



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. 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. 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. 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 –

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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. Mr. WIEBE – unlimited)

Hon. Min. SANDHU –

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(Hon. Min. SANDHU – unlimited)

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Hon. Mr. SIMARD –

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Hon. Mr. SIMARD –

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Hon. Min. SANDHU –

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(Recommended by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. MOSES –

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Hon. Min. SALA –

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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

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(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

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(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 –

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

Hon. Min. SALA –

(No. 27) – The Income Tax Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi de l'impôt sur le revenu
(Recommended by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor)

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. ASAGWARA –

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

Hon. Min. NAYLOR –

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

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

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

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

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
(Recommended by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Min. NAYLOR –

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

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. 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)

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

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

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)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS – ACCEPTED BUT NOT RETURNED:

Mr. WASYLIW –

1. In 2012, the Province of Manitoba sued major tobacco companies to recover the costs of providing healthcare services for tobacco-related illness. During the election campaign, the now Provincial Government promised to build a new headquarters for CancerCare. On May 5, 2024, it was reported that the Premier told Manitobans that the tobacco lawsuit had settled, and that the money would be used to construct the new headquarters. The Premier indicated the settlement, ranging from hundreds of millions to up to half of a billion dollars, would arrive by early 2025, yet the province has still not received any money. What is the policy of the Provincial Government in relation to building the CancerCare headquarters and when will it get built?

2. While in Opposition, the NDP held up Bill 22 which overturned a ban on cosmetic pesticides citing the health of Manitobans children were being placed at risk. On August 29, 2023, during the provincial election campaign, at the Environment and Climate Forum, the NDP pledged that they would reinstate the ban on cosmetic pesticides. What is the Provincial Government's current policy on cosmetic pesticides, and will a new ban be forthcoming?
3. The Provincial Government announced that beginning in February, the Province of Manitoba and the City of Winnipeg will move people into housing from one encampment at a time. What is the criteria for determining which encampment is prioritized to be moved and when will the southwood encampment in the University Heights neighbourhood of Fort Garry be scheduled to be moved?
4. During the 2023 election campaign, the Provincial Government pledged to hold gas companies accountable by giving the Public Utilities Board new powers to review, investigate and regulate retail gasoline prices in Manitoba. It was reported that the Premier cited Atlantic provinces that ban "surge pricing" of gas during the summer and on long weekends as an example. Is this still the policy of the Provincial Government and when will Public Utilities Board receive those new powers?
5. The Provincial Government committed to reinstating International Student health coverage during the previous election campaign. Is this still the current policy of the Provincial Government and what is the reason for the delay in reinstating this coverage?

NOTICE PAPER

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

MLA DELA CRUZ – Homelessness

6. WHEREAS the previous, failed PC Provincial Government continued to fail vulnerable Manitobans by leaving those experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity without the supports they needed; and

WHEREAS the previous, failed PC Provincial Government hurt low-income Manitobans by selling off more housing units than they created during their seven and a half years in government, causing more Manitobans to experience homelessness; and

WHEREAS the previous, failed PC Provincial Government cut funding to the maintenance portion of the budget for Manitoba Housing, leaving buildings to deteriorate by ignoring necessary repair jobs, causing residents to suffer due to poor living conditions; and

WHEREAS the previous, failed PC Provincial Government hurt Manitobans by raising taxes on renters by cutting the Renter's Tax Credit; and

WHEREAS the previous, failed PC Provincial Government didn't care when it cut almost 70 frontline staff positions at Manitoba Housing, leaving renters unsafe in their units; and

WHEREAS the current Provincial Government is looking out for Manitobans living in encampments through the Your Way Home strategy, which moves people into housing with wraparound supports to end chronic homelessness; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government made good on its promise to create more houses by housing 1,200 Manitobans within its first year in government; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government's first Budget in 2024 allocated \$116 million to help build 350 social and affordable housing units and repair over 3,000 more, supporting thousands of Manitobans and getting them into the housing units they need.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba commend the Provincial Government for housing over 1,200 Manitobans in its first year, starting development on over 560 units of social and affordable housing, restoring and rebuilding Manitoba Housing, and for continuing to move people out of encampments into supportive housing through the Your Way Home strategy, Manitoba's plan to end chronic homelessness by 2031.

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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