



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 62

SECOND SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Mr. PERCHOTTE moved:

THAT Bill (No. 236) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Stalking-Related Measures)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (mesures en cas de harcèlement criminel), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. PERCHOTTE having spoken,

And MLA CORBETT, Ms. BYRAM and Mr. EWASKO having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. WIEBE, MLA PANKRATZ and Mr. EWASKO having spoken,

And Mr. OXENHAM speaking at 11:00 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

Mr. KING moved:

Resolution No. 19: Removing Retail Sales Tax on the Construction and Sale of Homes

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has made life less affordable for homeowners and home purchasers with higher school taxes, property taxes, income taxes, and higher education property taxes; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government ended the indexation of the Basic Personal Amount and tax bracket thresholds to inflation, leaving Manitobans with less money at the end of each year after inflation eats away at their wages; and

WHEREAS 38% of Canadians said, in a recent survey on mortgages, that they could only afford housing costs of \$1,000 or less, and 67% reported that they could not handle anything over \$1,749; and

WHEREAS according to the most recent cycle of the Canadian Social Survey (CSS) – Quality of Life, Health, and Housing Costs, nearly half (45%) of Canadians reported being very concerned about housing affordability because of the rising costs of housing or rent; and

WHEREAS Canadian young adults aged 20 to 35 years were more likely to report experiencing housing affordability challenges in the past year than older adults; and

WHEREAS 59% of young adults reported being very concerned about their ability to afford housing, and half (51%) of them had moving plans that were impacted by rising prices; and

WHEREAS more than one-third (38%) of older adults were very concerned about their ability to afford housing and one-quarter had their moving plans impacted; and

WHEREAS nearly half (45%) of Canadians reported being very concerned about their ability to afford housing because of rising housing costs or rising rent; and

WHEREAS about one-third (35%) of Canadians reported that their household had difficulty meeting their financial needs; and

WHEREAS the previous Selinger NDP Provincial Government made life less affordable by raising the PST, after expanding the PST to multiple services and insurance, raising vehicle registrations fees, raising fuel taxes; and refusing to index the personal income tax system to protect Manitobans from inflation; and

WHEREAS the current Provincial Government has only promised to remove the PST for builders of rental housing, which does nothing to help young Manitobans purchasing their first home; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is still charging the PST on all new home construction in Manitoba, making the building of new homes expensive for first time homebuyers and all those looking to buy their next home.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to remove the retail sales tax on all construction costs for building new homes, regardless of type or style of home, to increase the supply of new homes and reduce the costs of building homes for new homeowners.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. KING having spoken,

And MLA DELA CRUZ, Mr. NARTH and Mrs. STONE having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. MOSES and Mr. NARTH having spoken,

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

Thursday, May 29, 2025

Pursuant to sub-rule 24(7), the division on the proposed motion of Mr. BLASHKO was deferred to take place today at 11:55 a.m.

THAT Bill (No. 234) – The Pride Month Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur le Mois de la fierté (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 the Question being put. It was agreed to, on the following division:

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BALCAEN	LAGASSÉ
BLASHKO	LAMOUREUX
BRAR	LOISELLE
BYRAM	MALOWAY
CHEN	MARCELINO
COMPTON	MOROZ
COOK	MOSES
CORBETT	NESBITT
CROSS	OXENHAM
DELA CRUZ	PANKRATZ
DEVGAN	PERCHOTTE
EWASKO	PIWNIUK
FONTAINE	SANDHU
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KENNEDY	SCHOTT
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KING	WASYLIW
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The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

1:30 O’CLOCK P.M.

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

(No. 229) – The Human Rights Code Amendment Act (Non-Disclosure Agreements)/Loi modifiant le Code des droits de la personne (accords de confidentialité)

(Mr. WASYLIW)

Hon. Mr. KINEW tabled:

Annual Report of *The Path to Reconciliation Act* for the fiscal years ending 2022-23 and 2023-24.
(Sessional Paper No. 64)

Hon. Mr. WIEBE tabled:

Annual Report of the Vehicle Impoundment Registry for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025.
(Sessional Paper No. 65)

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

Mr. KHAN commented on the statement.

Hon. Min. FONTAINE, the Minister of Families, made a statement regarding Pride Month.

Mrs. COOK and, by leave, MLA LAMOUREUX commented on the statement.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), Hon. Mr. MOSES, Mr. BALCAEN, MLA PANKRATZ, Mr. JOHNSON and Hon. Min. KENNEDY made Member's statements.

During Oral Questions, the Speaker interjected and requested that the words "the Minister isn't exactly on speaking terms with the truth", spoken by the Honourable Member for La Vérendrye, be withdrawn.

WHEREUPON Mr. NARTH withdrew their remarks.

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

Mrs. HIEBERT – To urge the Provincial Government to cancel drug-injection sites in the Point Douglas community, including the proposed location at 200 Disraeli Freeway; and to legislate that no future site will be proposed without community support.

Mr. KING – To urge the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to immediately restore funding to the PR227 paving project; and to commitment to Manitobans to carry out all of the projects, as outlined in the 2023 Multi-year Infrastructure Investment Strategy, in their totality, to the same scope and in accordance with already stated timelines.

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

THAT Bill (No. 47) – The Fair Trade in Canada (Internal Trade Mutual Recognition) Act and Amendments to The Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act (Buy Manitoba, Buy Canadian Day)/Loi sur le commerce équitable au Canada (reconnaissance mutuelle en matière de commerce intérieur) et modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs (Journée « Achetons manitobain, achetons canadien »), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. SCHULER, WASYLIW and NESBITT and Mrs. HIEBERT having spoken,

And MLA LAGASSÉ speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

Mr. EWASKO asked Written Questions (Nos. 18 to 20) for reply to the following:

18. Could the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure provide the status, progress and timelines for the upgrade and paving of PR 433?
19. Could the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure provide the status, progress and timelines for the upgrade and paving of Park Avenue through the Town of Beausejour including the roundabout at the intersection of PR 215, PTH 44, and PR 302?
20. Could the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure provide the status, progress and timelines for the upgrade and paving of PTH 11 through the Town of Powerview-Pine Falls including the paving of the service road south of the intersection of PR 304 and PTH 11?

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, June 2, 2025.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.