



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 78

SECOND SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. GOERTZEN, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented its Seventh Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on October 28, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chamber of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- Auditor General's Report – Physicians' Billings dated January 2021
- Auditor General's Report – Automatic Vehicle Location Management Systems dated June 2021
- Auditor General's Report – Follow Up of Previously Issued Recommendations dated February 2024
 - *Physicians' Billings*
 - *Automatic Vehicle Location Management Systems*
- Auditor General's Report – Follow Up of Previously Issued Recommendations dated February 2025
 - *Physicians' Billings*

Committee Membership

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

Your Committee elected Mr. GOERTZEN as the Chairperson.

Substitutions received prior to Committee proceedings:

- MLA REDHEAD for MLA COMPTON

Officials Speaking on Record

- Tyson Shtykalo, Auditor General
- Ann Ulusoy, Secretary to Treasury Board
- Sean Savage, Executive Director, Vehicle and Equipment Management Agency

Reports Considered and Passed

Your Committee considered and passed the following reports as presented:

- Auditor General's Report – Physicians' Billings dated January 2021
- Auditor General's Report – Automatic Vehicle Location Management Systems dated June 2021

Your Committee completed consideration of the following chapters as presented:

- Auditor General's Report – Follow Up of Previously Issued Recommendations dated February 2024
 - *Physicians' Billings*
 - *Automatic Vehicle Location Management Systems*
- Auditor General's Report – Follow Up of Previously Issued Recommendations dated February 2025
 - *Physicians' Billings*

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

Hon. Min. MOROZ tabled:

Annual Report of Research Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025.
(Sessional Paper No. 132)

Hon. Mr. SIMARD tabled:

Final Report of the Statutory Review of Provincial Planning Legislation, dated October 28, 2024.
(Sessional Paper No. 133)

Hon. Min. ASAGWARA, the Minister of Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care, made a statement regarding Health Care Support Workers' Week, October 20 to 24, 2025.

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

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), MLA DEVGAN, Mr. WHARTON, Hon. Mr. MOSES, Mr. EWASKO and MLA LAMOUREUX made Member's statements.

Following Oral Questions, the Speaker made the following ruling:

On October 28, 2025, the Honourable Member for Red River North raised a point of order regarding comments made by the Honourable First Minister during a response to a question during the question period on Second Reading of Bill 50. The Honourable First Minister had accused the Member for Red River North of saying, “Waah Waah” as a heckle. The Honourable Member for Red River North disputed this comment, and asked that the Honourable First Minister table the Hansard showing the comments.

The Honourable Minister of Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care also spoke to the matter before I took it under advisement.

Points of order are to be used to draw the attention of the Speaker to a perceived breach of the rules or practices of the House, or to raise concerns about unparliamentary language. At no time during his submission did the Honourable Member for Red River North state that a rule or practice had been broken. Instead, the Member used his time to dispute comments put on the record by the Honourable First Minister.

It is well established among procedural authorities that disputes over facts are matters of debate and not points of order. Furthermore, on page 639 of the third edition of *House of Commons Procedure and Practice*, Bosc and Gagnon state, “a Member may not direct remarks to the House or engage in debate by raising a matter under the guise of a point of order.”

I would therefore rule that the Member does not have a point of order.

I have more to say on this matter.

As I said I would in the House when I took this under advisement, I took time to investigate further, and I have reviewed public footage from our broadcast cameras in the Chamber. In this footage, the comment in question was clearly audible as a heckle during the Honourable First Minister’s response. I would also like to say that I clearly heard the heckle by the Member for Red River North in the House yesterday.

If Members do not want comments spoken off the record to be repeated on the record, I would suggest you do not make them at all. Just because the Hansard transcript may not include comments made off the record does not mean that they are not heard.

Further, the Member for Red River North was not the only Member heckling yesterday afternoon. The behaviour on display from both sides was, quite frankly, disgraceful. Multiple Members from both sides were, again, hollering back and forth, in particular the Member for Lac du Bonnet and the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning. I was lenient yesterday, perhaps too lenient. I will not be so lenient today.

This has to stop. We have to show the people of Manitoba that we are better than this.

Subsequently following Oral Questions, Mr. GOERTZEN rose on a matter of privilege regarding Members disregarding traditions of the House, specifically alleging that the Honourable First Minister ignored the Speaker's call to order and left the Chamber whilst the Speaker was standing, and moved:

THAT this matter be referred to a committee of the House.

And MLA PANKRATZ having spoken,

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

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

Mr. BALCAEN – 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 support the investment and placement of an MRI machine in the Portage Regional Health Facility in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

Mr. 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.

Mrs. COOK – To urge the Provincial Government to install a sidewalk or shoulder with a turning lane to facilitate safe pedestrian and cyclist traffic along Highway 1 westbound from Dodds Road to Bobiche Street.

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 support the investment and placement of an MRI machine in the Portage Regional Health Facility in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

Mr. GUENTER – To urge the Provincial Government to lobby the Federal Government to develop and implement a comprehensive plan to assist border communities in managing the rise in illegal border crossings into Manitoba; to work closely with federal and local authorities to ensure adequate resources, including funding and support for emergency services, are available to protect local communities; and that immediate measures be taken to dismantle and destroy all human smuggling networks operating in Manitoba.

Mrs. HIEBERT – To urge the Provincial Government to take immediate action and recognize the critical need of this wastewater project for economic growth and environmental stability by committing to advocating and working with the Federal Government to close the gap with additional funding for Morden's wastewater treatment system; and to ensure all levels of government and regulatory bodies will expedite necessary funding and approvals necessary to advance the Morden wastewater project with no further delay and ensure no hindrance to growth and economic development for Morden and southern Manitoba.

Mrs. ROBBINS – To urge the Provincial Government to address the conditions of Provincial Trunk Highway 34, making the necessary upgrades to RTAC standard and to resurface the road once the new bridge has been completed.

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.

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.

Mr. PIWNIUK – To urge the Provincial Government to lobby the Federal Government to develop and implement a comprehensive plan to assist border communities in managing the rise in illegal border crossings into Manitoba; to work closely with federal and local authorities to ensure adequate resources, including funding and support for emergency services, are available to protect local communities; and that immediate measures be taken to dismantle and destroy all human smuggling networks operating in Manitoba.

Mr. NARTH – To urge the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to prioritize the reconstruction of Provincial Road 210; and to urge the Provincial Government to include the stretch of Provincial Road 210 from Woodridge to Highway 12 in its reconstruction plans.

Mr. PERCHOTTE – To urge the Provincial Government to assist in paving Provincial Road 247 to La Salle from Manitoba Highway 3; and to ensure the safety of local residents and young drivers who use Provincial Road 247 from La Salle so that they have a safe way to access education year round.

Mr. NESBITT – To urge the Provincial Government to lobby the Federal Government to stop the expansion of medical assistance in dying to those for whom mental illness is the sole condition; and to protect Canadians struggling with mental illness by facilitating treatment, recovery, and medical assistance in living, not death.

Mr. WOWCHUK – 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.

Mr. WHARTON – To urge the Provincial Government to support the investment and placement of an MRI machine in the Portage Regional Health Facility in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

Mr. JOHNSON – To urge the Provincial Government to address the conditions of Provincial Trunk Highway 34, making the necessary upgrades to RTAC standard and to resurface the road once the new bridge has been completed.

In accordance with Rule 30, Mr. JOHNSON rose on a Grievance.

In accordance with Rule 30, Mrs. COOK rose on a Grievance.

In accordance with Rule 30, Mr. GUENTER rose on a Grievance.

By leave, the House agreed to consider condolence motions immediately following Oral Questions tomorrow, October 30, 2025, postponing Petitions and Grievances until consideration of the motions is complete.

MLA BEREZA moved the following Report Stage amendment to 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, reported from the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development:

THAT Bill 48 be amended by adding the following before Clause 11 and after the centred heading "GENERAL PROVISIONS":

Limitation

10.1(1) A facility or part of a facility must not be designated as a protective care centre under clause 12(1)(c) if the facility or part of the facility is within 500 metres from the parcel of land on which any of the following are located:

- (a) a public school as defined in *The Education Administration Act*;
- (b) an independent school as defined in *The Education Administration Act*;
- (c) a child care centre as defined in *The Community Child Care Standards Act*;
- (d) a personal care home as defined in *The Health Services Insurance Act*;
- (e) a public playground, park or community centre;
- (f) a supervised consumption site.

Mobile overdose prevention site

10.1(2) A supervised consumption site that is a mobile overdose prevention site must not operate within 500 metres from the parcel of land on which a protective care centre is located.

Definition of "supervised consumption site"

10.1(3) For the purpose of this section, a "**supervised consumption site**" is a site, including a mobile overdose prevention site, in respect of which the federal Minister of Health has granted an exemption under section 56.1 of the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (Canada) to allow certain activities in relation to a controlled substance or precursor.

And a debate arising,

And MLA BEREZA having spoken,

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

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, October 30, 2025.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.