



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 56

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O’CLOCK A.M.

Mrs. COOK moved:

THAT Bill (No. 233) – The Municipal Assessment Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l’évaluation municipale, 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 DELA CRUZ and BEREZA having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. BLASHKO and MLAs BEREZA, PANKRATZ and LOISELLE having spoken,

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

In accordance with Rule 34, the Official 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.

Ms. BYRAM moved:

Resolution No. 10: Removing the Land Transfer Tax for the First-Time Home Buyers

WHEREAS, according to the “Royal LePage 2024 Demographic Survey: Next Generation of Buyers”, 94% of Manitobans aged 18-38 believe that home ownership is a worthwhile investment, and 86% of those who do not currently own a home say it is a priority for them and a milestone they hope to achieve in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS despite the desire to own a home, Manitobans are finding it increasingly challenging to purchase a home due to the increased cost of living and increased housing prices; and

WHEREAS the land transfer tax adds an additional cost to purchasing a property in Manitoba and can be a barrier to home ownership for first-time home buyers; and

WHEREAS on the average detached single-family home, the land transfer tax can often exceed \$5,000; and

WHEREAS according to the 2024 CMHC Mortgage Consumer Survey, the top two concerns for first-time homebuyers included paying too much for a home and unforeseen housing costs; and

WHEREAS residential homebuyers pay the bulk of land transfer tax collected in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS it was an NDP Provincial Government that introduced the land transfer tax, and the current Provincial Government has not done anything to help with the affordability of owning a home for a first-time home buyer; and

WHEREAS in Ontario, British Columbia, and Prince Edward Island, there are first-time home buyer incentives that include rebates on land transfer tax.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to remove the land transfer tax for first-time home buyers to assist more Manitobans with achieving the goal of owning a home.

And a debate arising,

And Ms. BYRAM having spoken,

And Messrs. OXENHAM and GUENTER and Mrs. STONE having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And MLA COMPTON, Hon. Mr. MOSES and Mr. GUENTER having spoken,

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

1:30 O’CLOCK P.M.

Hon. Mr. WIEBE, the Minister of Justice, made a statement regarding Richard and Susan Nowell (*in memoriam*).

Mr. EWASKO commented on the statement.

Hon. Min. ASAGWARA, the Minister of Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care, made a statement regarding May 17, 2026, being International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia.

Mrs. COOK commented on the statement.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), Hon. Min. MOYES, Ms. BYRAM, Hon. Min. SANDHU and MLAs LAGASSÉ and MALOWAY made Member's statements.

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

Mr. NESBITT – 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. 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.

Mr. PERCHOTTE – 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.

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. 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 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 Premier to allocate funding to financially assist the City of Winnipeg in building a new structure to replace the Arlington Bridge; and to urge the Provincial Government to recommend that the City of Winnipeg keep the old bridge fully open to traffic while the new bridge is under construction.

Mrs. STONE – 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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Messrs. GUENTER and KING and MLA BEREZA having spoken,

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

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.