



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 3

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were read a First Time and had their purposes outlined:

(No. 2) – The Non-Consensual Distribution of Intimate Images Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la distribution non consensuelle des images intimes

(Hon. Mr. WIEBE)

(No. 210) – 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

(Mr. JOHNSON)

(No. 215) – The Wildlife Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la conservation de la faune

(Mr. WOWCHUK)

Hon. Mr. WIEBE, the Minister of Justice, made a statement regarding Restorative Justice Week, November 16 to 22, 2025.

Mr. BALCAEN commented on the statement.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), Ms. LATHLIN, Mrs. HIEBERT, Hon. Min. KENNEDY and Messrs. EWASKO and OXENHAM made Member's statements.

Following Oral Questions, the Speaker made the following ruling:

In the Second Session of the Forty-Third Legislature, prior to Routine Proceedings on October 30, 2025, the Honourable Leader of the Official Opposition raised a matter of privilege regarding the Speaker refusing a request for camera footage from the Chamber, stating that such requests had been granted in other instances. The Member concluded his remarks by moving:

THAT this Assembly release and make publicly available the multi-view footage of the Chamber from the date Wednesday, October 29.

The Honourable Deputy Government House Leader spoke to the matter before I took it under advisement.

In order for a matter of privilege to be ruled as *prima facie*, a Member must demonstrate that the issue has been raised at the earliest opportunity, while also providing sufficient evidence to support the claim that a *prima facie* case of privilege has been established.

On the condition of timeliness, the Member raised the matter at 1:30 p.m. on the day he received the email with the information in question. While he could have raised the matter when the House met at 10:00 a.m. that day, Manitoba Speakers have typically allowed Members to wait until 1:30 to raise such matters. I would also acknowledge the Member's assertion that he needed to do some research on this before raising it in the House. Therefore, I would agree that he raised the matter at his earliest opportunity.

Regarding the question of whether the Member established a *prima facie* case, I will quickly review his case. The Member stated that, in connection with a different matter of privilege raised by the Honourable Member for Steinbach, he requested camera footage from this House from the Speaker's Office. He then noted that the Speaker refused that request, and he tabled the relevant email and my letter. The Member also referenced a previous incident where video footage from the House was released, and stated that an unequal standard was applied to the two different incidents and requests for footage. He further asserted that the denial of this footage was a "clear breach of my ability to perform my role as the Leader of the Official Opposition and [...] MLA for Fort Whyte".

I will note here that the basis for the Member's complaint is an alleged breach of an administrative procedure of this House, and I have two points to make in relation to this.

First, as the Speaker of this House, I am responsible for making many procedural and administrative decisions relating to the Assembly. This is affirmed on page 318 of the third edition of *House of Commons Procedure and Practice*, which states:

As the [arbitrator] of House proceedings, the Speaker's duty is to preserve order and decorum in the House and to decide any matters of procedure that may arise. This duty carries with it a wide-ranging authority extending to [...] the conduct of proceedings.

Second, decisions regarding release of video footage from the Chamber are both procedural and administrative. I reference this because I have advised Members previously any matter concerning the methods by which the House proceeds in the conduct of business would be a question of order, not privilege. Joseph Maingot, in the second edition of *Parliamentary Privilege in Canada*, states on page 14 that "allegations of breach of privilege by a Member in the House [...] that amount to complaints about procedures and practices in the House are by their very nature matters of order".

With these points in mind, I am ruling that on this matter the Member did not establish the *prima facie* case of privilege.

For the sake of clarity for all Members on this matter, in the letter I sent to all Members on October 27, 2025, and in an email I sent on October 30, 2025, to the Honourable Leader of the Official Opposition, I clearly identified the criteria under which I would release such footage. For the record, I will quote from that email now:

I will remind you of the conditions under which I stated I would release multi view footage from the Chamber, as explained in my letter to all MLAs on this topic, dated October 27, 2025:

In the event of an incident happening in the Chamber that I did not witness and was not captured on the Assembly Broadcast, I may choose to review multi-view footage. However, this will only happen if the incident in question is raised in the House as part of a Point of Order or a Matter of Privilege, and if I deem it necessary to consult the recordings when considering my Ruling on the matter.

On such occasions, once I have ruled on the Point of Order or Matter of Privilege, I will make the footage in question available upon request.

In the case of the incident which is the subject of the Matter of Privilege raised [on] October 29th by [the Honourable Member for Steinbach], I witnessed the events myself and therefore I do not deem it necessary to consult the recordings when considering my Ruling on the matter.

Accordingly, I will not be releasing any footage on this incident.

I thank Members for their attention to this matter.

From his decision, Ms. BYRAM appealed to the House,

And the Question being put, “Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained?”

It was agreed to, on the following division:

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ASAGWARA
BLASHKO
BRAR
BUSHIE
CABLE
CHEN
COMPTON
CORBETT
CROSS
DELA CRUZ
DEVGAN
KENNEDY
KINEW
KOSTYSHYN
LAMOUREUX

LATHLIN
LOISELLE
MALOWAY
MARCELINO
MOSES
MOYES
OXENHAM
PANKRATZ
REDHEAD
SALA
SANDHU
SCHMIDT
SCHOTT
SIMARD
WIEBE 30

NAY

BALCAEN
BEREZA
BYRAM
COOK
EWASKO
GOERTZEN
GUENTER
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In accordance with Rule 34, the Deputy Opposition House Leader announced that the Private Member's resolution titled "Affordability and the Economy" will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

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

THAT the following address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor:

We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, thank Your Honour for the gracious speech addressed to us at this Third Session of the Forty-Third Legislature of Manitoba.

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. NARTH, MLAs LAMOUREUX and CROSS and Mrs. COOK having spoken,

And Mr. OXENHAM 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. Friday, November 21, 2025.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.