



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 54**

**THIRD SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE**

**PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**10:00 O’CLOCK A.M.**

MLA LOISELLE moved:

THAT Bill (No. 300) – The Winnipeg Foundation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Fondation dénommée « The Winnipeg Foundation », be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And MLA LOISELLE having spoken,

And Mrs. COOK, MLA CORBETT and Messrs. NESBITT and NARTH having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mrs. COOK having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

MLA COMPTON moved:

THAT Bill (No. 301) – The Westminster United Church Foundation Incorporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi constituant en corporation la « Westminster United Church Foundation », be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And MLA COMPTON having spoken,

And Mrs. ROBBINS, Hon. Min. MOROZ and Mrs. STONE having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mrs. ROBBINS having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to, unanimously.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

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

Resolution No. 7: National Strategy for Silver Alerts

WHEREAS the safety and well-being of older adults and people living with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or other cognitive impairments is a priority for the Provincial Government; and

WHEREAS across Canada, seniors and vulnerable adults living with Alzheimer's disease and dementia frequently go missing, prompting urgent searches, placing families under immense stress, and highlighting the need for a coordinated system to protect those at risk; and

WHEREAS critical incident reviews and missing-person investigations across jurisdictions have repeatedly identified gaps in care planning, communication, and system response. Gaps that, if addressed, could prevent similar incidents and strengthen safeguards for vulnerable adults; and

WHEREAS families affected by these incidents, including many who have experienced the disappearance of a loved one, have advocated nationally for improvements to the Alert Ready national public alerting system to issue silver alerts, gathering thousands of signatures from people across the country in support of stronger, more consistent protections for missing vulnerable adults; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has taken meaningful steps to improve the quality of life for people living with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or other cognitive impairments, including new investments in community supports, caregiver assistance, and programming to help prevent missing-person incidents and ensure vulnerable Manitobans are safe; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government created a new, independent Seniors' Advocate to listen to seniors and advocate for the supports Manitoba seniors need; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government has recently made investments to support people living with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or other cognitive impairments and their caregivers, demonstrating a shared national commitment to improving dementia care, but recognizing that more action is needed to strengthen public safety and coordinated response systems; and

WHEREAS a modernized, standardized, and nationally coordinated silver alert strategy would ensure consistent protections across jurisdictions, strengthen communication between provinces, and provide families with greater peace of mind; and

WHEREAS a renewed national approach would support the work already underway in Manitoba, enhance system-wide coordination, and respond directly to what thousands of Canadians have called for through their advocacy and petitions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to encourage the Federal Government to develop and advance a renewed national silver alert strategy that strengthens protections for missing senior and vulnerable adults, supports families, and ensures consistent, coordinated action across Canada.

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. WOWCHUK, MLA LOISELLE, Mr. EWASKO, Hon. Min. MOYES and Mmes. COOK and STONE having spoken,

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

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**1:30 O’CLOCK P.M.**

Hon. Min. ASAGWARA, the Minister of Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care, made a statement regarding Allied Healthcare Professionals Recognition Week, May 10 to 16, 2026, and National Nursing Week, May 11 to 17, 2026.

Mrs. COOK commented on the statement.

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Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), MLA CHEN, Mrs. COOK, MLA CROSS, Mr. NESBITT and Mrs. SCHOTT 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 support the investment and placement of an MRI machine in the Portage Regional Health Facility in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

Mrs. COOK – To urge the Provincial Government to proceed with the planned renovation and expansion of Phoenix School without further delay.

Mr. EWASKO – To urge the Provincial Government to fully implement recommendations in the *Bridging the Gaps* report and immediately implement official policies and procedures that are more respectful and collaborative which also minimize harm faced by families seeking help from Children’s disABILITY Services; and to urge the Minister of Families to arrange for a full review of employment supports provided by Children’s disABILITY Services for children with disabilities aged 12 to 17, including direct consultation with impacted families, and to explore a full spectrum of options to support families, empowering them to choose solutions that best fit their needs.

Ms. BYRAM – To urge the Provincial Government to support the investment and placement of a CT scanner machine in the Neepawa Health Centre in Neepawa, Manitoba.

Mr. GOERTZEN – To urge the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to undertake safety improvements at the intersection of PTH 75 and PR 305 at Ste. Agathe; and to prioritize measures that will reduce accidents and fatalities, including but not limited to those outlined in the 2022 in-service road safety review.

Mr. PERCHOTTE – To urge the Provincial Government to call on the Federal Government to remove the punishing carbon tax on natural gas and other fuels and farm inputs for Manitoba agriculture producers and the Agri-food sector to decrease the costs of putting food on the table for Manitoba consumers.

Mr. GUENTER – To urge the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to undertake safety improvements at the intersection of PTH 75 and PR 305 at Ste. Agathe; and to prioritize measures that will reduce accidents and fatalities, including but not limited to those outlined in the 2022 in-service road safety review.

Mr. JOHNSON – To urge the Provincial Government to investigate the 911 network failures that contributed to the March 2025 tragedy in the Interlake region and to publicize those findings; and to work with municipalities, telecommunications providers, and first responders to strengthen 911 reliability and ensure uninterrupted access to emergency services for all Manitobans—especially those living in rural and northern communities.

Mr. KING – 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. NARTH – To urge the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to undertake safety improvements at the intersection of PTH 75 and PR 305 at Ste. Agathe; and to prioritize measures that will reduce accidents and fatalities, including but not limited to those outlined in the 2022 in-service road safety review.

Mr. NESBITT – 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 Provincial Government to lobby the Federal Government to stop the expansion of medical assistance in dying to those for whom mental illness is the sole condition; and to protect Canadians struggling with mental illness by facilitating treatment, recovery, and medical assistance in living, not death.

Mrs. ROBBINS – To urge the Provincial Government to call on the Federal Government to remove the punishing carbon tax on natural gas and other fuels and farm inputs for Manitoba agriculture producers and the Agri-food sector to decrease the costs of putting food on the table for Manitoba consumers.

Mr. SCHULER – To urge the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to undertake safety improvements at the intersection of PTH 75 and PR 305 at Ste. Agathe; and to prioritize measures that will reduce accidents and fatalities, including but not limited to those outlined in the 2022 in-service road safety review.

Mrs. STONE – 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. WHARTON – 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. WOWCHUK – To urge the Minister of Housing, Addictions and Homelessness to use seniors' housing for what it was intended: the seniors; to require a minimum age of fifty-five years for residence in all elderly person housing (EPH) buildings; and to engage in proper vetting of all applications of people desiring to live in EPH buildings.

Mr. BALCAEN – To urge the Provincial Government to take immediate and decisive action on bail reform to address serious deficits in enforcement by utilizing all available provincial mechanisms to strengthen warrant enforcement, increasing bail supervision, and opposing release of offenders, thus ensuring that repeat violent offenders are held accountable and that public safety is prioritized over leniency; and to lobby the Federal Government to immediately repeal provisions of the Criminal Code that allow for the continued victimization of law-abiding Manitobans while granting repeat offenders additional rights.

MLA BEREZA – To urge the Provincial Government to take immediate and decisive action on bail reform to address serious deficits in enforcement by utilizing all available provincial mechanisms to strengthen warrant enforcement, increasing bail supervision, and opposing release of offenders, thus ensuring that repeat violent offenders are held accountable and that public safety is prioritized over leniency; and to lobby the Federal Government to immediately repeal provisions of the Criminal Code that allow for the continued victimization of law-abiding Manitobans while granting repeat offenders additional rights.

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**Tuesday, May 12, 2026**

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In accordance with Rule 34, the Government House Leader announced that the previously debated Private Member's resolution titled "National Strategy for Silver Alerts" will be considered on the next Tuesday of Private Members' Business.

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By leave, the House agreed to waive Rule 150 to allow Bills (No. 300) and (No. 301) to be referred to the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development on May 12, 2026, without the required two days' notice.

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The House resumed the debate on the proposed motion of Hon. Min. SALA:

THAT Bill (No. 53) – The Budget Implementation and Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2026/Loi d'exécution du budget de 2026 et modifiant diverses dispositions législatives en matière de fiscalité, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And on the proposed amendment of Mr. JOHNSON as follows:

*THAT the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word "THAT" and substituting the following:*

Bill (No. 53) – The Budget Implementation and Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2026/Loi d'exécution du budget de 2026 et modifiant diverses dispositions législatives en matière de fiscalité, be not now read a Second Time, but that the Order for Second Reading be discharged, the Bill withdrawn from the *Order Paper* and the subject matter thereof referred to the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Mr. NARTH and Hon. Min. FONTAINE having spoken,

And Mrs. COOK 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 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, 2026.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,  
Speaker.