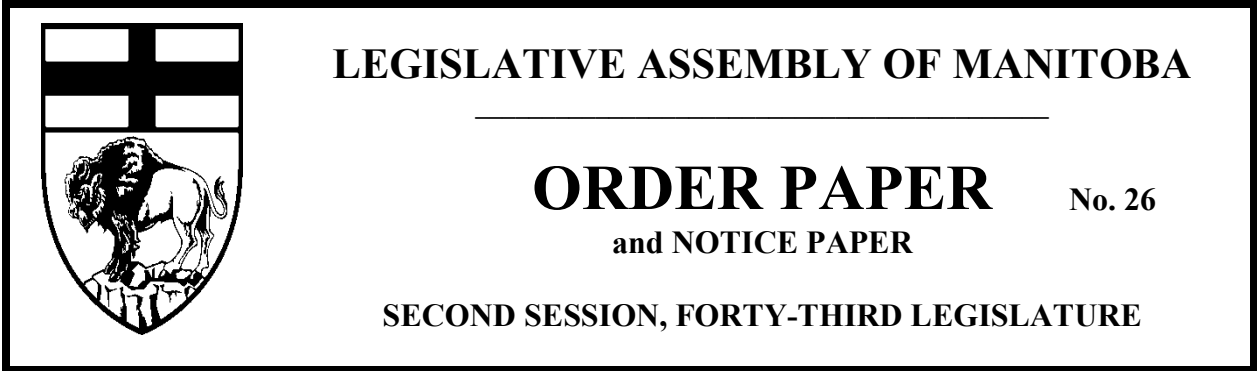


Thursday, March 13, 2025



PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

SITTING AT 10:00 A.M.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

DEBATE ON SECOND READINGS:

Mr. JOHNSON –

(No. 202) – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment Act (Net-Metering Agreements)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Hydro-Manitoba (ententes de facturation nette)
(MLA PANKRATZ – 7 minutes)

Mrs. COOK –

(No. 203) – The Earlier Screening for Breast Cancer Act/Loi sur l'abaissement du seuil d'admissibilité au dépistage systématique du cancer du sein
(Hon. Min. NAYLOR – 2 minutes)

MLA CROSS –

(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)
(Mr. WHARTON – 6 minutes)

MLA PANKRATZ –

(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)
(Mr. JACKSON – 7 minutes)

Mrs. COOK –

(No. 215) – The Specialist Wait Time Reporting Act/Loi sur la présentation de rapports concernant les temps d’attente pour la consultation de spécialistes

(Hon. Min. MOROZ – 2 minutes)

SECOND READINGS – PUBLIC BILLS:

Mr. WHARTON –

(No. 201) – The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment and Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation Amendment Act (Expanding Liquor Retail)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis et la Loi sur la Société manitobaine des alcools et des loteries (vente au détail d’une gamme élargie de boissons alcoolisées)

Mr. WASYLIW –

(No. 206) – The Homeowner Protection from Unsolicited Purchase Offers Act/Loi sur la protection des propriétaires contre les offres d’achat non sollicitées

MLA DELA CRUZ –

(No. 209) – The Celebration of Philippine Independence Day Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur la Journée de la célébration de l’indépendance des Philippines (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)

Mr. SCHULER –

(No. 223) – The Official Time Amendment Act, 2025/Loi de 2025 modifiant la Loi sur le temps réglementaire

Mrs. STONE –

(No. 224) – The Budget Bill Public Accountability Act/Loi sur la participation du public quant à la loi budgétaire

RESOLUTION:

Mrs. STONE – Provincial Government Job-Destroying Payroll Taxes

4. WHEREAS Manitoba’s economy and workers are under threat with increasing costs and taxes imposed by the Provincial Government on families and businesses; and

WHEREAS the payroll tax is a tax on jobs and drives business away from Manitoba; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is responsible for the second highest job-destroying payroll tax in Canada behind only Quebec; and

WHEREAS only three other provinces have maintained a job-destroying payroll tax; and

WHEREAS Canada, the Territories and six other provinces are all free of a payroll tax; and

WHEREAS Manitoba businesses are struggling under unfair tariffs imposed by the American government and require meaningful, permanent relief; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government job-destroying payroll tax makes Manitoba less attractive for new businesses to come to Manitoba and for investors and job creators to grow the economy; and

WHEREAS under the Provincial Government the unemployment rate has soared from 4% in 2023 to over 6% now in 2025; and

WHEREAS during a recession, the Pawley NDP Provincial Government created the job-destroying NDP payroll tax in 1982; and

WHEREAS the current Provincial Government is leading Manitoba into another recession with high unemployment levels; and

WHEREAS the previous PC Provincial Government began to phase out the payroll tax in successive budgets in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, taking many small- and medium-sized businesses off these tax rolls entirely and reducing the cost of the payroll tax for thousands of other Manitoba businesses; and

WHEREAS with the ongoing threat of U.S. tariffs, the current Provincial Government has only offered a temporary, three-month deferral of the payroll tax to Manitoba businesses; and

WHEREAS Manitoba needs a competitive business environment to attract investment to Manitoba and strengthen the local economy in the face of U.S trade action.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to make the province more attractive to international investors and new businesses by completing the phasing out of the job-destroying payroll tax permanently, provide real relief for businesses struggling under American tariffs, and reversing the Provincial Government's trend of growing the tax burden on Manitobans.

DEBATE ON RESOLUTIONS:

2. MLA COMPTON – Supporting the Provincial Government on 800 New Hip and Knee Surgeries
(Mr. WHARTON – 4 minutes/124 minutes remaining)

1. Mr. JACKSON – Calling on the Provincial Government to Reverse Recent Amendments to the Teaching Certificates and Qualifications Regulation
(Hon. Min. CABLE – 1 minute/131 minutes remaining)
 3. Mr. PERCHOTTE – Calling on the Provincial Government to Implement a Volunteer Tax Credit
(Open – 125 minutes remaining)
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SITTING AT 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Mr. GOERTZEN –

(No. 200) – The Occupiers’ Liability Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la responsabilité des occupants

Mr. WASYLIW –

(No. 204) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Reason for Traffic Stop)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (obligation de motiver tout ordre d’arrêt)

Mr. WASYLIW –

(No. 205) – The Budget Impact Reporting Act/Loi sur la publication de rapports concernant les répercussions des mesures budgétaires

Mr. WASYLIW –

(No. 207) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Teaching Experience of Principals)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (expérience des directeurs en enseignement)

Mr. WASYLIW –

(No. 211) – The Local Elections Voter Eligibility Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur l’admissibilité des électeurs aux élections locales (modification de diverses lois)

Mr. WASYLIW –

(No. 212) – The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la location à usage d’habitation

Mr. WASYLIW –

(No. 213) – The Employment Standards Code Amendment Act (Non-Compete Agreements)/Loi modifiant le Code des normes d’emploi (accords de non-concurrence)

Mr. WASYLIW –

(No. 214) – The Board Parity and Diversity Act/Loi sur la parité et la diversité au sein des conseils d’administration

MLA DELA CRUZ –

(No. 216) – The Health System Governance and Accountability Amendment Act (Plebiscite Before Permanent Emergency Room Closure)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la gouvernance et l’obligation redditionnelle au sein du système de santé (plébiscites sur la fermeture permanente de salles d’urgence)

Mr. WASYLIW –

(No. 217) – The Energy Efficiency Disclosure Act/Loi sur la présentation de rapports sur l’efficacité énergétique

MLA MOYES –

(No. 218) – The Climate Action Month Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur le Mois de lutte contre les changements climatiques (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)

Mr. WASYLIW –

(No. 219) – The Police Services Amendment Act (Obligation to Respond to Police Wrongdoings)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services de police (intervention et signalement obligatoires en cas d’acte répréhensible commis par un autre agent de police)

Mr. WASYLIW –

(No. 220) – The Criminal Property Forfeiture Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la confiscation de biens obtenus ou utilisés criminellement

Mr. WOWCHUK –

(No. 221) – The Wildlife Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la conservation de la faune

Mr. JOHNSON –

(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

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 2) – The Provincial Court Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Cour provinciale
(Recommended by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. SIMARD –

(No. 3) – The City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment and Planning Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Charte de la ville de Winnipeg et la Loi sur l'aménagement du territoire

Hon. Mr. SIMARD –

(No. 4) – The Planning Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'aménagement du territoire

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 5) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Impaired Driving Measures)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (mesures en cas d’infractions de conduite avec facultés affaiblies)
(Recommended by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Min. SCHMIDT –

(No. 6) – The Public Schools Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques

Hon. Min. ASAGWARA –

(No. 7) – The Human Tissue Gift Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les dons de tissus humains

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 8) – The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 9) – The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment Act (2)/Loi n° 2 modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis

Hon. Min. SANDHU –

(No. 10) – The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act (2)/Loi n° 2 modifiant la Loi sur la location à usage d’habitation
(Recommended by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. MOSES –

(No. 11) – The Oil and Gas Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le pétrole et le gaz naturel

Hon. Ms. SMITH –

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

Hon. Min. SALA –

(No. 14) – The Insurance Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les assurances

Hon. Min. SALA –

(No. 15) – The Real Estate Services Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services immobiliers

Hon. Min. SCHMIDT –

(No. 16) – The Municipal Councils and School Boards Elections Amendment and Public Schools Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les élections municipales et scolaires et la Loi sur les écoles publiques

Hon. Min. SCHMIDT –

(No. 17) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Nutrition Equality for Lasting Learning Outcomes)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (équité alimentaire pour un apprentissage durable)
(Recommended by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Min. SCHMIDT –

(No. 18) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Indigenous Languages of Instruction)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (enseignement en langue autochtone)

Hon. Min. SCHMIDT –

(No. 19) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Safe Schools)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (milieu scolaire sûr)

Hon. Min. SCHMIDT –

(No. 20) – The Community Child Care Standards Amendment and Education Administration Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la garde d'enfants et la Loi sur l'administration scolaire

Hon. Min. KENNEDY –

(No. 21) – The Protecting Youth in Sports Act/Loi sur la protection des jeunes sportifs

Hon. Min. MOYES –

(No. 22) – The Environment Amendment and Waste Reduction and Prevention Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'environnement et la Loi sur la réduction du volume et de la production des déchets

(Recommended by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

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

Hon. Min. MARCELINO –

(No. 24) – The Workers Compensation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les accidents du travail

Hon. Min. SANDHU –

(No. 25) – The Public-Private Partnerships Transparency and Accountability Act/Loi sur la transparence et la responsabilité en matière de partenariats public-privé

Hon. Min. SANDHU –

(No. 26) – The Vital Statistics Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les statistiques de l'état civil

Hon. Min. SALA –

(No. 28) – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Hydro-Manitoba

Hon. Min. MARCELINO –

(No. 29) – The Workplace Safety and Health Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la sécurité et l'hygiène du travail

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 30) – The Election Financing Amendment and Elections Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le financement des élections et la Loi électorale
(Recommended by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Min. SANDHU –

(No. 31) – The Property Controls for Grocery Stores and Supermarkets Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur les instruments de contrôle de biens-fonds visant des épiceries et des supermarchés (modification de diverses lois)

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 32) – The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act (Measures to Address Unlawful Activities)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la location à usage d'habitation (mesures concernant les activités illégales)

Hon. Min. ASAGWARA –

(No. 33) – The Public Health Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la santé publique

Hon. Min. SCHMIDT –

(No. 39) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Campaign Financing for School Trustees)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (financement des campagnes électorales pour les élections scolaires)

Hon. Min. SCHMIDT –

(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)

Hon. Min. SANDHU –

(No. 42) – The Buy Canadian Act (Government Purchases Act Amended)/Loi sur l'achat au Canada (modification de la Loi sur les achats du gouvernement)

DEBATE ON GOVERNMENT MOTION:

Hon. Min. FONTAINE – Special Committee on Local Journalism

THAT a Special Committee on Local Journalism be created to make recommendations on exploring the future of local journalism, including rural and cultural media such as French, Filipino, Punjabi and Chinese language publications, with the mandate to consider matters of public support for journalism, and report its conclusion to the Assembly within 30 days of the start of Fall Sitting 2025; and

THAT the composition of the Special Committee be:

- (a) four members designated by the NDP caucus, and
- (b) two members designated by the PC caucus; and

THAT the Special Committee be authorized to decide how it will conduct its business, including deciding to hold meetings at times and places it considers advisable to receive briefs and hear presentations; and

THAT, except as otherwise provided in this motion, the Special Committee shall have the same status and powers and follow the same rules and procedures as a Standing Committee of the House, including the power to establish a sub-committee for the purposes of carrying out any part of the Special Committee's work; and

THAT after adoption by the House, this motion may be amended only by:

- (a) unanimous consent of the House;
- (b) passage of a subsequent motion by the House; or
- (c) written agreement of all House Leaders if the House is not sitting.

And the Proposed Motion of Mr. JOHNSON in amendment thereto as follows:

THAT the first clause of the Motion be deleted and the following substituted as the new first clause:

THAT a Special Committee on Local Journalism be created to make recommendations on exploring the future of local journalism, including rural and cultural media representing all ethnicities and non-official languages, so long as they do not promote hate speech or undermine the Manitoba values of inclusivity and respect for all races, religions, and backgrounds, with the mandate to consider matters of public support for journalism, and report its conclusion to the Assembly within 30 days of the start of Fall Sitting 2025; and

(Mr. GOERTZEN – 27 minutes)

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING:

The Standing Committee on PUBLIC ACCOUNTS will meet in the Chamber, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the following reports referred:

- Auditor General's Report – Operations of the Office: Performance for the year ended March 31, 2021
 - Auditor General's Report – Operations of the Office: Performance for the year ended March 31, 2022
 - Auditor General's Report – Operations of the Office for the year ended March 31, 2023
 - Auditor General's Report – Operations of the Office for the year ended March 31, 2024
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