



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 51

SECOND SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

In accordance with Rule 34, the Opposition House Leader announced that the Private Member's resolution titled "Justice for Jordyn" will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

Mr. BALCAEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 232) – The Victims of Impaired Drivers Commemoration Day Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur la Journée de commémoration des victimes de conducteurs aux facultés affaiblies (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. BALCAEN having spoken,

And MLA COMPTON and Messrs. SCHULER and WOWCHUK having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. SIMARD, Mr. SCHULER, MLA DELA CRUZ and Hon. Min. KENNEDY having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to, unanimously.

Mrs. COOK moved:

Resolution No. 13: School Tax and Education Property Tax Increases

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.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. COOK having spoken,

And Hon. Min. NAYLOR, Mr. KING and Ms. BYRAM having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And MLA DEVGAN, Mr. KING and MLA CORBETT having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

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

(Mr. WASYLIW)

Mr. OXENHAM, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development, presented its Third Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on May 7, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- **Bill (No. 21)** – The Protecting Youth in Sports Act/Loi sur la protection des jeunes sportifs
- **Bill (No. 24)** – The Workers Compensation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les accidents du travail
- **Bill (No. 29)** – The Workplace Safety and Health Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la sécurité et l'hygiène du travail
- **Bill (No. 44)** – The Matriarch Circle Act and Amendments to The Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act (Ribbon Skirt Day)/Loi sur le Cercle des matriarches et modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs (Journée de la jupe à rubans)

Committee Membership

- Hon. Min. FONTAINE
- MLA LAGASSÉ
- Mr. NARTH
- Mr. OXENHAM
- MLA PANKRATZ
- Hon. Min. SCHMIDT

Your Committee elected Mr. OXENHAM as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected MLA PANKRATZ as the Vice-Chairperson.

Substitutions received during Committee proceedings:

- Hon. Min. KENNEDY for Hon. Min. FONTAINE
- Hon. Min. MARCELINO for Hon. Min. KENNEDY
- Hon. Min. FONTAINE for Hon. Min. MARCELINO
- Ms. BYRAM for MLA LAGASSÉ

Public Presentations

Your Committee heard the following one presentation on **Bill (No. 21)** – The Protecting Youth in Sports Act/Loi sur la protection des jeunes sportifs:

David Grant	Private Citizen
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Your Committee heard the following three presentations on **Bill (No. 24)** – The Workers Compensation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les accidents du travail:

Kevin Rebeck	Manitoba Federation of Labour
John Christian Barrion	Private Citizen
Paul Moist	Manitoba Federation of Union Retirees

Your Committee heard the following nine presentations on **Bill (No. 29)** – The Workplace Safety and Health Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la sécurité et l'hygiène du travail:

Paul Moist	Manitoba Federation of Union Retirees
Fernanda Vallejo	Latinas Manitoba
Kevin Rebeck	Manitoba Federation of Labour
David Grant	Private Citizen
Ingrid Mushinski	Private Citizen
Shannon Hancock	Private Citizen
Blaine Duncan	Manitoba Government and General Employees' Union
Nick Kasper	United Fire Fighters of Winnipeg, IAFF Local 867
Laura Duncan	Private Citizen

Your Committee heard the following two presentations on **Bill (No. 44)** – The Matriarch Circle Act and Amendments to The Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act (Ribbon Skirt Day)/Loi sur le Cercle des matriarches et modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs (Journée de la jupe à rubans):

Sandra Delaronde	Giganawenimaanaanig
Dawn Olivence	Winnipeg Indigenous Executive Circle - Strengthening Families

Written Submissions

Your Committee received the following two written submissions on **Bill (No. 29)** – The Workplace Safety and Health Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la sécurité et l'hygiène du travail:

Chris Perry	Manitoba Professional Fire Fighters Association
Scott Atchison	Private Citizen

Bills Considered and Reported

- **Bill (No. 21)** – The Protecting Youth in Sports Act/Loi sur la protection des jeunes sportifs

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 24)** – The Workers Compensation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les accidents du travail

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 29)** – The Workplace Safety and Health Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la sécurité et l'hygiène du travail

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 44)** – The Matriarch Circle Act and Amendments to The Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act (Ribbon Skirt Day)/Loi sur le Cercle des matriarches et modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs (Journée de la jupe à rubans)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

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

Hon. Min. MOYES tabled:

Annual Report of the Watershed Districts Program, including audited financial statements, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024.

(Sessional Paper No. 53)

Hon. Mr. KINEW, the First Minister, made a statement regarding May 10, 2025, being Spirit Bear Day.

Mr. KHAN commented on the statement.

Prior to Members' Statements, the Speaker sought and received leave for three World War II veterans—Leonard “Len” Van Roon, Robert “Bob” Watkins, and Percy Rosamond—to be seated at the Bar of the House during Members' Statements.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), MLA PANKRATZ, Mr. KHAN (by leave), MLA LAMOUREUX (by leave), Mrs. COOK, Hon. Min. MARCELINO, Mr. EWASKO and MLA DELA CRUZ made Member's statements.

Thursday, May 8, 2025

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

Mr. BALCAEN – To urge the Provincial Government to order an out-of-province review of the prosecutor's decision to not prosecute the accomplice in the death of Jordyn Reimer.

Mr. EWASKO – To urge the Provincial Government to order an out-of-province review of the prosecutor's decision to not prosecute the accomplice in the death of Jordyn Reimer.

The House resolved into Committee of Supply.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 12, 2025.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.