



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 46

SECOND SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Immediately following the Prayer and Land Acknowledgement, Mr. NESBITT rose on a matter of privilege alleging that the attempt by Ministers and the Speaker to impose conditions on his speech during Oral Questions on April 22, 2025, infringed on his rights as a Member, and moved:

THAT this House call for the public apology from the Speaker to myself and the Assembly as a whole.

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

And the Speaker having spoken and apologized to the Member and the Assembly,

WHEREUPON Mr. NESBITT thanked the Speaker, who had noted that, with the apology, the matter was resolved.

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

(No. 226) – The Health System Governance and Accountability Amendment Act (Reporting When Timely Care Not Available)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la gouvernance et l'obligation redditionnelle au sein du système de santé (communication de renseignements en cas d'impossibilité de fournir des soins en temps opportun)

(Mrs. COOK)

MLA CHEN, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development, presented its First Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on April 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- **Bill (No. 6)** – The Public Schools Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques
- **Bill (No. 16)** – The Municipal Councils and School Boards Elections Amendment and Public Schools Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les élections municipales et scolaires et la Loi sur les écoles publiques
- **Bill (No. 17)** – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Nutrition Equality for Lasting Learning Outcomes)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (équité alimentaire pour un apprentissage durable)
- **Bill (No. 18)** – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Indigenous Languages of Instruction)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (enseignement en langue autochtone)
- **Bill (No. 19)** – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Safe Schools)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (milieu scolaire sûr)
- **Bill (No. 20)** – The Community Child Care Standards Amendment and Education Administration Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la garde d'enfants et la Loi sur l'administration scolaire
- **Bill (No. 39)** – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Campaign Financing for School Trustees)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (financement des campagnes électorales pour les élections scolaires)

Committee Membership

- Mr. BLASHKO
- Ms. BYRAM
- MLA CHEN
- Mr. EWASKO
- Hon. Min. SCHMIDT
- Mrs. SCHOTT

Your Committee elected MLA CHEN as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected Mrs. SCHOTT as the Vice-Chairperson.

Public Presentations

Your Committee heard the following one presentation on **Bill (No. 17)** – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Nutrition Equality for Lasting Learning Outcomes)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (équité alimentaire pour un apprentissage durable):

Kevin Rebeck

Manitoba Federation of Labour

Your Committee heard the following seven presentations on **Bill (No. 39)** – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Campaign Financing for School Trustees)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (financement des campagnes électorales pour les élections scolaires):

Paul Moist	Manitoba Federation of Union Retirees
Kevin Rebeck	Manitoba Federation of Labour
Adrian Challis	Private Citizen
Tom Simms	Private Citizen
Jordan Bighorn	Community Education Development Association
Elizabeth Ambrose	Just Elections
Kate Kehler	Social Planning Council of Winnipeg

Bills Considered and Reported

- **Bill (No. 6)** – The Public Schools Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 16)** – The Municipal Councils and School Boards Elections Amendment and Public Schools Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les élections municipales et scolaires et la Loi sur les écoles publiques

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 17)** – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Nutrition Equality for Lasting Learning Outcomes)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (équité alimentaire pour un apprentissage durable)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 18)** – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Indigenous Languages of Instruction)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (enseignement en langue autochtone)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 19)** – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Safe Schools)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (milieu scolaire sûr)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 20)** – The Community Child Care Standards Amendment and Education Administration Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la garde d'enfants et la Loi sur l'administration scolaire

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 39)** – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Campaign Financing for School Trustees)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (financement des campagnes électorales pour les élections scolaires)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

On motion of MLA CHEN, the Report of the Committee was received.

MLA COMPTON, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs, presented its Fourth Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on April 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 254 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- **Bill (No. 3)** – The City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment and Planning Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Charte de la ville de Winnipeg et la Loi sur l'aménagement du territoire
- **Bill (No. 4)** – The Planning Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'aménagement du territoire
- **Bill (No. 14)** – The Insurance Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les assurances
- **Bill (No. 15)** – The Real Estate Services Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services immobiliers
- **Bill (No. 27)** – The Income Tax Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi de l'impôt sur le revenu
- **Bill (No. 28)** – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Hydro-Manitoba
- **Bill (No. 37)** – The Manitoba Financial Services Authority Act and Amendments to Various Other Acts/Loi sur l'Autorité des services financiers du Manitoba et modifiant diverses autres lois

Committee Membership

- Mr. BRAR
- MLA COMPTON
- Mr. KING
- Hon. Min. MOROZ
- Hon. Min. SALA
- Mrs. STONE

Your Committee elected MLA COMPTON as the Chairperson.

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

Substitutions received during Committee proceedings:

- Hon. Mr. SIMARD for Hon. Min. SALA

Public Presentations

Your Committee heard the following two presentations on **Bill (No. 4)** – The Planning Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'aménagement du territoire:

Duane Nicol	City of Selkirk
Dan Diachun	Private citizen

Written Submissions

Your Committee received the following three written submissions on **Bill (No. 3)** – The City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment and Planning Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Charte de la ville de Winnipeg et la Loi sur l'aménagement du territoire:

Kathy Valentino	Association of Manitoba Municipalities
Larry McInnes	Urban Development Institute of Manitoba
Luanne Diachun	Private citizen

Your Committee received the following two written submissions on **Bill (No. 4)** – The Planning Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'aménagement du territoire:

Kathy Valentino	Association of Manitoba Municipalities
Larry McInnes	Urban Development Institute of Manitoba

Bills Considered and Reported

- **Bill (No. 3)** – The City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment and Planning Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Charte de la ville de Winnipeg et la Loi sur l'aménagement du territoire

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 4)** – The Planning Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'aménagement du territoire

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 14)** – The Insurance Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les assurances

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 15)** – The Real Estate Services Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services immobiliers

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 27)** – The Income Tax Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi de l'impôt sur le revenu

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 28)** – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Hydro-Manitoba

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 37)** – The Manitoba Financial Services Authority Act and Amendments to Various Other Acts/Loi sur l'Autorité des services financiers du Manitoba et modifiant diverses autres lois

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

On motion of MLA COMPTON, the Report of the Committee was received.

Hon. Min. NAYLOR, the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, made a statement regarding flood conditions throughout the Province of Manitoba.

Mr. NARTH commented on the statement.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), MLA REDHEAD, Mr. KHAN, MLA LAMOUREUX, Mrs. HIEBERT and Mr. WASYLIW made Member's statements.

The following petitions were presented and read to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba:

Mr. EWASKO – To urge the Provincial Government to remove the federal carbon tax on home heating bills for all Manitobans to provide them much needed relief.

Mr. JOHNSON – To urge the Provincial Government to address the conditions of Provincial Trunk Highway 34, making the necessary upgrades to RTAC standard and to resurface the road once the new bridge has been completed.

MLA LAMOUREUX – To urge the Provincial Government to recognize Little Mountain Park as an at-risk ecosystem and as a potential ecosystem preservation zone; to recognize the impact of the proposed route on Little Mountain Park, The Players Course, the neighbouring Little Mountain Sportsplex, and the citizens and tourists who use and visit them; and to seek an alternate route that would avoid the area while still providing adequate ingress and egress to the CentrePort Canada Way, such as the old Sturgeon Road route, and avoid expropriating land unnecessarily.

Mr. BALCAEN – To urge the Provincial Government to call on the Federal Government to remove the punishing carbon tax on natural gas and other fuels and farm inputs for Manitoba agriculture producers and the Agri-food sector to decrease the costs of putting food on the table for Manitoba consumers.

MLA BEREZA – 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.

Ms. BYRAM – To urge the Provincial Government to support the investment and placement of a CT scanner machine in the Neepawa Health Centre in Neepawa, Manitoba.

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

Mr. GUENTER – To urge the Provincial Government to support Manitoba small businesses through specific funding to reimburse the expenses and insurance deductibles that they incur as a result of crime.

Mr. KING – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately restore funding and commence construction on the personal care home in Stonewall, ensuring that this essential project proceeds without further delay.

Mrs. HIEBERT – To urge the Provincial Government to take immediate action and recognize the critical need of this wastewater project for economic growth and environmental stability by committing to advocating and working with the Federal Government to close the gap with additional funding for Morden's wastewater treatment system; and to ensure all levels of government and regulatory bodies will expedite necessary funding and approvals necessary to advance the Morden wastewater project with no further delay and ensure no hindrance to growth and economic development for Morden and southern Manitoba.

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. NESBITT – To urge the Provincial Government to lobby the Federal Government to develop and implement a comprehensive plan to assist border communities in managing the rise in illegal border crossings into Manitoba; to work closely with federal and local authorities to ensure adequate resources, including funding and support for emergency services, are available to protect local communities; and that immediate measures be taken to dismantle and destroy all human smuggling networks operating in Manitoba.

Mr. PERCHOTTE – To urge the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning to reverse recent amendments to the Teaching Certificates and Qualifications Regulation that weaken subject-area requirements for teacher certification, and to reinstate teachable majors and minors and early-middle years requirements, which are essential for ensuring teachers have strong knowledge in core subject areas; and to urge the Provincial Government to address teacher shortages through alternative measures that uphold rigorous subject-area standards, which are critical for providing quality education to all Manitoba students.

Mr. PIWNIUK – To urge the Provincial Government to address the conditions of Provincial Trunk Highway 34, making the necessary upgrades to RTAC standard and to resurface the road once the new bridge has been completed.

Mr. WOWCHUK – 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.

Mrs. STONE – 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. SANDHU:

THAT Bill (No. 42) – The Buy Canadian Act (Government Purchases Act Amended)/Loi sur l'achat au Canada (modification de la Loi sur les achats du gouvernement), reported from the Standing Committee on Justice, be concurred in and be now read for a Third Time and passed.

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. GUENTER, Mrs. HIEBERT and Messrs. PIWNIUK and WOWCHUK having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

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

Mr. BALCAEN asked Written Questions (Nos. 13 to 17) for reply to the following:

13. What was the total funding provided to the Winnipeg Police Service for the retail crime project in 2023/2024 and what were the statistical results of the project?
14. What was the total funding provided to the Department of Justice on retail crime projects outside of the Winnipeg Police Service and what were the statistical results of the projects?

15. Between budgets 2023/24 and 2024/25, outside of municipal police grant funding, how much funding was provided and/or promised to the Winnipeg Police Service and R.C.M.P.?
16. Aside from the funds provided to the Winnipeg Police Service and the R.C.M.P., how much funding was provided and/or promised to the other municipal law enforcement agencies for staffing?
17. On March 17th, 2025, Melissa Whitfield wrote to the Minister of Justice as well as the Premier on behalf of Joyce Barwick and Darrell Kempthorne. The letter contained specific questions that they had in relation to the death of their son Collin James Kempthorne after an assault occurred in September while he was being held in the Brandon Correctional Centre. This same letter was tabled during question period on April 7, 2025. To date, the Minister of Justice has not answered the eight questions put to him in that letter. Could the Minister of Justice provide the answers to those questions as well as his rationale for refusing to communicate with the parents of Colin Kempthorne?

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 24, 2025.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.