



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 61

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O’CLOCK A.M.

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 », reported from the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development, be concurred in and be now read for a Third Time and passed.

And a debate arising,

And MLA COMPTON and Ms. BYRAM having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly concurred in, read a Third Time and passed.

Mr. NESBITT moved the following Report Stage amendment to Bill (No. 300) – The Winnipeg Foundation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Fondation dénommée « The Winnipeg Foundation », reported from the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development:

THAT Bill 300 be amended in Clause 3 in the proposed subsection 22(2)

(a) by striking out "on website" in the section heading; and

(b) by adding "and in a newspaper with general circulation in the City of Winnipeg" after "website".

And a debate arising,

And Mr. NESBITT having spoken,

And the Question being put on the amendment. It was negatived, on division.

MLA LOISELLE moved the following Report Stage amendment to Bill (No. 300) – The Winnipeg Foundation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Fondation dénommée « The Winnipeg Foundation », reported from the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development:

THAT Bill 300 be amended in Clause 3 by replacing the proposed subsection 22(2) with the following:

Publishing audit information

22(2) As soon as reasonably practicable after the audit is completed, the board must publish a summary of the financial statements and the auditor's opinion in respect of the financial statements on the Foundation's website or in a newspaper with general circulation in the City of Winnipeg, or both.

And a debate arising,

And MLA LOISELLE and Mr. NESBITT having spoken,

And the Question being put on the amendment. It was agreed to, on division.

MLA LOISELLE moved:

THAT Bill (No. 300) – The Winnipeg Foundation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Fondation dénommée « The Winnipeg Foundation », reported from the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development and subsequently amended, be concurred in and be now read for a Third Time and passed.

And a debate arising,

And MLA LOISELLE, Mr. NESBITT, Mrs. STONE and Mr. BALCAEN having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to, on division.

The Bill was accordingly concurred in, read a Third Time and passed.

MLA LAGASSÉ moved:

Resolution No. 12: Rights of an Independent Member of the Legislative Assembly

WHEREAS Independent Members of the Legislative Assembly play an essential role in representing constituents who are not aligned with a recognized political party; and

WHEREAS all Members of the Legislative Assembly are elected to serve their constituents equally, regardless of party affiliation; and

WHEREAS concerns have arisen regarding unequal access to privileges, resources, and procedural opportunities among Independent Members; and

WHEREAS there is evidence that certain privileges have been afforded to at least one Independent Member that has not been consistently extended to all Independent Members; and

WHEREAS fairness, transparency, and equality are fundamental principles of a democratic parliamentary system.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Standing Committee on the Rules of the House of the Legislative Assembly to ensure that all Independent Members are granted equal privileges, access to resources, and procedural opportunities, consistent with those afforded to any other Independent Member, by reviewing current practices and recommending any necessary changes to ensure fairness, transparency, and consistency in the treatment of Independent Members.

And a debate arising,

And MLA LAGASSÉ having spoken,

And Hon. Min. CABLE, MLA BEREZA and Mrs. COOK having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Min. FONTAINE, MLA LOISELLE, Mrs. COOK and MLAs CROSS and DEVGAN having spoken,

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

1:30 O’CLOCK P.M.

The following Bill was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined:

(No. 54) – The Smoking and Vapour Products Control Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation de l’usage du tabac et du cannabis et des produits servant à vapoter
(Hon. Min. ASAGWARA)

Hon. Mr. MOSES, the Minister of Business, Mining, Trade and Job Creation, made a statement regarding chambers of commerce in Manitoba.

Mr. NARTH commented on the statement.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), Hon. Min. MARCELINO, Mr. WHARTON, MLA CHEN and Mmes. COOK and SCHOTT made Member’s statements.

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.

Mrs. STONE – 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 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. NARTH – To urge the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning to immediately bring back the three portable classrooms to help alleviate the stress and overcrowding classrooms; and to urge the Provincial Government to reinstate the expansion project for Green Valley School.

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. 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. NESBITT – 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. 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.

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

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. 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.

Ms. BYRAM – 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. KING – 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.

Mr. EWASKO – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately reverse these unfair and punishing tax policy changes and restore education property tax rebates for all Manitobans.

Mr. BALCAEN – To urge the Provincial Government to acknowledge lunch programming as a core component of the school day, deserving of proper planning, staffing, and oversight by the school divisions, not volunteer, parent-led councils; to change school policies so they are equitable for all students, not just those classified as “bus students”; and to change school policies to designate 60 minutes in the middle of each day as a period of “education” not “childcare”.

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.

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 the proposed amendment of Mr. WHARTON as follows:

THAT the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word “THAT” and substituting the following:

this House declines to give Second Reading to 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, because this House has not received satisfactory evidence or assurance that this Bill provides real and meaningful affordability measures that Manitobans desperately need.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Messrs. PIWNIUK, KING, NESBITT and GUENTER, Ms. BYRAM, Mr. WOWCHUK, Mrs. STONE, MLA BEREZA and Messrs. JOHNSON, EWASKO and SCHULER having spoken,

During the debate, the Speaker advised the House that notice had been received from the Leader of the Official Opposition that he had designated his unlimited speaking time on Bill (No. 53) to the Honourable Member for Steinbach.

And Mr. GOERTZEN, Mrs. COOK and Messrs. NARTH and KHAN having spoken,

And the Question being put on the amendment. It was negatived, on the following division:

AYE

BALCAEN	KHAN
BEREZA	KING
BYRAM	NESBITT
EWASKO	SCHULER
GOERTZEN	STONE
GUENTER	WHARTON
JOHNSON	WOWCHUK..... 14

NAY

ASAGWARA	MALOWAY
BLASHKO	MARCELINO
BRAR	MOROZ
BUSHIE	MOSES
CABLE	MOYES
CHEN	NAYLOR
COMPTON	PANKRATZ
CORBETT	REDHEAD
CROSS	SALA
DELA CRUZ	SANDHU
DEVGAN	SCHMIDT
FONTAINE	SCHOTT
KENNEDY	SIMARD
KOSTYSHYN	SMITH
LOISELLE	WIEBE 30

And the debate continuing on the main motion,

And Mr. WOWCHUK having spoken,

And Mr. WOWCHUK moved an amendment 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 it be read a Second Time this day five months hence.

WHEREUPON the Acting Speaker ruled the amendment in order,

And a debate arising on the amendment,

And Mrs. STONE, Ms. BYRAM, Messrs. BALCAEN and NESBITT, MLA BEREZA, Messrs. EWASKO, JOHNSON, KING, WASYLIW, PIWNIUK, GUENTER, WHARTON and SCHULER and Mrs. COOK having spoken,

During the debate, the Deputy Speaker advised the House that notice had been received from the Leader of the Official Opposition that he had designated his unlimited speaking time on the hoist amendment to Bill (No. 53) to the Honourable Member for La Vérendrye.

And Messrs. NARTH and KHAN having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was negatived, on the following division:

AYE

BALCAEN	KING
BEREZA	NARTH
BYRAM	NESBITT
COOK	PERCHOTTE
EWASKO	PIWNIUK
GOERTZEN	SCHULER
GUENTER	STONE
JOHNSON	WASYLIW
KHAN	WHARTON
	WOWCHUK..... 19

NAY

ASAGWARA	MALOWAY
BRAR	MARCELINO
BUSHIE	MOROZ
CABLE	MOSES
CHEN	MOYES
COMPTON	NAYLOR
CORBETT	OXENHAM
CROSS	PANKRATZ
DELA CRUZ	REDHEAD
DEVGAN	SALA
FONTAINE	SANDHU
KENNEDY	SCHMIDT
KINEW	SCHOTT
KOSTYSHYN	SIMARD
LOISELLE	SMITH
	WIEBE 31

And the debate continuing on the main motion,

And Messrs. BALCAEN and KHAN having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to, on the following division:

AYE

ASAGWARA	MALOWAY
BLASHKO	MARCELINO
BRAR	MOROZ
BUSHIE	MOSES
CABLE	MOYES
CHEN	NAYLOR
COMPTON	OXENHAM
CORBETT	PANKRATZ
CROSS	REDHEAD
DELA CRUZ	SALA
DEVGAN	SANDHU
FONTAINE	SCHMIDT
KENNEDY	SCHOTT
KINEW	SIMARD
KOSTYSHYN	SMITH
LOISELLE	WIEBE 32

NAY

BALCAEN	LAGASSÉ
BEREZA	NARTH
BYRAM	NESBITT
COOK	PERCHOTTE
EWASKO	PIWNIUK
GOERTZEN	SCHULER
GUENTER	STONE
JOHNSON	WASYLIW
KHAN	WHARTON
KING	WOWCHUK..... 20

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

During the debate, the Opposition House Leader sought and received leave for the House to not see the clock until all questions had been put at Second Reading of Bill (No. 53).

Also during the debate, the Speaker interjected and requested that the comments spoken by the Honourable Member for Steinbach regarding the absence of Members in the House be withdrawn.

WHEREUPON Mr. GOERTZEN withdrew their remarks.

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Again during the debate, the Speaker interjected and cautioned the Honourable Member for Steinbach that Honourable Members should be referred to by their constituency or their portfolio.

WHEREUPON Mr. GOERTZEN voluntarily apologized.

Yet again during the debate, Mr. JOHNSON rose on a point of order requesting a quorum count.

WHEREUPON the Speaker informed the House that there were enough Members to constitute a quorum.

Yet still again during the debate, the Deputy Speaker interjected and cautioned the Honourable Member for Brandon West that all comments should be directed through the Chair.

WHEREUPON Mr. BALCAEN voluntarily apologized.

In accordance with Rule 34, the Government House Leader announced that the Private Member's resolution titled "Removing the PST from Groceries by July 1st" will be considered on the next Tuesday of Private Members' Business.

The House then adjourned at 3:22 p.m. Wednesday, May 27, 2026.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.