



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 59

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O’CLOCK A.M.

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

THAT Bill (No. 233) – The Municipal Assessment Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l’évaluation municipale, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And MLA CORBETT and Mrs. ROBBINS having spoken,

And MLA DEVGAN speaking at 10:30 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

In accordance with Rule 34, the Official Opposition House Leader announced that the previously debated Private Member’s resolution titled “Calling on the Provincial Government to Increase the Personal Tax Exemption” will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members’ Business.

Mrs. HIEBERT moved:

THAT Bill (No. 208) – The Retail Sales Tax Amendment Act (Farmer’s Identification Number)/Loi modifiant la Loi de la taxe sur les ventes au détail (numéro d’identification d’agriculteur), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. HIEBERT having spoken,

And MLA REDHEAD and Mr. NESBITT having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. KOSTYSHYN speaking at 11:00 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

Mr. GUENTER moved:

Resolution No. 11: Right to Defend Your Home and Family

WHEREAS those in this Chamber acknowledge violent crime has become an epidemic in Manitoba, as exemplified by the recent violent home invasions and aggravated assaults of two Winnipeg seniors and a couple in Thompson; and

WHEREAS the soft-on-crime laws of the Liberal Federal Government and the Provincial Government have created a scenario where violent repeat offenders can be released on bail to re-offend within hours; and

WHEREAS in rural and remote communities, law enforcement presence and policies are often insufficient to ensure a timely response in an emergency situation; and

WHEREAS sections 34 and 35 of the *Criminal Code* of Canada allows Canadians to use “reasonable” force to defend themselves, others, and their property; and

WHEREAS, too often, people in that situation must make a split-second, life-and-death decision and do not have time to consider the nine questions and conditions currently specified in the law; and

WHEREAS, too often, those individuals who must make that split-second, life-and-death decision are hounded by the criminal justice system afterwards, while the real criminals go free; and

WHEREAS responsibility for incidents of this nature should lie solely with the criminal who illegally enters someone’s home and assumes the risks associated therewith, not the person who rightfully lives there; and

WHEREAS being the victim of a crime and possibly facing prosecution for acting in self-defence has negative impacts on the mental health, financial health, well-being, and sense of safety for Manitobans and Canadians; and

WHEREAS the *Criminal Code* needs to be amended to reduce and clarify the conditions of self-defence in situations where people illegally enter their home and pose a threat to themselves or others, eliminate the duty to retreat before using force before acting in such self-defence, and provide civil and criminal immunity to persons who legitimately take such actions against illegal intruders; and

WHEREAS Canadian juries have consistently upheld the self-defence rights of homeowners in relation to people and property, as everyone has a right to feel safe in their own home.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba call on the Federal Government to amend the *Criminal Code* to clearly establish that a person is justified in using reasonable force, including deadly force, to protect themselves, their family, others, or their home when an individual unlawfully enters or attempts to enter their dwelling and is reasonably perceived to pose a threat to life or safety.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. GUENTER having spoken,

And MLA REDHEAD, Mr. NARTH and Ms. BYRAM having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And MLA COMPTON, Mr. NARTH and Hon. Mr. BUSHIE having spoken,

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

During the debate, the Speaker interjected and requested that unparliamentary language used by the Honourable Member for Borderland be withdrawn.

WHEREUPON Mr. GUENTER withdrew their remarks.

Also during the debate, the Acting Speaker interjected and cautioned the Honourable Minister of Natural Resources and Indigenous Futures regarding the presence or absence of Members.

WHEREUPON Hon. Mr. BUSHIE voluntarily apologized.

1:30 O’CLOCK P.M.

Hon. Mr. KOSTYSHYN, the Minister of Agriculture, made a statement regarding today being Vyshyvanka Day.

Mr. EWASKO commented on the statement.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), Hon. Min. ASAGWARA, Mrs. HIEBERT, MLA LOISELLE, Mr. EWASKO and Hon. Mr. KOSTYSHYN made Member’s statements.

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

Mrs. ROBBINS – To urge the Provincial Government to grant financial assistance to Spruce Woods Housing Co-Operative Ltd. and to specify this financial support in the Provincial Government’s budget.

Mr. GOERTZEN – To urge the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to undertake safety improvements at the intersection of PTH 75 and PR 305 at Ste. Agathe; and to prioritize measures that will reduce accidents and fatalities, including but not limited to those outlined in the 2022 in-service road safety review.

Mr. WHARTON – 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. HIEBERT – 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. SCHULER – To urge the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to undertake safety improvements at the intersection of PTH 75 and PR 305 at Ste. Agathe; and to prioritize measures that will reduce accidents and fatalities, including but not limited to those outlined in the 2022 in-service road safety review.

Mr. EWASKO – To urge the Provincial Government to fully implement recommendations in the *Bridging the Gaps* report and immediately implement official policies and procedures that are more respectful and collaborative which also minimize harm faced by families seeking help from Children's disABILITY Services; and to urge the Minister of Families to arrange for a full review of employment supports provided by Children's disABILITY Services for children with disabilities aged 12 to 17, including direct consultation with impacted families, and to explore a full spectrum of options to support families, empowering them to choose solutions that best fit their needs.

MLA BEREZA – 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. 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.

Mrs. STONE – To urge the Provincial Government to fully implement recommendations in the *Bridging the Gaps* report and immediately implement official policies and procedures that are more respectful and collaborative which also minimize harm faced by families seeking help from Children’s disABILITY Services; and to urge the Minister of Families to arrange for a full review of employment supports provided by Children’s disABILITY Services for children with disabilities aged 12 to 17, including direct consultation with impacted families, and to explore a full spectrum of options to support families, empowering them to choose solutions that best fit their needs.

Mr. GUENTER – 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.

Ms. BYRAM – To urge the Provincial Government to fully implement recommendations in the *Bridging the Gaps* report and immediately implement official policies and procedures that are more respectful and collaborative which also minimize harm faced by families seeking help from Children’s disABILITY Services; and to urge the Minister of Families to arrange for a full review of employment supports provided by Children’s disABILITY Services for children with disabilities aged 12 to 17, including direct consultation with impacted families, and to explore a full spectrum of options to support families, empowering them to choose solutions that best fit their needs.

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. JOHNSON – To urge the Minister of Environment and Climate Change and the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to immediately allocate funding to rebuild Highway 8 and Hecla Village Road to ensure that they are safe, dependable, well maintained and restored to a condition that will not deter tourists.

Mr. WOWCHUK – To urge the Minister of Housing, Addictions and Homelessness to use seniors’ housing for what it was intended: the seniors; to require a minimum age of fifty-five years for residence in all elderly person housing (EPH) buildings; and to engage in proper vetting of all applications of people desiring to live in EPH buildings.

Mr. NESBITT – To urge the Provincial Government to fully implement recommendations in the *Bridging the Gaps* report and immediately implement official policies and procedures that are more respectful and collaborative which also minimize harm faced by families seeking help from Children’s disABILITY Services; and to urge the Minister of Families to arrange for a full review of employment supports provided by Children’s disABILITY Services for children with disabilities aged 12 to 17, including direct consultation with impacted families, and to explore a full spectrum of options to support families, empowering them to choose solutions that best fit their needs.

Mr. PIWNIUK – 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.

Mrs. COOK – To urge the Provincial Government to proceed with the planned renovation and expansion of Phoenix School without further delay.

In accordance with Rule 30, Mrs. ROBBINS rose on a grievance.

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

THAT Bill (No. 53) – The Budget Implementation and Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2026/Loi d'exécution du budget de 2026 et modifiant diverses dispositions législatives en matière de fiscalité, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And on the proposed amendment of Mr. JOHNSON as follows:

THAT the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word "THAT" and substituting the following:

Bill (No. 53) – The Budget Implementation and Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2026/Loi d'exécution du budget de 2026 et modifiant diverses dispositions législatives en matière de fiscalité, be not now read a Second Time, but that the Order for Second Reading be discharged, the Bill withdrawn from the *Order Paper* and the subject matter thereof referred to the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Messrs. WOWCHUK and KHAN having spoken,

And the Question being put on the amendment. It was negatived, on the following division:

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BALCAEN	KING
BEREZA	NARTH
BYRAM	NESBITT
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EWASKO	PIWNIUK
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The debate on the main motion was allowed to remain open.

The House then adjourned at 5:18 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 25, 2026.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.