



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 55**

**SECOND SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE**

**PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.**

Mrs. HIEBERT moved:

THAT Bill (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), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. HIEBERT having spoken,

And Mr. BRAR, MLA BEREZA and Mr. NARTH having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Min. NAYLOR speaking at 10:30 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

Mrs. COOK moved:

THAT Bill (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), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. COOK having spoken,

And MLAs DELA CRUZ and LAGASSÉ and Ms. BYRAM having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And MLA PANKRATZ speaking at 10:55 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

In accordance with Rule 25, the debate was interrupted at 10:55 a.m. to put the Second Reading Question on Selected Bill (No. 227).

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The House resumed the debate on the proposed motion of Mrs. STONE:

THAT Bill (No. 227) – The Free Trade and Mobility Within Canada Act/Loi sur le libre-échange et la mobilité au Canada, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the Question being put. Pursuant to sub-rule 24(7), the division was deferred to take place at 11:55 a.m. on Thursday, May 15, 2025.

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The House resumed the debate on the proposed motion of Mr. JOHNSON:

THAT Bill (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, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And MLA DEVGAN having spoken,

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

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In accordance with Rule 34, the Opposition House Leader announced that the Private Member's resolution titled "Ensuring Reliable Emergency Services in Rural Manitoba" will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

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Mr. BALCAEN moved:

Resolution No. 15: Justice for Jordyn

WHEREAS Jordyn Reimer was killed by an impaired driver on May 1, 2022 while acting as a designated driver for her friends; and

WHEREAS the Reimer family has tirelessly advocated for the individuals responsible for her death to be brought to justice; and

WHEREAS the driver was convicted, but the Crown Prosecutors decided not to prosecute the accomplice (JF) who gave the keys to the driver and allowed him to get behind the wheel; and

WHEREAS the Winnipeg Police Services (WPS) had reasonable grounds to believe that the actions of the accomplice (JF) directly led to Jordyn's death; and

WHEREAS WPS investigated and presented a package of evidence and recommendations to the Crown's office that charges be laid; and

WHEREAS the family of Jordyn Reimer have called for the prosecution of the accomplice and the decision to prosecute to be reviewed, but their calls have been unheard and unanswered by both the Minister of Justice and the Premier; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government can review a decision to not lay charges by seeking Crown attorneys from another province to review the evidence; and

WHEREAS there is precedent for referring criminal files to extra-provincial Departments of Justice for review of decisions to not proceed with prosecution, most recently in 2022 the Peter Nygård file was referred to Saskatchewan by the then Minister of Justice and Attorney General, currently the Member for Steinbach; and

WHEREAS in New Zealand there is case law and precedent for charging and convicting individuals of aiding and abetting in the case of impaired driving when a passenger has given the keys to an impaired individual and permitted them to get behind the wheel.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to immediately seek Crown attorneys from another province to review the evidence in the decision to not prosecute the accomplice (JF) in the death of Jordyn Reimer.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. BALCAEN having spoken,

And MLA DELA CRUZ, Messrs. PERCHOTTE and OXENHAM, Ms. BYRAM and Mr. KING having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mrs. SCHOTT, Mr. PERCHOTTE and Hon. Min. MOYES having spoken,

And MLA LOISELLE speaking at 11:55 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

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In accordance with sub-rule 24(7), the debate was interrupted at 11:55 a.m. to put the Second Reading Question on Selected Bill (No. 227).

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The House resumed the debate on the proposed motion of Mrs. STONE:

THAT Bill (No. 227) – The Free Trade and Mobility Within Canada Act/Loi sur le libre-échange et la mobilité au Canada, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the Question being put. It was negatived, on the following division:

**AYE**

BALCAEN	LAGASSÉ
BEREZA	LAMOUREUX
BYRAM	NARTH
COOK	NESBITT
GUENTER	PERCHOTTE
HIEBERT	SCHULER
JOHNSON	STONE
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**NAY**

ASAGWARA	MALOWAY
BLASHKO	MARCELINO
BRAR	MOROZ
BUSHIE	MOSES
CHEN	MOYES
COMPTON	NAYLOR
CORBETT	OXENHAM
CROSS	PANKRATZ
DELA CRUZ	SALA
DEVGAN	SANDHU
FONTAINE	SCHMIDT
KENNEDY	SCHOTT
KOSTYSHYN	SIMARD
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**1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.**

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

(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)

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MLA MALOWAY, Vice-Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented its Fifth Report, which was read as follows:

### **Meetings**

Your Committee met on May 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chamber of the Legislative Building.

### **Matters under Consideration**

- Annual Report and Public Accounts of the Province of Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023
- Auditor General's Report – Public Accounts and Other Financial Statement Audits dated December 2023
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### **Committee Membership**

- Mr. BRAR
- MLA CHEN
- MLA COMPTON
- MLA DELA CRUZ
- MLA DEVGAN
- Mr. EWASKO
- Mr. GUENTER (*Chairperson*)
- MLA LAMOUREUX
- MLA MALOWAY (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. OXENHAM
- Mrs. STONE

Substitutions received prior to Committee proceedings:

- MLA BEREZA for Mr. EWASKO

### **Officials Speaking on Record**

- Tyson Shtykalo, Auditor General of Manitoba
- Silvester Komlodi, Deputy Minister of Finance
- Ann Ulusoy, Secretary to Treasury Board

### **Reports Considered and Passed**

Your Committee considered and passed the following reports as presented:

- Annual Report and Public Accounts of the Province of Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023
- Auditor General's Report – Public Accounts and Other Financial Statement Audits dated December 2023

### **Reports Considered and Not Passed**

Your Committee considered and did not pass the following reports as presented:

- 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

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

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Hon. Min. FONTAINE tabled:

Revised sequence for consideration of the Estimates by the Committee of Supply for May 15, 2025.  
(Sessional Paper No. 57)

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Hon. Mr. BUSHIE, the Minister of Natural Resources and Indigenous Futures, made a statement regarding wildfire conditions throughout the Province of Manitoba.

Mr. WOWCHUK commented on the statement.

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Hon. Min. FONTAINE, the Minister of Families, made a statement regarding May 17, 2025, being International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia.

MLA BEREZA commented on the statement.

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Hon. Min. KENNEDY, the Minister of Sport, Culture, Heritage and Tourism, made a statement regarding today being Vyshyvanka Day.

Mr. PERCHOTTE commented on the statement.

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Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), Hon. Min. NAYLOR, Ms. BYRAM and Messrs. BLASHKO, NARTH and OXENHAM made Member's statements.

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During Oral Questions, the Speaker interjected and requested the words "stranger to the truth", spoken by the Honourable Member for Borderland, be withdrawn and that the Member apologize.

WHEREUPON Mr. GUENTER apologized and withdrew their remarks.

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Following Oral Questions, Hon. Min. FONTAINE rose on a point of order regarding comments and questions from Members of the Official Opposition allegedly violating reasonable expectations of respect and decorum.

And Mr. JOHNSON having spoken to the point of order.

WHEREUPON the Speaker informed the House he would take matter under advisement.

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

Mr. KHAN – To urge the Provincial Government to take immediate and decisive action on bail reform to address serious deficits in enforcement by utilizing all available provincial mechanisms to strengthen warrant enforcement, increasing bail supervision, and opposing release of offenders, thus ensuring that repeat violent offenders are held accountable and that public safety is prioritized over leniency; and to lobby the Federal Government to immediately repeal provisions of the Criminal Code that allow for the continued victimization of law-abiding Manitobans while granting repeat offenders additional rights.

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.

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Hon. Min. MOROZ tabled:

Reply to Written Questions (Nos. 7 to 11), asked by Mr. PERCHOTTE, on April 15, 2025:

7. The Minister of Advanced Education and Training has allocated letters to allow international students to study at Manitoba institutions. Will the Minister provide for this House a breakdown of exactly how many attestation letters each institution has been allocated for the 2024/2025 academic year, compared to how many international students the same institution had in the 2023/24 and 2022/23 academic years?

8. Can the Minister of Advanced Education and Training explain how the Provincial Government plans to ensure that Manitoba's post-secondary institutions remain financially sustainable without placing the burden on students through tuition hikes?
9. How is the Provincial Government ensuring that Manitoba's rich Indigenous and Métis history is meaningfully integrated into heritage preservation and tourism initiatives?
10. Modernizing the Film and Video Production Tax Credit by providing upfront cash advances aims to attract production companies to Manitoba. Given the ongoing trade tensions and the imposition of U.S. tariffs, how does the Provincial Government plan to ensure that these changes will continue to benefit Manitoba's local economy and film industry; specifically, how will the revitalized tax credit support the province in attracting international film productions despite the challenges posed by these tariffs?
11. The Selkirk Bridge, which was built in 1935, is now approaching 90 years old and needs to be replaced to meet current and future traffic demands. The Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure provided an update in October of 2024, indicating that the preliminary design phase was ongoing, with completion expected by June 2025. Can the Minister provide a clear timeline for when the replacement project will be completed?

(Sessional Paper No. 58)

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The House resolved into Committee of Supply.

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The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,  
Speaker.