

Wednesday, April 8, 2026



PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

SITTING AT 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Hon. Min. ASAGWARA –

(No. 7) – The Health System Governance and Accountability Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la gouvernance et l’obligation redditionnelle au sein du système de santé

Hon. Mr. BUSHIE –

(No. 12) – The Manitoba Crown-Indigenous Corporation Act/Loi sur la Société Couronne-Autochtones du Manitoba

Hon. Min. FONTAINE –

(No. 22) – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act (Indigenous Jurisdiction)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services à l’enfant et à la famille (champ de compétence autochtone)

Hon. Min. ASAGWARA –

(No. 24) – The Public Health Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la santé publique

Hon. Mr. BUSHIE –

(No. 25) – The Fisheries Amendment, Forest Amendment and Wildlife Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la pêche, la Loi sur les forêts et la Loi sur la conservation de la faune

Mr. WASYLIW –

(No. 200) – The Employment Standards Code Amendment Act (Sick Notes)/Loi modifiant le Code des normes d’emploi (attestations médicales)

Mr. WHARTON –

(No. 219) – 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)

Mrs. STONE –

(No. 235) – The Fiscal Responsibility and Taxpayer Protection Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la responsabilité financière et la protection des contribuables

MLA LOISELLE –

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

MLA COMPTON –

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

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Mrs. COOK
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Mr. GOERTZEN
Mr. GUENTER
Mrs. HIEBERT
Mr. JOHNSON
Mr. KHAN
Mr. KING
MLA LAGASSÉ
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Mr. SCHULER
Mrs. STONE
Mr. WHARTON
Mr. WOWCHUK

ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ADJOURNED DEBATE (FIFTH DAY OF DEBATE):

Hon. Min. SALA –

THAT this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government.

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

THAT the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after “House” and substituting:

therefore regrets that this budget fails to adequately address the current cost-of-living crisis by:

- (a) failing to take action to mitigate the escalating cost pressures on Manitobans, while simultaneously generating hundreds of millions of dollars in new tax revenues from families already facing financial hardship; and
- (b) cancelling the indexation of the Basic Personal Amount and personal income tax brackets, thereby denying the ability of Manitobans to keep more money from their paycheques and earn more before paying income tax; and
- (c) failing to uphold its commitment not to raise taxes, as evidenced by increases to school taxes, education property taxes, and the termination of income tax indexation; and
- (d) allowing education property taxes to skyrocket to 19.5% since last year without presenting a plan to meet the growing needs of the education system or offer meaningful long-term relief for homeowners; and
- (e) abandoning 4,600 students and 500 staff by refusing to provide the necessary funding to support the transition of learners displaced by the defunding of the Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology; and
- (f) failing to support agriculture producers, who are essential to addressing rising food prices and driving economic growth; and

- (g) failing to provide effective stewardship of Manitoba's public utilities, thereby contributing to annual increases in Hydro rates and MPI premiums; and
- (h) failing to bring forward or execute an economic plan designed to stimulate economic growth and lessen the burdens imposed on Manitoba families and businesses by trade wars and increasing fuel prices; and
- (i) failing to take necessary measures to restore public safety in communities across Manitoba, as this budget contains no plan to address rising property crime or to advance reforms to the bail system aimed at keeping violent offenders and repeat criminals in custody; and
- (j) adopting a tax policy that places additional burdens on physicians and other critical skilled professionals, diminishing Manitoba's competitiveness in recruiting and retaining the expertise necessary for a strong health-care system and economy; and
- (k) failing to enact and enforce necessary measures to address repeat violent offenders and armed drug traffickers who continue to endanger and victimize hardworking Manitobans; and
- (l) refusing to take decisive action in response to grave safety concerns raised by staff and patients at health-care facilities, including multiple sexual assaults, resulting in three hospitals being grey-listed by nurses for the first time in the province's history; and
- (m) failing to take meaningful action to resolve the growing diagnostic and surgical caseloads, thereby forcing Manitoba families to endure unprecedented delays in accessing essential care; and
- (n) neglecting the mental-health needs of Manitobans by failing to expand access to primary mental-health services and failing to establish a single Rapid Access to Addictions Medicine clinic to support those struggling with addictions; and
- (o) failing to present a balanced budget in its first term and failing to present a credible plan to balance the Public Accounts or reduce the Province of Manitoba's deficit and debt; and
- (p) refusing to acknowledge or act on the reality that half of Manitoba families are within \$200 a month of being unable to pay their bills; and
- (q) failing to take meaningful action to address inflation and the escalating costs of groceries, fuel, and housing; and

- (r) implementing the job-killing “Manitoba Jobs Agreement”, which arbitrarily selects winners and losers and overrides the choice of the 88% of Manitoba construction workers who have chosen to not be associated with a union, thereby driving up the price of schools, hospitals and other infrastructure.

As a consequence, of these and many other failings, the Provincial Government has thereby lost the trust and confidence of this House and the people of Manitoba.

(MLA MALOWAY – 9 minutes)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

(99 hours 51 minutes)

REPORT STAGE AMENDMENTS:

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 3) – The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d’assurance publique du Manitoba

[Amendment (2) – Mr. KING]

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 4) – The Constitutional Questions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les questions constitutionnelles

[Amendment (1) – Mr. BALCAEN]

Hon. Min. FONTAINE –

(No. 5) – The Accessibility for Manitobans Amendment Act and The Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Amendment Act (Access Awareness Week)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l’accessibilité pour les Manitobains et la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs (Semaine de sensibilisation à l’accessibilité)

[Amendment (3) – Hon. Min. FONTAINE]

[Amendment (2) – Ms. BYRAM]

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 31) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code de la route

[Amendment (2) – Mr. BALCAEN]

CONCURRENCE AND THIRD READINGS:

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 2) – The Non-Consensual Distribution of Intimate Images Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la distribution non consensuelle des images intimes
(amended – Committee)

Hon. Min. MARCELINO –

(No. 10) – The Employment Standards Code Amendment Act (Attachment Leave for Adoption and Surrogacy)/Loi modifiant le Code des normes d’emploi (congé d’attachement en cas d’adoption ou de recours à la gestation pour autrui)

Hon. Min. FONTAINE –

(No. 17) – The Adult Abuse Registry Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le registre des mauvais traitements infligés aux adultes

Hon. Min. FONTAINE –

(No. 23) – The Advocate for Children and Youth Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le protecteur des enfants et des jeunes

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 30) – The Intimate Partner Violence Death Review Committee Act/Loi sur le Comité d’examen des décès causés par de la violence de la part d’un partenaire intime

DEBATE ON SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Min. FONTAINE –

(No. 6) – The Sign Languages Recognition Act/Loi sur la reconnaissance des langues des signes
(Ms. BYRAM – 27 minutes)

SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 8) – The Long-Bladed Weapon Control Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des armes à lame longue

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 9) – The Street Weapons Control Act/Loi sur la réglementation des armes de rue

Hon. Min. MARCELINO –

(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)

Hon. Min. SANDHU –

(No. 13) – The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la location à usage d'habitation

Hon. Min. SALA –

(No. 14) – The Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les divulgations faites dans l'intérêt public (protection des divulgateurs d'actes répréhensibles)

Hon. Min. SANDHU –

(No. 15) – The Consumer Protection Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection du consommateur

Hon. Ms. SMITH –

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

Hon. Min. MOYES –

(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)

(Recommended by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. KOSTYSHYN –

(No. 19) – The Animal Care Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le soin des animaux
(Recommended by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Min. SALA –

(No. 20) – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Hydro-Manitoba

Hon. Min. MOYES –

(No. 21) – The Drinking Water Safety Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la qualité de l'eau potable

Hon. Min. ASAGWARA –

(No. 26) – The Health System Governance and Accountability Amendment Act (Eliminating Mandatory Overtime for Nurses)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la gouvernance et l'obligation redditionnelle au sein du système de santé (fin de l'imposition d'heures supplémentaires aux infirmiers)

Hon. Min. ASAGWARA –

(No. 27) – The Declaration of Principles for Patient Health Care Act and Amendments to The Health System Governance and Accountability Act/Loi sur la déclaration de principes sur les soins de santé offerts aux patients et modification de la Loi sur la gouvernance et l'obligation redditionnelle au sein du système de santé

Hon. Min. ASAGWARA –

(No. 28) – The Health System Governance and Accountability Amendment Act (Nurse-to-Patient Ratios)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la gouvernance et l'obligation redditionnelle au sein du système de santé (ratios infirmier-malade)

Hon. Min. CABLE –

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

Hon. Min. ASAGWARA –

(No. 32) – The Improving Access to Breast Cancer Screening Act/Loi visant à améliorer l'accès au dépistage du cancer du sein

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 34) – The Interprovincial Subpoena Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les subpoenas interprovinciaux

Hon. Min. CABLE –

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

Hon. Min. MOYES –

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

(Recommended by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Min. SCHMIDT –

(No. 38) – The Public Schools Amendment and Manitoba School Boards Association Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques et la Loi sur l'Association des commissions scolaires du Manitoba

Hon. Min. SALA –

(No. 39) – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment and Tax Administration and Miscellaneous Taxes Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l’Hydro-Manitoba et la Loi sur l’administration des impôts et des taxes et divers impôts et taxes

(Recommended by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Min. KENNEDY –

(No. 41) – The Promoting Inclusion in Amateur Sport Act/Loi sur la promotion de l’inclusion dans le sport amateur

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 42) – The Motor Vehicle Statutes Amendment Act/Loi modifiant diverses lois en matière de véhicules automobiles

Hon. Min. NAYLOR –

(No. 43) – The Highway Traffic Amendment and Drivers and Vehicles Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code de la route et la Loi sur les conducteurs et les véhicules

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 44) – The Minor Amendments and Corrections Act, 2026/Loi corrective de 2026

Hon. Min. CABLE –

(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

(Recommended by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Min. SALA –

(No. 46) – The Securities Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les valeurs mobilières

Hon. Mr. MOSES –

(No. 47) – The Apprenticeship and Certification Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l’apprentissage et la reconnaissance professionnelle

Hon. Min. SANDHU –

(No. 48) – The Real Property Amendment and Planning Amendment Act (Land Conveyed for Public Purposes)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les biens réels et la Loi sur l’aménagement du territoire (biens-fonds cédés à des fins publiques)

Hon. Min. SANDHU –

(No. 49) – The Business Practices Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les pratiques commerciales

Hon. Min. ASAGWARA –

(No. 50) – The Pharmaceutical Amendment, Regulated Health Professions Amendment and Public Health Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les pharmacies, la Loi sur les professions de la santé réglementées et la Loi sur la santé publique

Hon. Min. MOROZ –

(No. 51) – The Public Sector Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity Governance Act/Loi sur la gouvernance de l'intelligence artificielle et de la cybersécurité au sein du secteur public

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS:

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 MOTION FOR THE NEXT TUESDAY OF PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Mrs. SCHOTT – National Strategy for Silver Alerts

7. WHEREAS the safety and well-being of older adults and people living with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or other cognitive impairments is a priority for the Provincial Government; and

WHEREAS across Canada, seniors and vulnerable adults living with Alzheimer's disease and dementia frequently go missing, prompting urgent searches, placing families under immense stress, and highlighting the need for a coordinated system to protect those at risk; and

WHEREAS critical incident reviews and missing-person investigations across jurisdictions have repeatedly identified gaps in care planning, communication, and system response. Gaps that, if addressed, could prevent similar incidents and strengthen safeguards for vulnerable adults; and

WHEREAS families affected by these incidents, including many who have experienced the disappearance of a loved one, have advocated nationally for improvements to the Alert Ready national public alerting system to issue silver alerts, gathering thousands of signatures from people across the country in support of stronger, more consistent protections for missing vulnerable adults; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has taken meaningful steps to improve the quality of life for people living with Alzheimer’s disease, dementia, or other cognitive impairments, including new investments in community supports, caregiver assistance, and programming to help prevent missing-person incidents and ensure vulnerable Manitobans are safe; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government created a new, independent Seniors’ Advocate to listen to seniors and advocate for the supports Manitoba seniors need; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government has recently made investments to support people living with Alzheimer’s disease, dementia, or other cognitive impairments and their caregivers, demonstrating a shared national commitment to improving dementia care, but recognizing that more action is needed to strengthen public safety and coordinated response systems; and

WHEREAS a modernized, standardized, and nationally coordinated silver alert strategy would ensure consistent protections across jurisdictions, strengthen communication between provinces, and provide families with greater peace of mind; and

WHEREAS a renewed national approach would support the work already underway in Manitoba, enhance system-wide coordination, and respond directly to what thousands of Canadians have called for through their advocacy and petitions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to encourage the Federal Government to develop and advance a renewed national silver alert strategy that strengthens protections for missing senior and vulnerable adults, supports families, and ensures consistent, coordinated action across Canada.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

The Standing Committee on PUBLIC ACCOUNTS will meet in the Chamber, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba on Friday, April 17, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. to consider the Auditor General’s Report – Managing IT Security for Remote Access dated March 2024.

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The Standing Committee on PUBLIC ACCOUNTS will meet in the Chamber, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba on Friday, April 17, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. to consider the following reports referred:

- Auditor General’s Report – Follow-Up of Previously Issued Recommendations dated March 2023
 - Vital Statistics Agency
- Auditor General’s Report – Follow Up of Previously Issued Recommendations dated February 2025
 - Vital Statistics Agency

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The Standing Committee on PUBLIC ACCOUNTS will meet in the Chamber, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba on Friday, May 15, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. to consider the following reports referred:

- Annual Report and Public Accounts of the Province of Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024
- Auditor General’s Report – Public Accounts and Other Financial Statement Audits dated December 2024
- Annual Report and Public Accounts of the Province of Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025
- Auditor General’s Report – Public Accounts and Other Financial Statement Audits dated December 2025
- Auditor General’s Report – Follow-up of Recommendations dated March 2019
 - Keeyask Process Costs and Adverse Effects Agreements with First Nations
- Auditor General’s Report – Follow-up of Recommendations dated March 2020
 - Keeyask Process Costs and Adverse Effects Agreements with First Nations
 - Public Accounts and Other Financial Statements Audits

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The Standing Committee on PUBLIC ACCOUNTS will meet in the Chamber, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba on Friday, May 15, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. to consider the following reports referred:

- Auditor General’s Report – Investigations Report dated August 2021
 - Shellmouth Dam Compensation Program
- Auditor General’s Report – Follow Up of Previously Issued Recommendations dated February 2024
 - Investigations Report: Shellmouth Dam Compensation Program
- Auditor General’s Report – Follow Up of Previously Issued Recommendations dated February 2026
 - Investigations Report: Shellmouth Dam Compensation Program