	Canadian Repair Coalition
Lucas Malinowski	Global Automakers of Canada
Rémi Moreau	Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers
Charles Bernard	Canadian Automobile Dealers Association
Meagan Hatch	Electronics Product Stewardship Canada
Alissa Centivany	Private citizen
Ted Rother	Private citizen
Jennifer Steeves	Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers' Association

Bills Considered and Reported

- **Bill (No. 15)** – The Consumer Protection Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection du consommateur

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 48)** – The Real Property Amendment and Planning Amendment Act (Land Conveyed for Public Purposes)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les biens réels et la Loi sur l'aménagement du territoire (biens-fonds cédés à des fins publiques)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 49)** – The Business Practices Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les pratiques commerciales

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

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

The Speaker tabled:

Annual Report of the Legislative Assembly Management Commission for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2026.

(Sessional Paper No. 49)

Hon. Min. SCHMIDT, the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning, made a statement regarding the Week of the Early Childhood Educator, April 26 to May 2, 2026.

Mr. EWASKO commented on the statement.

Thursday, April 23, 2026

Hon. Mr. SIMARD, the Minister responsible for Francophone Affairs, made a statement regarding the Francophone Ambassadors Group.

Mr. EWASKO commented on the statement.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), MLA LAGASSÉ, Hon. Min. ASAGWARA, Mr. NARTH and Hon. Messrs. BUSHIE and KOSTYSHYN made Member's statements.

In accordance with Rule 34, the Deputy Official Opposition House Leader announced that the Private Member's resolution titled "Calling on the Provincial Government to Prioritize the Struggles Facing Manitoba Families" will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

The House resolved into Committee of Supply.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 4, 2026.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.