



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 63

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

The House resumed the debate on the proposed motion of Mrs. STONE:

THAT Bill (No. 235) – The Fiscal Responsibility and Taxpayer Protection Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la responsabilité financière et la protection des contribuables, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. OXENHAM and BALCAEN, Hon. Mr. SIMARD, Ms. BYRAM and MLA PANKRATZ having spoken,

In accordance with Rule 25, the debate was interrupted to put the Second Reading Question on Selected Bill (No. 235).

And the Question being put. Pursuant to sub-rule 24(7), the division was deferred to take place at 11:55 a.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2026.

During the debate, the Speaker interjected and requested that the comments spoken by the Honourable Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations regarding the absence of Members in the House be withdrawn.

WHEREUPON Hon. Mr. SIMARD withdrew his remarks and voluntarily apologized.

Also during the debate, Mr. JOHNSON rose on a point of order regarding the Honourable Member for Waverley not using his correct constituency name.

And Hon. Min. FONTAINE having spoken to the point of order,

WHEREUPON the Speaker ruled there was a point of order and requested that the Honourable Member for Waverley correct his remarks.

And MLA PANKRATZ corrected his remarks.

Again during the debate, Mr. JOHNSON rose on a point of order regarding the Honourable Member for Waverley referring to the presence or absence of other Honourable Members.

And Hon. Min. FONTAINE having spoken to the point of order,

WHEREUPON the Speaker ruled there was a point of order.

The House resumed the debate on the proposed motion of Mrs. STONE:

THAT Bill (No. 211) – The Budget Bill Public Accountability Act/Loi sur la participation du public quant aux lois budgétaires, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Min. SANDHU speaking at 11:00 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

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

Resolution No. 5: Calling on the Provincial Government to Increase the Personal Tax Exemption

WHEREAS Manitobans are facing an affordability and cost-of-living crisis; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has cancelled the indexation of the Basic Personal Amount and personal income tax brackets, costing Manitobans more money each year going forward; and

WHEREAS since this Provincial Government took office, it has broken its promise to not raise taxes by increasing school taxes, education property taxes, and ending income tax indexation, thus pushing more Manitobans into higher tax brackets; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is phasing out the Basic Personal Amount for important medical professionals such as doctors and other skilled professionals making Manitoba less competitive for important workers in the health-care system; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has increased taxes on more than 55% of Winnipeg Families and property owners, that amounts to over 130,000 property owners in Winnipeg alone; and

WHEREAS property taxes and other taxes are 19.5 per cent higher since the Provincial Government took office; and

WHEREAS Manitobans now pay the highest taxes in Western Canada and have the highest inflation in the country as grocery prices have risen by 5.9%; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2026 MNP Consumer Debt Index report, half of Manitoba families are two hundred dollars or less a month away from being able to pay their bills and service their debt; and

WHEREAS the previous PC Provincial Government successfully removed over 75,000 lower income Manitobans from the tax rolls by increasing the Basic Personal Amount to \$15,000 between 2016 and 2023; and

WHEREAS, a 2025 Fraser Institute report identified that the lives of families purchasing a home or renting in Winnipeg has become significantly less affordable, requiring a larger share of after-tax income with a quarter of their annual income on rent, or having to save for 13 months to buy an average home in Winnipeg; and

WHEREAS, many Manitoba families are struggling to keep up with the cost of living. Families are struggling to put food on the table and pay their heating and property tax bills, and have less after-tax income.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be urged to call on the Provincial Government to raise the Basic Personal Amount for provincial income tax to \$30,000.

And the debate continuing,

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

And the Question being put. Pursuant to sub-rule 24(7), the division was deferred to take place at 11:55 a.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2026.

During the debate, Ms. BYRAM rose on a point of order regarding the relevance of the comments of the Honourable Minister of Families.

WHEREUPON the Speaker informed the House that there was a point of order.

In accordance with Rule 34, the Deputy Opposition House Leader announced that the previously debated Private Member's resolution titled "Right to Defend Your Home and Family" will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

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BYRAM	NARTH
COOK	NESBITT
EWASKO	PIWNIUK
GOERTZEN	SCHULER
GUENTER	STONE
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CROSS	REDHEAD
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1:30 O’CLOCK P.M.

Mr. OXENHAM, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs, presented its Eighth Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met *in camera* on the following occasions in the Legislative Building:

- November 20, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. (3rd Session – 43rd Legislature)
- May 27, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. (3rd Session – 43rd Legislature)

Matters under Consideration

- The hiring process for the Chief Electoral Officer

Committee Membership

Committee Membership for the November 20, 2025 meeting:

- Mr. BLASHKO
- MLA CORBETT
- Mr. GUENTER
- MLA LOISELLE
- Mr. OXENHAM
- Mrs. ROBBINS

Your Committee elected MLA LOISELLE as the Chairperson.

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

Committee Membership for the May 27, 2026 meeting:

- MLA BEREZA
- MLA CORBETT
- Mr. EWASKO
- Mr. OXENHAM
- Hon. Min. SCHMIDT
- Hon. Mr. WIEBE

Your Committee elected Mr. OXENHAM as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected MLA CORBETT as the Vice-Chairperson.

Motions

Your Committee agreed to the following motion at the November 20, 2025 meeting:

- *THAT a sub-committee of the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs be struck to manage the process of hiring the Chief Electoral Officer, under the terms and conditions as follows:*
 - (a) the sub-committee consist of four Government Members, two Official Opposition Members and one Independent Liberal Member;*
 - (b) the sub-committee have the authority to call its own meetings, the ability to meet in camera, and be able to undertake duties it deems necessary in order to fulfil its responsibilities in the hiring process;*
 - (c) the sub-committee may only report back to the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs with a recommendation that has been agreed to by all members; and*
 - (d) the Clerks as well as the Legislative Assembly Administration staff be authorized to attend all meetings of the sub-committee.*

Your Committee agreed to the following motions at the May 27, 2026 meeting:

- *THAT the report and recommendations of the Sub-Committee be received.*
- *THAT the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs recommends to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba that Josh Watt be appointed as the Chief Electoral Officer.*

REPORT FROM THE SUB-COMMITTEE

Your Sub-Committee presents the following as its First Report.

Meetings

Your Sub-Committee met on the following occasions:

- January 26, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.
- May 12, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.
- May 25, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.

The January 26, 2026 meeting was held *in camera* in Room 254 of the Legislative Building.
The May 12, 2026 meeting was held *in camera* in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.
The May 25, 2026 meeting was held *in camera* in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- The hiring process for the Chief Electoral Officer

Sub-Committee Membership

Sub-Committee Membership for the January 26, 2026 meeting:

- MLA CORBETT (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. EWASKO
- Mrs. HIEBERT
- Mr. OXENHAM (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Hon. Min. SCHMIDT
- Hon. Mr. WIEBE

Your Sub-Committee elected MLA CORBETT as the Chairperson.
Your Sub-Committee elected Mr. OXENHAM as the Vice-Chairperson.

Sub-Committee Membership for the May 12, 2026 meeting:

- MLA CORBETT (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. EWASKO
- Mr. OXENHAM (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mrs. ROBBINS
- Hon. Min. SCHMIDT
- Hon. Mr. WIEBE

Sub-Committee Membership for the May 25, 2026 meeting:

- Mr. BEREZA
- MLA CORBETT (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. EWASKO
- Mr. OXENHAM (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Hon. Min. SCHMIDT
- Hon. Mr. WIEBE

Staff present for all Sub-Committee meetings

- Carrie Perumal, Director of Legislative Assembly Human Resource Services
- Melanie Ching, Clerk Assistant/Clerk of Committees

Agreements by the Sub-Committee

Your Sub-Committee reached the following agreements during the meeting on January 26, 2026:

- Legislative Assembly Human Resource Services will draft all paperwork involved in the hiring process of a Chief Electoral Officer, including the Advertising Plan, Selection Criteria, Paper Screening Criteria, and Advertisement, for the Sub-Committee's consideration and review.
- Following the closure of the advertisement, Human Resource Services will conduct the paper screening of applications received and provide the Sub-Committee a list of all qualified candidates for review in advance of its next meeting.
- The Sub-Committee will then meet to review the list of qualified candidates and determine which applicant(s) will be interviewed.
- To adopt the following Terms of Reference:

***Legislative Assembly of Manitoba
Terms of Reference for Hiring of Independent Officers of the Assembly
January 26, 2026***

Purpose:

On November 20, 2025, the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs passed a motion to strike a Sub-Committee to manage the process of hiring a new Chief Electoral Officer. The Sub-Committee, consisting of four Government Members, two Official Opposition Members and one Independent Liberal Member, has the authority to call its own meetings, the ability to meet in camera, and be able to undertake duties it deems necessary in order to fulfil its responsibilities in the hiring process. The Sub-Committee must report back to the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs with a recommendation that has been agreed to by all Members.

The Sub-Committee will be assisted in their duties by the staff from the Committees Branch and the Legislative Assembly Human Resource Services who are authorized to attend all meetings of the Sub-Committee.

Roles and Responsibilities:

1. *The Sub-Committee assigns the Legislative Assembly Human Resource Services to deal with all the logistics and paperwork involved with the hiring process of the Chief Electoral Officer.*

2. *The Legislative Assembly Human Resource Services will:*
 - (a) *devise a hiring process which includes an advertising plan, a paper screening process, an interview process and a selection process;*
 - (b) *draft an advertisement, paper screening criteria and selection criteria;*
 - (c) *print the advertisement as set out in the advertising plan;*
 - (d) *conduct the paper screening of applications received;*
 - (e) *report to the Sub-Committee all qualified candidates for review and selection to interview;*
 - (f) *conduct interviews on candidates selected by the Sub-Committee;*
 - (g) *report to the Sub-Committee, the interview rating results on the candidates selected by the Sub-Committee; and*
 - (h) *conduct reference checks on candidate(s) and report to the Sub-Committee any issues or concerns identified.*
3. *The Sub-Committee Members will individually have the ability to view the list of qualified candidates along with their background paperwork confidentially at the Legislative Assembly Human Resource Services Office prior to the Sub-Committee's review.*
4. *The Sub-Committee will review the list of qualified candidates and select which applicant(s) will be interviewed by the Legislative Assembly Human Resource Services.*
5. *Each Member of the Sub-Committee shall be entitled to observe the interviews while having participation in the scoring process.*
6. *The Sub-Committee will review the interview rating results and, pending successful reference checks, determine the candidate to be recommended for the position of Chief Electoral Officer.*
7. *The Sub-Committee must provide a report to the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs that includes a recommendation for the Chief Electoral Officer.*

Your Sub-Committee reached the following agreements during the meeting on May 12, 2026:

- To interview seven candidates selected for review by Legislative Assembly Human Resource Services.
- To adopt the interview questions prepared by Legislative Assembly Human Resource Services.

Your Sub-Committee reached the following agreements during the meeting on May 25, 2026:

- Pending successful reference checks, the Sub-Committee agreed to recommend to the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs that Josh Watt be appointed as the Chief Electoral Officer.
- In the event that the chosen candidate declines the offer or the reference checks are unsuccessful, the Sub-Committee agreed to meet again to discuss further options.

Legislative Assembly Human Resource Services Activities:

As agreed to by the Sub-Committee on January 26, 2026, Legislative Assembly Human Resource Services was tasked with all the logistics and paperwork involved with the hiring process of the Chief Electoral Officer.

On May 12, 2026, Legislative Assembly Human Resource Services reported to the Sub-Committee a list of seven qualified candidates.

On May 19, 2026, Legislative Assembly Human Resource Services was notified that one of the candidates who met the selection criteria to a certain degree and was selected by the Sub-Committee for interview had withdrawn from the competition.

On May 20, 2026, Legislative Assembly Human Resource Services advised that one of the candidates who met the selection criteria to a certain degree and was selected by the Sub-Committee for interview had not responded to the invitation for interview.

The Sub-Committee considered applications for the position of Chief Electoral Officer as follows:

- 57 applications were received for the position.
- Five individuals were interviewed for the position on May 19 and May 20, 2026.

On May 25, 2026, Legislative Assembly Human Resource Services reported to the Sub-Committee the interview rating results of the candidates interviewed.

On motion of Mr. OXENHAM, the Report of the Committee was received.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), MLA CROSS, Mr. WOWCHUK, Hon. Min. KENNEDY and MLAs LAGASSÉ and DEVGAN made Member's statements.

During Oral Questions, the Speaker interjected and requested that the word "lie", spoken by the Honourable Member for La Vérendrye, be withdrawn, and that the Member apologize.

WHEREUPON Mr. NARTH withdrew their remarks and apologized.

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 immediately repeal the job-killing Manitoba Jobs Agreement to restore open, fair, and competitive bidding on all publicly funded infrastructure projects such as schools, hospitals, and water and wastewater projects; to ensure all qualified Manitoba workers and businesses have equal opportunity to participate in public projects; to prioritize policies that lower construction costs, and therefore the cost of living, and to maximize the number of infrastructure projects delivered for taxpayers; and to provide a full and transparent breakdown of the costs of the Manitoba Jobs Agreement that will be passed onto Manitobans and a clear breakdown of the projects that will have to be postponed or cancelled due to the agreement.

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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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.

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. GUENTER – To urge the Provincial Government to enact legislation that requires all businesses operating in the province to accept cash as a method of payment for goods and services, including vending machines; and enact legislation that requires so called “cashless” businesses to offer alternatives for customers who use cash such as an exact change policy or a reverse ATM.

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.

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

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. 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”.

The House resolved into Committee of the Whole.

The Committee of the Whole recessed to allow the House to reconvene.

By leave, the House agreed to sit past the usual hour of adjournment to consider the remaining stages of Bill (No. 53) — specifically, Committee of the Whole and Concurrence and Third Reading — and for the Chairperson and/or Speaker to be authorized to interrupt the debate at 6:00 p.m.

The House resolved into Committee of the Whole.

The Committee of the Whole recessed to allow the House to reconvene.

By leave, the House agreed to sit past the usual hour of adjournment to consider all remaining stages of Bill (No. 53) — specifically, Committee of the Whole and Concurrence and Third Reading — and for the Chairperson and/or Speaker to be authorized to interrupt the debate at 7:00 p.m.

The House resolved into Committee of the Whole.

The Committee of the Whole recessed to allow the House to reconvene.

By leave, the House agreed to sit past the usual hour of adjournment to consider the remaining stages of Bill (No. 53) — specifically, Committee of the Whole and Concurrence and Third Reading — and for the Chairperson and/or Speaker to be authorized to interrupt debate at 8:00 p.m.

The House resolved into Committee of the Whole.

The Committee of the Whole recessed to allow the House to reconvene.

By leave, the House agreed to sit past the usual hour of adjournment to consider the remaining stages of Bill (No. 53) — specifically, Committee of the Whole and Concurrence and Third Reading — and for the Chairperson and/or Speaker to be authorized to interrupt debate at 12:00 a.m. and immediately put all remaining questions without further debate or amendment; no recorded votes will be allowed on any question after midnight, with the exception of the question on Concurrence and Third Reading of Bill (No. 53) and, on that question, the bells shall ring for no longer than 5 minutes.

The House resolved into Committee of the Whole.

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, was considered in Committee of the Whole and reported without amendment.

On motion of Mr. BLASHKO, the Report of the Committee was received.

Hon. Min. SALA moved:

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, reported from the Committee of the Whole, be concurred in and be now read for a Third Time and passed.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Min. SALA, Mrs. STONE, MLA BEREZA and Messrs. NARTH and KHAN having spoken.

As previously agreed, the debate was interrupted at 12:00 a.m. to put the Question.

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

AYE

ASAGWARA	MALOWAY
BLASHKO	MARCELINO
BRAR	MOROZ
BUSHIE	MOSES
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The Bill was accordingly concurred in, read a Third Time and passed.

During the debate, Hon. Mr. KINEW rose on a point of order regarding the Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie not putting comments through the Chair.

WHEREUPON the Speaker informed the House that there was a point of order.

And MLA BEREZA voluntarily apologized.

The House then adjourned at 12:09 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, June 1, 2026.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.