

Thursday, October 2, 2025



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

ORDER PAPER

No. 68

and NOTICE PAPER

SECOND SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

SITTING AT 10:00 A.M.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

DEBATE ON SECOND READINGS – PRIVATE BILLS:

MLA LOISELLE –

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

(MLA BEREZA – 6 minutes)

DEBATE ON SECOND READINGS:

Mr. JOHNSON –

(No. 202) – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment Act (Net-Metering Agreements)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Hydro-Manitoba (ententes de facturation nette)

(MLA PANKRATZ – 7 minutes)

Mrs. COOK –

(No. 203) – The Earlier Screening for Breast Cancer Act/Loi sur l'abaissement du seuil d'admissibilité au dépistage systématique du cancer du sein

(Hon. Min. NAYLOR – 2 minutes)

MLA PANKRATZ –

(No. 210) – The Indigenous Veterans Day Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur la Journée des anciens combattants autochtones (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)

(Mr. NARTH – 7 minutes)

Mrs. COOK –

(No. 215) – The Specialist Wait Time Reporting Act/Loi sur la présentation de rapports concernant les temps d’attente pour la consultation de spécialistes

(Hon. Min. MOROZ – 2 minutes)

MLA DELA CRUZ –

(No. 216) – The Health System Governance and Accountability Amendment Act (Plebiscite Before Permanent Emergency Room Closure)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la gouvernance et l’obligation redditionnelle au sein du système de santé (plébiscites sur la fermeture permanente de salles d’urgence)

(Mr. NARTH – 6 minutes)

MLA LOISELLE –

(No. 218) – The Climate Action Month Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur le Mois de lutte contre les changements climatiques (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)

(Mr. KING – 9 minutes)

Mr. WOWCHUK –

(No. 221) – The Wildlife Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la conservation de la faune

(Hon. Mr. BUSHIE – 6 minutes)

Mr. JOHNSON –

(No. 222) – The Criminal Trespassers Act and Amendments to The Occupiers’ Liability Act/Loi sur les intrus criminels et modification de la Loi sur la responsabilité des occupants

(Hon. Min. FONTAINE – 7 minutes)

Mrs. STONE –

(No. 224) – The Budget Bill Public Accountability Act/Loi sur la participation du public quant à la loi budgétaire

(Hon. Mr. SIMARD – 8 minutes)

Mrs. HIEBERT –

(No. 228) – The Retail Sales Tax Amendment Act (Farmer’s Identification Number)/Loi modifiant la Loi de la taxe sur les ventes au détail (numéro d’identification d’agriculteur)

(Hon. Min. NAYLOR – 9 minutes)

Mrs. COOK –

(No. 233) – The Lyme and Other Tick-borne Diseases Awareness Month Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur le Mois de sensibilisation à la maladie de Lyme et aux autres maladies transmises par les tiques (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)

(MLA PANKRATZ – 7 minutes)

Mr. PERCHOTTE –

(No. 236) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Stalking-Related Measures)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (mesures en cas de harcèlement criminel)

(Mr. OXENHAM – 3 minutes)

SECOND READINGS – PUBLIC BILLS:

Mr. WHARTON –

(No. 201) – The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment and Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation Amendment Act (Expanding Liquor Retail)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis et la Loi sur la Société manitobaine des alcools et des loteries (vente au détail d’une gamme élargie de boissons alcoolisées)

Mr. WASYLIW –

(No. 204) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Reason for Traffic Stop)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (obligation de motiver tout ordre d’arrêt)

Mr. WASYLIW –

(No. 205) – The Budget Impact Reporting Act/Loi sur la publication de rapports concernant les répercussions des mesures budgétaires

Mr. WASYLIW –

(No. 206) – The Homeowner Protection from Unsolicited Purchase Offers Act/Loi sur la protection des propriétaires contre les offres d’achat non sollicitées

Mr. WASYLIW –

(No. 207) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Teaching Experience of Principals)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (expérience des directeurs en enseignement)

MLA DELA CRUZ –

(No. 209) – The Celebration of Philippine Independence Day Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur la Journée de la célébration de l’indépendance des Philippines (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)

Mr. WASYLIW –

(No. 212) – The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la location à usage d’habitation

Mr. WASYLIW –

(No. 213) – The Employment Standards Code Amendment Act (Non-Compete Agreements)/Loi modifiant le Code des normes d’emploi (accords de non-concurrence)

Mr. WASYLIW –

(No. 214) – The Board Parity and Diversity Act/Loi sur la parité et la diversité au sein des conseils d’administration

Mr. WASYLIW –

(No. 217) – The Energy Efficiency Disclosure Act/Loi sur la présentation de rapports sur l’efficacité énergétique

Mr. WASYLIW –

(No. 219) – The Police Services Amendment Act (Obligation to Respond to Police Wrongdoings)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services de police (intervention et signalement obligatoires en cas d’acte répréhensible commis par un autre agent de police)

Mr. WASYLIW –

(No. 220) – The Criminal Property Forfeiture Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la confiscation de biens obtenus ou utilisés criminellement

Mr. SCHULER –

(No. 223) – The Official Time Amendment Act, 2025/Loi de 2025 modifiant la Loi sur le temps réglementaire

Mr. WASYLIW –

(No. 229) – The Human Rights Code Amendment Act (Non-Disclosure Agreements)/Loi modifiant le Code des droits de la personne (accords de confidentialité)

RESOLUTION:

Mrs. COOK – School Tax and Education Property Tax Increases

13. WHEREAS the current Provincial Government has allowed out-of-control, double-digit school tax increases across Winnipeg and Manitoba, pushing property tax bills to unsustainable levels for homeowners, seniors, workers, and families; and

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has called the Provincial Government’s property tax grab “historic”, as residents across Winnipeg are opening property tax bills this week showing hundreds of dollars more coming out of their pockets; and

WHEREAS according to City of Winnipeg data, residents are facing school tax increases of 14% in Pembina Trails, 17% in Louis Riel, 14% in River East Transcona, and 15% in Winnipeg School Division; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government plans to collect \$182 million more in education property taxes in Budget 2025 through tax increases and the elimination of the 50% school tax rebate; and

WHEREAS this amount is on top of the \$150 million more collected from Manitobans through education property tax increases in Budget 2024; and

WHEREAS the previous, PC Provincial Government began eliminating education property taxes by introducing a 50% rebate for all homeowners, seniors, and farmers, and reduced education property taxes on businesses by 10%; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has failed to introduce a new education funding formula as promised and has instead increased education property taxes on homeowners, small businesses and cottage owners; and

WHEREAS this is a direct result of the Provincial Government eliminating the PCs' universal 50% school tax rebate and replacing it with a limited tax credit that applies only to primary residences—leaving cottagers, small businesses, and others having to pay more; and

WHEREAS Manitoba seniors on fixed incomes should not be taxed out of their homes due to reckless decisions made by the Finance Minister; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government must stop punishing working families with exorbitant school tax hikes, especially when Manitobans are already struggling with a cost-of-living crisis; and

WHEREAS families and businesses are facing double-digit education property tax increases across the province.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to stop these harmful tax hikes and eliminate school taxes from properties in Manitoba.

(Hon. Min. MOROZ – 1 minute/124 minutes remaining)

DEBATE ON RESOLUTIONS:

2. MLA COMPTON – Supporting the Provincial Government on 800 New Hip and Knee Surgeries
(Mr. WHARTON – 4 minutes/124 minutes remaining)

1. Mr. EWASKO – Calling on the Provincial Government to Reverse Recent Amendments to the Teaching Certificates and Qualifications Regulation
(Hon. Min. CABLE – 1 minute/131 minutes remaining)

3. Mr. PERCHOTTE – Calling on the Provincial Government to Implement a Volunteer Tax Credit
(Open – 125 minutes remaining)
 4. Mrs. STONE – Provincial Government Job-Destroying Payroll Taxes
(Hon. Min. NAYLOR – 7 minutes/128 minutes remaining)
 5. MLA CROSS – Encouraging Manitobans to Support Local
(Mrs. STONE – 1 minute/124 minutes remaining)
 6. MLA DELA CRUZ – Homelessness
(Mrs. STONE – 6 minutes/123 minutes remaining)
 10. MLA CORBETT – New Schools
(Mr. SCHULER – 6 minutes/123 minutes remaining)
 11. Mrs. HIEBERT – Addictions Recovery and Treatment
(Mr. OXENHAM – 6 minutes/126 minutes remaining)
 12. MLA PANKRATZ – 1,255 Net New Healthcare Workers
(Ms. BYRAM – 4 minutes/124 minutes remaining)
 14. MLA CHEN – Protecting Women’s Health in Manitoba
(Mrs. BYRAM – 10 minutes/126 minutes remaining)
 15. Mr. BALCAEN – Justice for Jordyn
(MLA LOISELLE – 5 minutes/132 minutes remaining)
 16. Mr. OXENHAM – Public Safety Strategy Progress
(MLA BEREZA – 8 minutes/124 minutes remaining)
 17. Mr. JOHNSON – Ensuring Reliable Emergency Services in Rural Manitoba
(MLA DEVGAN – 7 minutes/131 minutes remaining)
 18. Mr. BRAR – Supporting the Agricultural Industry in Manitoba
(Mr. JOHNSON – 7 minutes/137 minutes remaining)
 19. Mr. KING – Removing Retail Sales Tax on the Construction and Sale of Homes
(MLA LOISELLE – 1 minute/131 minutes remaining)
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ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Hon. Ms. SMITH –

(No. 48) – The Protective Detention and Care of Intoxicated Persons Act/Loi sur la détention des personnes agissant sous l’influence d’une substance intoxicante aux fins de protection et de prestation de soins

Mr. GOERTZEN –

(No. 200) – The Occupiers’ Liability Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la responsabilité des occupants

Mr. WASYLIW –

(No. 211) – The Local Elections Voter Eligibility Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur l’admissibilité des électeurs aux élections locales (modification de diverses lois)

Mr. WASYLIW –

(No. 230) – The Grocery Store Food Waste Prevention Act/Loi sur la prévention du gaspillage alimentaire dans les épiceries

Mr. WASYLIW –

(No. 231) – The Elections Amendment Act (Election Day on Saturday)/Loi modifiant la Loi électorale (jour du scrutin fixé à un samedi)

MLA LAGASSÉ –

(No. 235) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Railway Safety)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (sécurité ferroviaire)

Mr. EWASKO –

(No. 237) – The School Bus Seat Belt Safety Act/Loi sur les ceintures de sécurité dans les autobus scolaires

Mr. EWASKO –

(No. 238) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Increased Penalties for Passing School Buses)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (peines accrues en cas de dépassement d’autobus scolaire)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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ORAL QUESTIONS

PETITIONS

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Mr. GOERTZEN
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Mrs. HIEBERT
Mr. JOHNSON
Mr. KHAN
Mr. KING
MLA LAGASSÉ
Mr. NARTH
Mr. NESBITT
Mr. PERCHOTTE
Mr. PIWNIUK
Mrs. ROBBINS
Mr. SCHULER
Mrs. STONE
Mr. WHARTON
Mr. WOWCHUK

GRIEVANCES

ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ETHICS REPORT MOTIONS:

THAT the Legislative Assembly accept the findings regarding Heather Stefanson, the former Member for Tuxedo, in the Conclusion of the Report of the Ethics Commissioner dated May 21, 2025, and order that the penalty recommended by the Commissioner be imposed.

THAT the Legislative Assembly accept the findings regarding Cliff Cullen, the former Member for Spruce Woods, in the Conclusion of the Report of the Ethics Commissioner dated May 21, 2025, and order that the penalty recommended by the Commissioner be imposed.

THAT the Legislative Assembly accept the findings regarding the Honourable Member for Red River North in the Conclusion of the Report of the Ethics Commissioner dated May 21, 2025, and order that the penalty recommended by the Commissioner be imposed.

THAT the Legislative Assembly accept the findings regarding the Honourable Member for Interlake-Gimli in the Conclusion of the Report of the Ethics Commissioner dated May 21, 2025.

THAT the Legislative Assembly accept the findings regarding the Honourable Member for River Heights in the Conclusion of the Report of the Ethics Commissioner dated July 16, 2025.

THAT the Legislative Assembly accept the findings regarding the Honourable Member for Fort Rouge in the Conclusion of the Report of the Ethics Commissioner dated August 27, 2025.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS:

MLA LAMOUREUX –

21. Compared to the number of Provincial Nominee Program (PNP) certificates allocated to Manitoba from Ottawa, what was the total number of PNP certificates issued by the Province in the following years: 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024?
22. How many PNP certificates were issued to people who studied in Canada and worked for a minimum of six months in Manitoba for the following years: 2023, 2024?
23. How many PNP certificates were issued to people who worked in Manitoba, but did not study, for a minimum of six months for the following years: 2023, 2024?
24. How many PNP certificates were issued to people that came to Manitoba as workers for the following years: 2023, 2024?

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

(48 hours 27 minutes)

(Chamber – Transportation and Infrastructure)

(Room 254 – Education and Early Childhood Learning)

(Room 255 – Executive Council)

DEBATE ON SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Min. SCHMIDT –

(No. 40) – An Act respecting “O Canada” and Other Observances and Land and Treaty Acknowledgements in Schools (Education Administration Act and Public Schools Act Amended)/Loi sur les activités scolaires soulignant notamment l’« Ô Canada » et la reconnaissance des territoires et des traités (modification de la Loi sur l’administration scolaire et de la Loi sur les écoles publiques)

(Open)
Designated Bill

SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 8) – The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis

Designated Bill

Hon. Ms. SMITH –

(No. 12) – The Housing and Renewal Corporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d’habitation et de rénovation

Designated Bill

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 23) – The Public Interest Expression Defence Act/Loi visant à défendre l’expression sur des questions d’intérêt public

Designated Bill

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 30) – The Election Financing Amendment and Elections Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le financement des élections et la Loi électorale

(Recommended by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor)

Designated Bill

Hon. Min. SALA –

(No. 46) – The Budget Implementation and Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2025/Loi d’exécution du budget de 2025 et modifiant diverses dispositions législatives en matière de fiscalité

(Recommended by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor)

DEBATE ON GOVERNMENT MOTION:

Hon. Min. FONTAINE – Special Committee on Local Journalism

THAT a Special Committee on Local Journalism be created to make recommendations on exploring the future of local journalism, including rural and cultural media such as French, Filipino, Punjabi and Chinese language publications, with the mandate to consider matters of public support for journalism, and report its conclusion to the Assembly within 30 days of the start of Fall Sitting 2025; and

THAT the composition of the Special Committee be:

- (a) four members designated by the NDP caucus, and
- (b) two members designated by the PC caucus; and

THAT the Special Committee be authorized to decide how it will conduct its business, including deciding to hold meetings at times and places it considers advisable to receive briefs and hear presentations; and

THAT, except as otherwise provided in this motion, the Special Committee shall have the same status and powers and follow the same rules and procedures as a Standing Committee of the House, including the power to establish a sub-committee for the purposes of carrying out any part of the Special Committee's work; and

THAT after adoption by the House, this motion may be amended only by:

- (a) unanimous consent of the House;
- (b) passage of a subsequent motion by the House; or
- (c) written agreement of all House Leaders if the House is not sitting.

And the Proposed Motion of Mr. JOHNSON in amendment thereto as follows:

THAT the first clause of the Motion be deleted and the following substituted as the new first clause:

THAT a Special Committee on Local Journalism be created to make recommendations on exploring the future of local journalism, including rural and cultural media representing all ethnicities and non-official languages, so long as they do not promote hate speech or undermine the Manitoba values of inclusivity and respect for all races, religions, and backgrounds, with the mandate to consider matters of public support for journalism, and report its conclusion to the Assembly within 30 days of the start of Fall Sitting 2025; and
(Mr. SCHULER – 13 minutes)

GOVERNMENT MOTION:

Hon. Min. FONTAINE –

THAT the Assembly reaffirms its respect and support for the caretaker convention and respect of the democratic will of the voters of Manitoba.

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR MONDAY:

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 49) – The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Amendment Act (2)/Loi n° 2 modifiant la Loi sur la Société d'assurance publique du Manitoba

PROPOSED GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION:

Hon. Min. FONTAINE – Appointment of the Seniors' Advocate

WHEREAS a Sub-Committee of the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs was struck to manage the hiring process for a Seniors' Advocate; and

WHEREAS the Sub-Committee, following an open competition and consideration of applicants, recommended to the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs that Leigh Anne Caron be appointed Seniors' Advocate; and

WHEREAS the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to section 2 of *The Seniors' Advocate Act*, Leigh Anne Caron be appointed as the Seniors' Advocate effective November 12, 2025.
