

Tuesday, May 27, 2025



PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

SITTING AT 10:00 A.M.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

DEBATE ON SECOND READINGS – PRIVATE BILLS:

MLA LOISELLE –

(No. 300) – The Winnipeg Foundation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Fondation dénommée « The Winnipeg Foundation »

(MLA BEREZA – 6 minutes)

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 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. NARTH – 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)

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. NARTH – 6 minutes)

MLA LOISELLE –

(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. KING – 9 minutes)

Mr. WOWCHUK –

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

(Hon. Mr. BUSHIE – 6 minutes)

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

(Hon. Min. FONTAINE – 7 minutes)

Mrs. STONE –

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

(Hon. Mr. SIMARD – 8 minutes)

Mrs. HIEBERT –

(No. 228) – 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)

(Hon. Min. NAYLOR – 9 minutes)

Mrs. COOK –

(No. 233) – The Lyme and Other Tick-borne Diseases Awareness Month Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur le Mois de sensibilisation à la maladie de Lyme et aux autres maladies transmises par les tiques (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)

(MLA PANKRATZ – 7 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. 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. 206) – The Homeowner Protection from Unsolicited Purchase Offers Act/Loi sur la protection des propriétaires contre les offres d’achat non sollicitées

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)

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. 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

Mr. WASYLIW –

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

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. SCHULER –

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

Mr. BLASHKO –

(No. 234) – The Pride Month Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur le Mois de la fierté (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)

RESOLUTION:

Mr. BRAR – Supporting the Agricultural Industry in Manitoba

18. WHEREAS agriculture is an important part of the economic and cultural history of Manitoba and is vital to the prosperity of the province; and

WHEREAS the previous, failed PC Provincial Government shuttered 21 Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporations (MASC) and agricultural offices across the province, leaving producers without access to essential, in-person services; and

WHEREAS the previous, failed PC Provincial Government neglected to address issues the agricultural industry in Manitoba was facing; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government unequivocally supports farmers and agribusiness in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is proud to support agricultural businesses in the face of tariffs and threatened tariffs from China and the United States; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is proud to help keep life affordable for farmers by extending the rent freeze on agricultural Crown land into 2025; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is proud to bring in-person services back to farmers by re-opening two new MASC offices in Shoal Lake and Virden; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is proud to help young farmers get the support they need by increasing the Young Farmer Rebate to \$40,000 with Budget 2025; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is stepping up to complete the Prairie Innovation Centre for Sustainable Agriculture with \$60 million in capital funding and an additional \$60 million in bridge funding, adding hundreds of additional training seats and creating more jobs to meet the growing labour demand; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government was the first provincial government in the country to signal its support in 2025 for AgriStability in the face of tariffs and threatened tariffs from China and the United States; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is investing \$13 million for Cereals Canada to develop the Global Agriculture Technology Exchange, a world-class centre in downtown Winnipeg that will support grain producers and processors in their ongoing efforts to establish new international trading partners.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly be urged to recognize and applaud the Provincial Government for its successful efforts in supporting and growing the agricultural industry in Manitoba.

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. EWASKO – 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)
4. Mrs. STONE – Provincial Government Job-Destroying Payroll Taxes
(Hon. Min. NAYLOR – 7 minutes/128 minutes remaining)
5. MLA CROSS – Encouraging Manitobans to Support Local
(Mrs. STONE – 1 minute/124 minutes remaining)
6. MLA DELA CRUZ – Homelessness
(Mrs. STONE – 6 minutes/123 minutes remaining)

10. MLA CORBETT – New Schools
(Mr. SCHULER – 6 minutes/123 minutes remaining)
11. Mrs. HIEBERT – Addictions Recovery and Treatment
(Mr. OXENHAM – 6 minutes/126 minutes remaining)
12. MLA PANKRATZ – 1,255 Net New Healthcare Workers
(Ms. BYRAM – 4 minutes/124 minutes remaining)
13. Mrs. COOK – School Tax and Education Property Tax Increases
(Hon. Min. MOROZ – 1 minute/124 minutes remaining)
14. MLA CHEN – Protecting Women’s Health in Manitoba
(Mrs. BYRAM – 10 minutes/126 minutes remaining)
15. Mr. BALCAEN – Justice for Jordyn
(MLA LOISELLE – 5 minutes/132 minutes remaining)
16. Mr. OXENHAM – Public Safety Strategy Progress
(MLA BEREZA – 8 minutes/124 minutes remaining)
17. Mr. JOHNSON – Ensuring Reliable Emergency Services in Rural Manitoba
(MLA DEVGAN – 7 minutes/131 minutes remaining)

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. 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 –

(No. 231) – The Elections Amendment Act (Election Day on Saturday)/Loi modifiant la Loi électorale (jour du scrutin fixé à un samedi)

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)

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Mr. WOWCHUK

GRIEVANCES

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

Specified Bill

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

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 »)

(Mr. PERCHOTTE – 14 minutes)

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)

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)
