

Monday, May 26, 2025



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

ORDER PAPER

No. 59

and NOTICE PAPER

SECOND SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

SITTING AT 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

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Mr. GOERTZEN –

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

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. 229) – The Human Rights Code Amendment Act (Non-Disclosure Agreements)/Loi modifiant le Code des droits de la personne (accords de confidentialité)

Mr. WASYLIW –

(No. 230) – The Grocery Store Food Waste Prevention Act/Loi sur la prévention du gaspillage alimentaire dans les épiceries

Mr. WASYLIW –

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ETHICS REPORT MOTIONS:

THAT the Legislative Assembly accept the findings regarding Heather Stefanson, the former Member for Tuxedo, in the Conclusion of the Report of the Ethics Commissioner dated May 21, 2025, and order that the penalty recommended by the Commissioner be imposed.

THAT the Legislative Assembly accept the findings regarding Cliff Cullen, the former Member for Spruce Woods, in the Conclusion of the Report of the Ethics Commissioner dated May 21, 2025, and order that the penalty recommended by the Commissioner be imposed.

THAT the Legislative Assembly accept the findings regarding the Honourable Member for Red River North in the Conclusion of the Report of the Ethics Commissioner dated May 21, 2025, and order that the penalty recommended by the Commissioner be imposed.

THAT the Legislative Assembly accept the findings regarding the Honourable Member for Interlake-Gimli in the Conclusion of the Report of the Ethics Commissioner dated May 21, 2025.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

(48 hours 27 minutes)

(Chamber – Transportation and Infrastructure)

(Room 254 – Education and Early Childhood Learning)

(Room 255 – Executive Council)

REPORT STAGE AMENDMENTS:

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)

(amended – Committee)

[Amendment (2) – Mr. BALCAEN]

Specified Bill

Hon. Mr. MOSES –

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

[Amendment (2) – Mr. NESBITT]

[Amendment (2) – Hon. Mr. MOSES]

Specified Bill

Hon. Min. KENNEDY –

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

[Amendment (1) – MLA LAGASSÉ]

Specified Bill

Hon. Min. MARCELINO –

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

[Amendment (1) – Hon. Min. MARCELINO]

Specified Bill

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)

[Amendment (3) – Mr. EWASKO]
Specified Bill

Hon. Min. FONTAINE –

(No. 44) – The Matriarch Circle Act and Amendments to The Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act (Ribbon Skirt Day)/Loi sur le Cercle des matriarches et modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs (Journée de la jupe à rubans)

[Amendment (1) – Ms. BYRAM]
Specified Bill

CONCURRENCE AND THIRD READINGS:

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

Specified Bill

Hon. Mr. SIMARD –

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

Specified Bill

Hon. Min. SCHMIDT –

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

Specified Bill

Hon. Min. ASAGWARA –

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

Specified Bill

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

Specified Bill

Hon. Min. SANDHU –

(No. 10) – The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act (2)/Loi n° 2 modifiant la Loi sur la location à usage d'habitation

Specified Bill

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 13) – The Minor Amendments and Corrections Act, 2025/Loi corrective de 2025
Specified Bill

Hon. Min. SALA –

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

Hon. Min. SALA –

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

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
Specified Bill

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)
Specified Bill

Hon. Min. SCHMIDT –

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

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
Specified Bill

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
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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
(amended – Committee)
Specified Bill

Hon. Min. SANDHU –

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

Hon. Min. SALA –

(No. 27) – The Income Tax Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi de l'impôt sur le revenu
Specified Bill

Hon. Min. SALA –

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

Hon. Min. MARCELINO –

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

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)
Specified Bill

Hon. Min. ASAGWARA –

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

Hon. Min. NAYLOR –

(No. 34) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Motor Carrier Enforcement)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (réglementation des transporteurs routiers)
Specified Bill

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 35) – The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d'assurance publique du Manitoba
Specified Bill

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 36) – The Drivers and Vehicles Amendment and Highway Traffic Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les conducteurs et les véhicules et le Code de la route

Specified Bill

Hon. Min. SALA –

(No. 37) – The Manitoba Financial Services Authority Act and Amendments to Various Other Acts/Loi sur l’Autorité des services financiers du Manitoba et modifiant diverses autres lois

Specified Bill

Hon. Min. NAYLOR –

(No. 38) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Traffic Safety Measures)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (mesures de sécurité routière)

Specified Bill

Hon. Min. ASAGWARA –

(No. 41) – The Reporting of Supports for Child Survivors of Sexual Assault (Trained Health Professionals and Evidence Collection Kits) Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la présentation de rapports concernant les mesures de soutien destinées aux enfants survivants d’agression sexuelle (professionnels de la santé formés et trousse médicale)

Specified Bill

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 43) – The Human Rights Code Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code des droits de la personne

Specified Bill

DEBATE ON SECOND READINGS:

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)

(Open)

Designated Bill

SECOND READINGS:

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

Designated Bill

Hon. Ms. SMITH –

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

Designated Bill

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

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

Designated Bill

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)

Designated Bill

Hon. Min. SALA –

(No. 46) – The Budget Implementation and Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2025/Loi d'exécution du budget de 2025 et modifiant diverses dispositions législatives en matière de fiscalité

(Recommended by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. MOSES –

(No. 47) – The Fair Trade in Canada (Internal Trade Mutual Recognition) Act and Amendments to The Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act (Buy Manitoba, Buy Canadian Day)/Loi sur le commerce équitable au Canada (reconnaissance mutuelle en matière de commerce intérieur) et modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs (Journée « Achetons manitobain, achetons canadien »)

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. SCHULER – 13 minutes)

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR TUESDAY:

MLA LAGASSÉ –

(No. 235) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Railway Safety)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (sécurité ferroviaire)

Mr. PERCHOTTE –

(No. 236) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Stalking-Related Measures)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (mesures en cas de harcèlement criminel)

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR THE NEXT THURSDAY OF PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Mr. KING – Removing Retail Sales Tax on the Construction and Sale of Homes

19. WHEREAS the Provincial Government has made life less affordable for homeowners and home purchasers with higher school taxes, property taxes, income taxes, and higher education property taxes; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government ended the indexation of the Basic Personal Amount and tax bracket thresholds to inflation, leaving Manitobans with less money at the end of each year after inflation eats away at their wages; and

WHEREAS 38% of Canadians said, in a recent survey on mortgages, that they could only afford housing costs of \$1,000 or less, and 67% reported that they could not handle anything over \$1,749; and

WHEREAS according to the most recent cycle of the Canadian Social Survey (CSS) – Quality of Life, Health, and Housing Costs, nearly half (45%) of Canadians reported being very concerned about housing affordability because of the rising costs of housing or rent; and

WHEREAS Canadian young adults aged 20 to 35 years were more likely to report experiencing housing affordability challenges in the past year than older adults; and

WHEREAS 59% of young adults reported being very concerned about their ability to afford housing, and half (51%) of them had moving plans that were impacted by rising prices; and

WHEREAS more than one-third (38%) of older adults were very concerned about their ability to afford housing and one-quarter had their moving plans impacted; and

WHEREAS nearly half (45%) of Canadians reported being very concerned about their ability to afford housing because of rising housing costs or rising rent; and

WHEREAS about one-third (35%) of Canadians reported that their household had difficulty meeting their financial needs; and

WHEREAS the previous Selinger NDP Provincial Government made life less affordable by raising the PST, after expanding the PST to multiple services and insurance, raising vehicle registrations fees, raising fuel taxes; and refusing to index the personal income tax system to protect Manitobans from inflation; and

WHEREAS the current Provincial Government has only promised to remove the PST for builders of rental housing, which does nothing to help young Manitobans purchasing their first home; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is still charging the PST on all new home construction in Manitoba, making the building of new homes expensive for first time homebuyers and all those looking to buy their next home.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to remove the retail sales tax on all construction costs for building new homes, regardless of type or style of home, to increase the supply of new homes and reduce the costs of building homes for new homeowners.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

The Standing Committee on PUBLIC ACCOUNTS will meet in the Chamber, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba on Monday, May 26, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. to consider the following report referred:

- Auditor General's Report – Addictions Treatment Services in Manitoba dated July 2023
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