



## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

### VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 55

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

#### PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

#### Meetings

Your Committee met on May 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

#### Matters under Consideration

- **Bill (No. 11)** – The Employment Standards Code Amendment Act (Sick Notes for Employee Absences)/Loi modifiant le Code des normes d'emploi (notes du médecin en cas d'absence d'un employé)
- **Bill (No. 19)** – The Animal Care Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le soin des animaux
- **Bill (No. 29)** – The University of Winnipeg Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Université de Winnipeg
- **Bill (No. 35)** – The Adult Learning Centres Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les centres d'apprentissage pour adultes
- **Bill (No. 45)** – The Yellowquill University College Act and Amendments to The Advanced Education Administration Act/Loi sur le Yellowquill University College et modification de la Loi sur l'administration de l'enseignement postsecondaire

#### Committee Membership

- Hon. Min. CABLE
- MLA CHEN
- MLA CORBETT
- Mr. GUENTER
- Hon. Min. MARCELINO
- Mr. NARTH

Your Committee elected MLA CORBETT as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected MLA CHEN as the Vice-Chairperson.

### Public Presentations

Your Committee heard the following three presentations on **Bill (No. 11)** – The Employment Standards Code Amendment Act (Sick Notes for Employee Absences)/Loi modifiant le Code des normes d'emploi (notes du médecin en cas d'absence d'un employé):

Nichelle Desilets	Doctors Manitoba
Kevin Rebeck	Manitoba Federation of Labour
Kyle Ross	Manitoba Government and General Employees' Union

Your Committee heard the following four presentations on **Bill (No. 19)** – The Animal Care Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le soin des animaux:

Kaitlyn Mitchell	Animal Justice
Krista Boryskavich	Winnipeg Humane Society
Debra Vandekerkhove	Manitoba Animal Alliance
Jill Verwey	Keystone Agricultural Producers

Your Committee heard the following eight presentations on **Bill (No. 29)** – The University of Winnipeg Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Université de Winnipeg:

David Grant	Private Citizen
Michael Shaw	Private Citizen
Michelle Pereira	University of Winnipeg
Peter Miller	University of Winnipeg Faculty Association
Cannan Daree	University of Winnipeg Students' Association
Alan Saji Koshy	Private Citizen
Jino Distasio	Private Citizen
Erik Thomson	University of Manitoba Faculty Association

Your Committee heard the following three presentations on **Bill (No. 45)** – The Yellowquill University College Act and Amendments to The Advanced Education Administration Act/Loi sur le Yellowquill University College et modification de la Loi sur l'administration de l'enseignement postsecondaire:

Bobbi (Roberta) Pompana	Private Citizen
Bruce Unfried	Private Citizen
Doreen Stranger	Yellowquill University College

### Written Submissions

Your Committee received the following written submission on **Bill (No. 11)** – The Employment Standards Code Amendment Act (Sick Notes for Employee Absences)/Loi modifiant le Code des normes d'emploi (notes du médecin en cas d'absence d'un employé):

Cheryl Smukowich	Manitoba School Boards Association
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Your Committee received the following seven written submissions on **Bill (No. 19)** – The Animal Care Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le soin des animaux:

Michelle Costantini	Private Citizen
Nicole Jutras-Scott	Private Citizen
Zoe Gourdie	Private Citizen
Danae Tonge	Private Citizen
Carson Callum	Manitoba Beef Producers
Tamara Bodi	Private Citizen
Christie Ratcliffe	Manitoba Animal Save

Your Committee received following six written submissions on **Bill (No. 29)** – The University of Winnipeg Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Université de Winnipeg:

Tanis Ostermann	Private Citizen
Chantal Fiola	Private Citizen
Mark Ruml	Private Citizen
Dawnis Kennedy	Private Citizen
Julie Chamberlain	Private Citizen
Cathy Mattes	Private Citizen

Your Committee received the following seven written submissions on **Bill (No. 45)** – The Yellowquill University College Act and Amendments to The Advanced Education Administration Act/Loi sur le Yellowquill University College et modification de la Loi sur l'administration de l'enseignement postsecondaire:

Sharon Desmarais	Sandy Bay Child and Family Services
Annabelle Cameron	Private Citizen
Courtney Penner	Private Citizen
Jeffrey Edwards	Private Citizen
Adam Hopkins	First Nations Technical Institute
Rebecca Jamieson	Six Nations Polytechnic
Shirlene Asham	Southern First Nations Network of Care

### **Bills Considered and Reported**

- **Bill (No. 11)** – The Employment Standards Code Amendment Act (Sick Notes for Employee Absences)/Loi modifiant le Code des normes d'emploi (notes du médecin en cas d'absence d'un employé)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 19)** – The Animal Care Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le soin des animaux

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 29)** – The University of Winnipeg Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Université de Winnipeg

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 35)** – The Adult Learning Centres Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les centres d'apprentissage pour adultes

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 45)** – The Yellowquill University College Act and Amendments to The Advanced Education Administration Act/Loi sur le Yellowquill University College et modification de la Loi sur l'administration de l'enseignement postsecondaire

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill with the following amendments:

*THAT Clause 1 of the Bill be amended by replacing the definition "Yellowquill University College" with the following:*

**"Yellowquill University College"** means the corporation continued under the *Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act* with the amended name "Yellowquill University College Incorporated". (« Yellowquill University College »)

*THAT Clause 4(3) of the Bill be amended by striking out everything after "by-laws or in" and substituting "the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act."*

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

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

### Meetings

Your Committee met on May 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 254 of the Legislative Building.

### Matters under Consideration

- **Bill (No. 16)** – The Mental Health Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la santé mentale
- **Bill (No. 18)** – The Waste Reduction and Prevention Amendment Act (Strengthening Enforcement)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réduction du volume et de la production des déchets (renforcement de l'application de la Loi)
- **Bill (No. 37)** – The Environmental Statutes Amendment Act/Loi modifiant diverses lois en matière d'environnement
- **Bill (No. 300)** – The Winnipeg Foundation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Fondation dénommée « The Winnipeg Foundation »
- **Bill (No. 301)** – The Westminster United Church Foundation Incorporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi constituant en corporation la « Westminster United Church Foundation »



Your Committee received the following written submission on **Bill (No. 37)** – The Environmental Statutes Amendment Act/Loi modifiant diverses lois en matière d’environnement:

Denys Volkov

Association of Manitoba Municipalities

### **Bills Considered and Reported**

- **Bill (No. 16)** – The Mental Health Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la santé mentale

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 18)** – The Waste Reduction and Prevention Amendment Act (Strengthening Enforcement)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réduction du volume et de la production des déchets (renforcement de l’application de la Loi)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 37)** – The Environmental Statutes Amendment Act/Loi modifiant diverses lois en matière d’environnement

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 300)** – The Winnipeg Foundation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Fondation dénommée « The Winnipeg Foundation »

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 301)** – The Westminster United Church Foundation Incorporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi constituant en corporation la « Westminster United Church Foundation »

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

### **Motions**

Your Committee agreed to the following motions:

- *THAT this Committee recommends that the fees paid with respect to Bill (No. 300) – The Winnipeg Foundation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Fondation dénommée « The Winnipeg Foundation », be refunded, less the cost of printing.*
- *THAT this Committee recommends that the fees paid with respect to Bill (No. 301) – The Westminster United Church Foundation Incorporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi constituant en corporation la « Westminster United Church Foundation », be refunded, less the cost of printing.*

On motion of MLA DELA CRUZ, the Report of the Committee was received.

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Hon. Min. SCHMIDT, the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning, made a statement regarding Treaty Week, May 18 to 22, 2026.

Mr. EWASKO commented on the statement.

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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.

Mrs. COOK commented on the statement.

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Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), Hon. Min. CABLE, Messrs. GOERTZEN and WASYLIW and Mrs. ROBBINS made Member's statements.

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During Oral Questions, the Speaker interjected and cautioned the Honourable Deputy Premier that all Honourable Members should be referred to by their constituency or their portfolio.

WHEREUPON Hon. Min. ASAGWARA voluntarily apologized for their remarks.

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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 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.

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. 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.

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.

Mrs. STONE – To urge the Provincial Government to assist in paving Provincial Road 247 to La Salle from Manitoba Highway 3; and to ensure the safety of local residents and young drivers who use Provincial Road 247 from La Salle so that they have a safe way to access education year round.

Mr. GUENTER – 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.

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. 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. NESBITT – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately put forward a plan to increase breast cancer screening capacity and lower the breast cancer screening age to 40.

Mr. NARTH – To urge the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to prioritize the reconstruction of Provincial Road 210; and to urge the Provincial Government to include the stretch of Provincial Road 210 from Woodridge to Highway 12 in its reconstruction plans.

Mr. KING – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately restore funding and commence construction on the personal care home in Stonewall, ensuring that this essential project proceeds without further delay.

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.

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

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.

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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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 Mrs. COOK, Mr. NESBITT and Mrs. ROBBINS having spoken,

And Mr. GUENTER 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, May 14, 2026.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,  
Speaker.