

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

ORDER PAPER

No. 76

and NOTICE PAPER

SECOND SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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. 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. EWASKO –

(No. 237) – The School Bus Seat Belt Safety Act/Loi sur les ceintures de sécurité dans les autobus scolaires

Mr. EWASKO -

(No. 238) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Increased Penalties for Passing School Buses)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (peines accrues en cas de dépassement d'autobus scolaire)

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ETHICS REPORT MOTIONS:

THAT the Legislative Assembly accept the findings regarding the Honourable Member for River Heights in the Conclusion of the Report of the Ethics Commissioner dated July 16, 2025.

THAT the Legislative Assembly accept the findings regarding the Honourable Member for Fort Rouge in the Conclusion of the Report of the Ethics Commissioner dated August 27, 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)

DEBATE ON CONCURRENCE AND THIRD READINGS:

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

(Mrs. HIEBERT -23 minutes)

CONCURRENCE AND THIRD 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. Mr. WIEBE -

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

Designated Bill

(amended – Committee)

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

Designated Bill

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)

Designated Bill

(amended – Committee)

DEBATE ON SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 49) – The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Amendment Act (2)/Loi nº 2 modifiant la Loi sur la Société d'assurance publique du Manitoba

(Mr. BALCAEN – 9 minutes)

SECOND READINGS:

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. KINEW –

(No. 50) – The Constitutional Questions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les questions constitutionnelles

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)

GOVERNMENT MOTION:

Hon. Min. FONTAINE -

THAT the Assembly reaffirms its respect and support for the caretaker convention and respect of the democratic will of the voters of Manitoba.

NOTICE PAPER

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Mr. GUENTER - Right to Defend Your Home and Family

23. 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.

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NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING:

The Standing Committee on PUBLIC ACCOUNTS will meet in the Chamber, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba on Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. to consider the following reports referred:

- Auditor General's Report Physicians' Billings dated January 2021
- Auditor General's Report Automatic Vehicle Location Management Systems dated June 2021
- Auditor General's Report Follow Up of Previously Issued Recommendations dated February 2024
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