



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 68

SECOND SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Immediately following the Prayer and Land Acknowledgement, Mr. KHAN rose on a matter of privilege alleging that comments made by the First Minister during Oral Questions on October 1, 2025, were defamatory and impeded his ability to ask questions, and moved:

THAT the Member for Fort Rouge be compelled to retract their remarks, apologize, and the matter be referred to the Standing Committee on the Legislative Affairs for further consideration.

And Hon. Mr. WIEBE having spoken.

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

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

THAT Bill (No. 224) – The Budget Bill Public Accountability Act/Loi sur la participation du public quant à la loi budgétaire, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. SIMARD, MLAs BEREZA and DELA CRUZ and Mr. NARTH having spoken,

In accordance with Rule 25, the debate was interrupted at 10:55 a.m. to put the Second Reading Question on Selected Bill (No. 224).

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, October 2, 2025.

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 leave having been denied to have the matter remain in the name of Hon. Min. FONTAINE,

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

The House resumed the debate on the proposed resolution of Mrs. COOK:

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 the debate continuing,

And leave having been denied to have the matter remain in the name of Hon. Min. MOROZ,

And Hon. Min. CABLE, Mrs. STONE, Hon. Min. MOYES, Mr. EWASKO and MLA LOISELLE having spoken,

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

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. 224).

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

THAT Bill (No. 224) – The Budget Bill Public Accountability Act/Loi sur la participation du public quant à la loi budgétaire, 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
BEREZA
BYRAM
COOK
EWASKO
GOERTZEN
GUENTER
JOHNSON
KHAN
KING

LAGASSÉ
LAMOUREUX
NARTH
NESBITT
PERCHOTTE
PIWNIUK
ROBBINS
SCHULER
STONE
WHARTON
WOWCHUK.....21

NAY

BLASHKO	MARCELINO
BRAR	MOSES
BUSHIE	MOYES
CABLE	NAYLOR
CHEN	OXENHAM
CORBETT	PANKRATZ
CROSS	REDHEAD
DELA CRUZ	SALA
DEVGAN	SANDHU
FONTAINE	SCHMIDT
KENNEDY	SCHOTT
KOSTYSHYN	SIMARD
LOISELLE	SMITH
MALOWAY	WIEBE 28

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

(No. 48) – The Protective Detention and Care of Intoxicated Persons Act/Loi sur la détention des personnes agissant sous l'influence d'une substance intoxicante aux fins de protection et de prestation de soins

(Hon. Ms. SMITH)

Hon. Min. FONTAINE, the Minister of Families, made a statement regarding October 4, 2025, being Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Honouring and Awareness Day.

Ms. BYRAM commented on the statement.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), Hon. Min. FONTAINE, MLAs BEREZA and CROSS, Mr. BALCAEN and Hon. Min. SCHMIDT made Member's statements.

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

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

Mrs. STONE – To urge the Government of Manitoba to immediately work with the Prairie Rose School Division to begin the process of replacing the gymnasium facilities at the Elm Creek School, in consultation with parents and the community.

Ms. BYRAM – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately work with the RCMP to restore rural community policing and provide adequate resources to protect Manitoba communities.

Mr. JOHNSON – 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. 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.

MLA BEREZA – 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.

Mrs. COOK – 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. EWASKO – 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. GOERTZEN – 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. 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 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.

MLA LAGASSÉ – 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. 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 Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to take the necessary steps to upgrade Provincial Trunk Highway 45 from Russell to Provincial Trunk Highway 10 to meet RTAC standards.

In accordance with Rule 34, the Opposition House Leader announced that the Private Member's resolution titled "School Tax and Education Property Tax Increases" will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

In accordance with sub-rules 2(19) and 2(23), Routine Proceedings were interrupted to consider Second Reading of Designated Bills.

Hon. Mr. WIEBE moved:

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

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. WIEBE having spoken,

And Mr. KING, Mrs. ROBBINS, Messrs. NARTH and JOHNSON and MLA LAGASSÉ having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mrs. ROBBINS and Mr. KING having spoken,

In accordance with sub-rules 2(19) and 2(23), the debate was interrupted to complete consideration of Second Reading of Designated Bills.

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

AYE

ASAGWARA	MALOWAY
BLASHKO	MARCELINO
BRAR	MOROZ
BUSHIE	MOSES
CABLE	MOYES
CHEN	NAYLOR
COMPTON	OXENHAM
CORBETT	PANKRATZ
CROSS	REDHEAD
DELA CRUZ	SALA
DEVGAN	SANDHU
KENNEDY	SCHMIDT
KINEW	SCHOTT
KOSTYSHYN	SIMARD
LAMOUREUX	SMITH
LOISELLE	WIEBE 32

NAY

BALCAEN	NARTH
BYRAM	NESBITT
COOK	PERCHOTTE
EWASKO	PIWNIUK
GUENTER	ROBBINS
JOHNSON	SCHULER
KHAN	STONE
KING	WHARTON
LAGASSÉ	WOWCHUK..... 18

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

Hon. Ms. SMITH moved:

THAT Bill (No. 12) – The Housing and Renewal Corporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d’habitation et de rénovation, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. SMITH having spoken,

And Ms. BYRAM and Mr. NARTH having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Ms. BYRAM having spoken,

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

AYE

ASAGWARA	MALOWAY
BLASHKO	MARCELINO
BRAR	MOROZ
BUSHIE	MOSES
CABLE	MOYES
CHEN	NAYLOR
COMPTON	OXENHAM
CORBETT	PANKRATZ
CROSS	REDHEAD
DELA CRUZ	SALA
DEVGAN	SANDHU
KENNEDY	SCHMIDT
KOSTYSHYN	SCHOTT
LAMOUREUX	SMITH
LOISELLE	WIEBE 30

NAY

BALCAEN	NARTH
BYRAM	NESBITT
COOK	PERCHOTTE
EWASKO	PIWNIUK
GUENTER	ROBBINS
JOHNSON	SCHULER
KHAN	STONE
KING	WHARTON
LAGASSÉ	WOWCHUK..... 18

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

Hon. Mr. WIEBE moved:

THAT Bill (No. 23) – The Public Interest Expression Defence Act/Loi visant à défendre l'expression sur des questions d'intérêt public, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. WIEBE having spoken,

And Mr. BALCAEN having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. BALCAEN having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

Hon. Min. SCHMIDT, for Hon. Mr. WIEBE, moved:

THAT Bill (No. 30) – The Election Financing Amendment and Elections Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le financement des élections et la Loi électorale, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

(Recommended by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor)

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Min. SCHMIDT having spoken,

And Messrs. BALCAEN and GUENTER having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. BALCAEN having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

Hon. Min. SCHMIDT tabled:

Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 30).

(Sessional Paper No. 72)

The House resumed the debate on the proposed motion of Hon. Min. SCHMIDT:

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

And the debate continuing,

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

AYE

ASAGWARA	LAGASSÉ
BALCAEN	LOISELLE
BLASHKO	MALOWAY
BRAR	MARCELINO
BUSHIE	MOROZ
BYRAM	MOSES
CABLE	MOYES
CHEN	NARTH
COMPTON	NAYLOR
COOK	NESBITT
CORBETT	OXENHAM
CROSS	PANKRATZ
DELA CRUZ	PERCHOTTE
DEVGAN	REDHEAD
EWASKO	ROBBINS
GUENTER	SALA
HIEBERT	SANDHU
JOHNSON	SCHMIDT
KENNEDY	SCHOTT
KHAN	SCHULER
KING	SMITH
KOSTYSHYN	STONE
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The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

MLA LAMOUREUX asked Written Questions (Nos. 21 to 24) for reply to the following:

21. Compared to the number of Provincial Nominee Program (PNP) certificates allocated to Manitoba from Ottawa, what was the total number of PNP certificates issued by the Province in the following years: 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024?
22. How many PNP certificates were issued to people who studied in Canada and worked for a minimum of six months in Manitoba for the following years: 2023, 2024?
23. How many PNP certificates were issued to people who worked in Manitoba, but did not study, for a minimum of six months for the following years: 2023, 2024?
24. How many PNP certificates were issued to people that came to Manitoba as workers for the following years: 2023, 2024?

The House then adjourned at 8:22 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, October 6, 2025.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.