



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 72

SECOND SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

In accordance with Rule 34, the Official 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.

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 MLAs PANKRATZ and LOISELLE and Hon. Mins. KENNEDY, CABLE and MOYES having spoken,

And MLA CROSS 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 MLA CHEN, Mr. PIWNIUK, Hon. Mr. SIMARD, MLA LAGASSÉ, Hon. Min. NAYLOR and Hon. Mr. BRAR having spoken,

And Hon. Min. MARCELINO 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. 210).

The House resumed the debate on the proposed motion of MLA PANKRATZ:

THAT Bill (No. 210) – The Indigenous Veterans Day Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur la Journée des anciens combattants autochtones (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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ASAGWARA	LAMOUREUX
BALCAEN	LATHLIN
BEREZA	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	PIWNIUK
EWASKO	ROBBINS
FONTAINE	SANDHU
GUENTER	SCHMIDT
JOHNSON	SCHOTT
KENNEDY	SCHULER
KHAN	SIMARD
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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.

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

Meetings

Your Committee met on October 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 254 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- **Bill (No. 208)** – The Manitoba Small Business Month Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur le Mois de la petite entreprise au Manitoba (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)
- **Bill (No. 225)** – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Universal Screening for Learning Disabilities)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (dépistage systématique des troubles d'apprentissage)
- **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)

Committee Membership

- Mr. BLASHKO
- Mrs. COOK
- MLA CROSS
- MLA DELA CRUZ
- MLA LAGASSÉ
- MLA PANKRATZ

Your Committee elected MLA PANKRATZ as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected MLA DELA CRUZ as the Vice-Chairperson.

Non-Committee Members Speaking on Record

- Mr. KING
- MLA LAMOUREUX
- Hon. Min. SCHMIDT

Public Presentations

Your Committee heard the following presentation on **Bill (No. 208)** – The Manitoba Small Business Month Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur le Mois de la petite entreprise au Manitoba (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs):

Fernanda Vallejo	Latinas Manitoba Inc.
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Your Committee heard the following 21 presentations on **Bill (No. 225)** – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Universal Screening for Learning Disabilities)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (dépistage systématique des troubles d'apprentissage):

Jacob Dyck	Private citizen
Laura Jones	Private citizen
Natalie Riediger	Private citizen
Ellen Gorter	Manitoba Literacy Alliance
Lois Cormier	Private citizen
Kim Van Nieuw Amerongen	Private citizen
Chris deBoer	Private citizen
Karen Sharma	Manitoba Human Rights Commission
Carrie Wood	Private citizen
Jina Pagura	Private citizen
Tianna Voort	Private citizen
Andrea Richardson	Ears for Life Audiology
Ron Cadez	Louis Riel School Division
Michelle Depner	Private citizen
Michelle Ward	Private citizen
Valdine Bjornson	Manitoba Teachers for Students with Learning Disabilities
Allison Guercio	Private citizen
Fernanda Vallejo	Latinas Manitoba Inc.
Melissa McIntosh	Private citizen
Andy Depner	Private citizen
Collette Pancoe	Private citizen

Your Committee heard the following three presentations on **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):

Chris deBoer	Private citizen
Dieth de Leon	Bahaghari Pride Manitoba
Nora Wilson	Brandon Pride

Written Submissions

Your Committee received the following 12 written submissions on **Bill (No. 225)** – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Universal Screening for Learning Disabilities)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (dépistage systématique des troubles d'apprentissage):

Jodianna Paterson	Private citizen
Cyndi Miles	Private citizen
Joanne Seiff	Private citizen
Carol Nixon-Pauls	Private citizen
John Mearon	Private citizen
Virginia Acuna Hernandez	Private citizen
Ryan Wakshinski	Private citizen
Ilana Schulz	Private citizen
Ginny Lees	Private citizen
Holly Cebrij	Private citizen
Rosana Montebruno	Private citizen
Suzy Martins	Private citizen

Bills Considered and Reported

- **Bill (No. 208)** – The Manitoba Small Business Month Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur le Mois de la petite entreprise au Manitoba (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 225)** – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Universal Screening for Learning Disabilities)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (dépistage systématique des troubles d'apprentissage)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **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)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

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

MLA CORBETT, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Justice, presented its Third Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on October 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- **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
- **Bill (No. 12)** – The Housing and Renewal Corporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d’habitation et de rénovation
- **Bill (No. 23)** – The Public Interest Expression Defence Act/Loi visant à défendre l’expression sur des questions d’intérêt public
- **Bill (No. 30)** – The Election Financing Amendment and Elections Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le financement des élections et la Loi électorale
- **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)

Committee Membership

- Mr. BALCAEN
- Hon. Min. CABLE
- MLA CORBETT
- Mr. EWASKO
- Mr. OXENHAM
- Hon. Ms. SMITH

Your Committee elected MLA CORBETT as the Chairperson.

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

Substitutions received during Committee proceedings:

- Hon. Min. SCHMIDT for Hon. Min. CABLE
- Hon. Mr. WIEBE for Hon. Min. SCHMIDT
- MLA BEREZA for Mr. EWASKO

Non-Committee Members Speaking on Record

- Mrs. ROBBINS

Public Presentations

Your Committee heard the following two presentations on **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:

David Grant	Private Citizen
Sara MacIntyre	Convenience Industry Council of Canada

Your Committee heard the following four presentations on **Bill (No. 12)** – The Housing and Renewal Corporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d’habitation et de rénovation:

Fernanda Vallejo	Latinas Manitoba Inc.
Erika Wiebe	Private Citizen
Lynne Fernandez	Private Citizen
Tom Simms	Private Citizen

Your Committee heard the following nine presentations on **Bill (No. 23)** – The Public Interest Expression Defence Act/Loi visant à défendre l’expression sur des questions d’intérêt public:

David Grant	Private Citizen
Shannon Hancock	Private Citizen
Heather Fast	Manitoba Eco-Network
M. J. McCarron	Camp Morningstar
James Beddome	Private Citizen
Tangi Bell	Private Citizen
Louise May	Private Citizen
Diane Bousquet	Private Citizen
Eric Reder	Wilderness Committee

Your Committee heard the following one presentation on **Bill (No. 30)** – The Election Financing Amendment and Elections Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le financement des élections et la Loi électorale:

David Grant	Private Citizen
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Your Committee heard the following one presentation on **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):

David Grant	Private Citizen
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Written Submissions

Your Committee received the following one written submission on **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:

Kevin Rebeck

Manitoba Federation of Labour

Your Committee received the following one written submission on **Bill (No. 12)** – The Housing and Renewal Corporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d’habitation et de rénovation:

Kirsten Bernas

Right to Housing Coalition

Your Committee received the following four written submissions on **Bill (No. 23)** – The Public Interest Expression Defence Act/Loi visant à défendre l’expression sur des questions d’intérêt public:

Erna Buffie

Private Citizen

Brent Bjorklund

Manitoba Green Party

Cat M. Gauthier

Private Citizen

James Wilt

Private Citizen

Your Committee received the following one written submission on **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):

Ben McGillivray

Private Citizen

Bills Considered and Reported

- **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

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 12)** – The Housing and Renewal Corporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d’habitation et de rénovation

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 23)** – The Public Interest Expression Defence Act/Loi visant à défendre l’expression sur des questions d’intérêt public

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill with the following amendment:

THAT Clause 4(2) of the Bill be struck out.

- **Bill (No. 30)** – The Election Financing Amendment and Elections Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le financement des élections et la Loi électorale

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **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)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill with the following amendment:

THAT Clause 13 of the Bill be replaced with the following:

Coming into force — royal assent

13(1) Subject to subsection (2), this Act comes into force on the day it receives royal assent.

Coming into force — September 1, 2026

13(2) Section 7 comes into force on September 1, 2026.

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

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), Hon. Min. KENNEDY, Mr. EWASKO, MLA CORBETT and Messrs. GUENTER and BLASHKO made Member’s statements.

Following Oral Questions, the Speaker made the following ruling:

Following Oral Questions on October 8, 2025, the Honourable Minister of Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care raised a point of order alleging that the Honourable Leader of the Official Opposition made a “very disturbing gesture” in the House during Oral Questions that day. The Minister suggested that this gesture “could be very harmful and very triggering to anybody in this space or, certainly, children in the gallery”.

Later in the same sitting day, the Honourable Leader of the Official Opposition rose on a separate point of order and offered an apology in the House. At that time, I stated that, as I’d already started investigating the matter, I would continue that investigation and report back to the House if necessary.

I have investigated this matter further, and I have reviewed footage from our broadcast cameras in the Chamber. I discovered that the gestures complained about were egregious and offensive, and while I hesitate to reference them specifically, I feel that it is necessary to be clear. The footage shows the Honourable Leader of the Official Opposition making a gesture depicting gun violence and acts of self-harm. I believe this was an inappropriate gesture for a Member to be making in this Chamber, and I find myself not satisfied with the Leader of the Official Opposition's apology yesterday.

So, I'm now giving the Leader of the Official Opposition another opportunity to address this matter right now by providing an unequivocal and unconditional apology for his behaviour in the House.

WHEREUPON Mr. KHAN apologized unequivocally.

The House resumed the debate on the proposed motion of Hon. Ms. SMITH:

THAT Bill (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, 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 Mr. BALCAEN,

And Messrs. SCHULER and WASYLIW, Mrs. ROBBINS, Mr. NESBITT and Hon. Mr. MOSES having spoken,

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

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

The House then adjourned at 5:11 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 14, 2025.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.