

TO THE HONOURABLE THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

Your Standing Committee on Justice presents the following as its Third Report.

Meetings

Your Committee met on October 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- **Bill (No. 8)** – The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis
- **Bill (No. 12)** – The Housing and Renewal Corporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d’habitation et de rénovation
- **Bill (No. 23)** – The Public Interest Expression Defence Act/Loi visant à défendre l’expression sur des questions d’intérêt public
- **Bill (No. 30)** – The Election Financing Amendment and Elections Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le financement des élections et la Loi électorale
- **Bill (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)

Committee Membership

- Mr. BALCAEN
- Hon. Min. CABLE
- MLA CORBETT
- Mr. EWASKO
- Mr. OXENHAM
- Hon. Ms. SMITH

Your Committee elected MLA CORBETT as the Chairperson.

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

Substitutions received during Committee proceedings:

- Hon. Min. SCHMIDT for Hon. Min. CABLE
- Hon. Mr. WIEBE for Hon. Min. SCHMIDT
- MLA BEREZA for Mr. EWASKO

Non-Committee Members Speaking on Record

- Mrs. ROBBINS

Public Presentations

Your Committee heard the following two presentations on **Bill (No. 8)** – The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis:

David Grant	Private Citizen
Sara MacIntyre	Convenience Industry Council of Canada

Your Committee heard the following four presentations on **Bill (No. 12)** – The Housing and Renewal Corporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d’habitation et de rénovation:

Fernanda Vallejo	Latinas Manitoba Inc.
Erika Wiebe	Private Citizen
Lynne Fernandez	Private Citizen
Tom Simms	Private Citizen

Your Committee heard the following nine presentations on **Bill (No. 23)** – The Public Interest Expression Defence Act/Loi visant à défendre l’expression sur des questions d’intérêt public:

David Grant	Private Citizen
Shannon Hancock	Private Citizen
Heather Fast	Manitoba Eco-Network
M. J. McCarron	Camp Morningstar
James Beddome	Private Citizen
Tangi Bell	Private Citizen
Louise May	Private Citizen
Diane Bousquet	Private Citizen
Eric Reder	Wilderness Committee

Your Committee heard the following one presentation on **Bill (No. 30)** – The Election Financing Amendment and Elections Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le financement des élections et la Loi électorale:

David Grant	Private Citizen
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Your Committee heard the following one presentation on **Bill (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):

David Grant	Private Citizen
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Written Submissions

Your Committee received the following one written submission on **Bill (No. 8)** – The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis:

Kevin Rebeck	Manitoba Federation of Labour
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Your Committee received the following one written submission on **Bill (No. 12)** – The Housing and Renewal Corporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d’habitation et de rénovation:

Kirsten Bernas	Right to Housing Coalition
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Your Committee received the following four written submissions on **Bill (No. 23)** – The Public Interest Expression Defence Act/Loi visant à défendre l’expression sur des questions d’intérêt public:

Erna Buffie	Private Citizen
Brent Bjorklund	Manitoba Green Party
Cat M. Gauthier	Private Citizen
James Wilt	Private Citizen

Your Committee received the following one written submission on **Bill (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):

Ben McGillivray	Private Citizen
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Bills Considered and Reported

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

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

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

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

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

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill with the following amendment:

THAT Clause 4(2) of the Bill be struck out.

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

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (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)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill with the following amendment:

THAT Clause 13 of the Bill be replaced with the following:

Coming into force — royal assent

13(1) Subject to subsection (2), this Act comes into force on the day it receives royal assent.

Coming into force — September 1, 2026

13(2) Section 7 comes into force on September 1, 2026.

Submitted by,

MLA Shannon CORBETT, Chairperson
October 8, 2025