



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 43

THIRD 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 “Streamlining Business Permitting and Investment Attraction by Establishing a Single-Desk Investment Office” will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members’ Business.

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

THAT Bill (No. 211) – The Budget Bill Public Accountability Act/Loi sur la participation du public quant aux lois budgétaires, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And MLA COMPTON, Hon. Min. CABLE, Mr. OXENHAM, MLA LOISELLE, Mrs. ROBBINS, MLA MALOWAY and Hon. Min. FONTAINE having spoken,

And Hon. Min. SANDHU 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. STONE:

Resolution No. 5: Calling on the Provincial Government to Increase the Personal Tax Exemption

WHEREAS Manitobans are facing an affordability and cost-of-living crisis; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has cancelled the indexation of the Basic Personal Amount and personal income tax brackets, costing Manitobans more money each year going forward; and

WHEREAS since this Provincial Government took office, it has broken its promise to not raise taxes by increasing school taxes, education property taxes, and ending income tax indexation, thus pushing more Manitobans into higher tax brackets; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is phasing out the Basic Personal Amount for important medical professionals such as doctors and other skilled professionals making Manitoba less competitive for important workers in the health-care system; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has increased taxes on more than 55% of Winnipeg Families and property owners, that amounts to over 130,000 property owners in Winnipeg alone; and

WHEREAS property taxes and other taxes are 19.5 per cent higher since the Provincial Government took office; and

WHEREAS Manitobans now pay the highest taxes in Western Canada and have the highest inflation in the country as grocery prices have risen by 5.9%; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2026 MNP Consumer Debt Index report, half of Manitoba families are two hundred dollars or less a month away from being able to pay their bills and service their debt; and

WHEREAS the previous PC Provincial Government successfully removed over 75,000 lower income Manitobans from the tax rolls by increasing the Basic Personal Amount to \$15,000 between 2016 and 2023; and

WHEREAS, a 2025 Fraser Institute report identified that the lives of families purchasing a home or renting in Winnipeg has become significantly less affordable, requiring a larger share of after-tax income with a quarter of their annual income on rent, or having to save for 13 months to buy an average home in Winnipeg; and

WHEREAS, many Manitoba families are struggling to keep up with the cost of living. Families are struggling to put food on the table and pay their heating and property tax bills, and have less after-tax income.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be urged to call on the Provincial Government to raise the Basic Personal Amount for provincial income tax to \$30,000.

And the debate continuing,

And MLA DEVGAN, Ms. BYRAM, Messrs. BRAR and KING, Hon. Mr. KOSTYSHYN and MLA PANKRATZ having spoken,

And Mrs. SCHOTT speaking at 12:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

1:30 O’CLOCK P.M.

Hon. Min. SCHMIDT, the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning, made a statement regarding Education Week, April 13 to 17, 2026.

Mr. EWASKO commented on the statement.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), Hon. Min. MARCELINO, MLAs BEREZA and CHEN and Messrs. JOHNSON and BLASHKO made Member’s statements.

Thursday, April 16, 2026

During Oral Questions, the Speaker interjected and requested that the words “intentionally misspoke”, spoken by the Honourable Leader of the Official Opposition, be withdrawn.

WHEREUPON Mr. KHAN withdrew their remarks.

Also during Oral Questions, the Speaker interjected and requested that the word “untrue”, spoken by the Honourable Minister of Justice, be withdrawn.

WHEREUPON Hon. Mr. WIEBE withdrew their remarks.

In accordance with Rule 30, MLA BEREZA rose on a grievance.

During the grievance of the Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie, the Speaker interjected and requested that the Member apologize for alluding to the presence or absence of another Member.

WHEREUPON MLA BEREZA apologized for their remarks.

The House resolved into Committee of Supply.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 20, 2026.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.