



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 27

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O’CLOCK A.M.

Mrs. STONE moved:

THAT Bill (No. 211) – The Budget Bill Public Accountability Act/Loi sur la participation du public quant aux lois budgétaires, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. STONE having spoken,

And Hon. Min. KENNEDY and Messrs. PERCHOTTE and WOWCHUK having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And MLA CROSS, Mr. PERCHOTTE, MLA DEVGAN and Mr. WOWCHUK having spoken,

And Hon. Min. MOYES speaking at 11:00 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

Mrs. STONE moved:

Resolution No. 5: Calling on the Provincial Government to Increase the Personal Tax Exemption

WHEREAS Manitobans are facing an affordability and cost-of-living crisis; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has cancelled the indexation of the Basic Personal Amount and personal income tax brackets, costing Manitobans more money each year going forward; and

WHEREAS since this Provincial Government took office, it has broken its promise to not raise taxes by increasing school taxes, education property taxes, and ending income tax indexation, thus pushing more Manitobans into higher tax brackets; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is phasing out the Basic Personal Amount for important medical professionals such as doctors and other skilled professionals making Manitoba less competitive for important workers in the health-care system; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has increased taxes on more than 55% of Winnipeg Families and property owners, that amounts to over 130,000 property owners in Winnipeg alone; and

WHEREAS property taxes and other taxes are 19.5 per cent higher since the Provincial Government took office; and

WHEREAS Manitobans now pay the highest taxes in Western Canada and have the highest inflation in the country as grocery prices have risen by 5.9%; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2026 MNP Consumer Debt Index report, half of Manitoba families are two hundred dollars or less a month away from being able to pay their bills and service their debt; and

WHEREAS the previous PC Provincial Government successfully removed over 75,000 lower income Manitobans from the tax rolls by increasing the Basic Personal Amount to \$15,000 between 2016 and 2023; and

WHEREAS, a 2025 Fraser Institute report identified that the lives of families purchasing a home or renting in Winnipeg has become significantly less affordable, requiring a larger share of after-tax income with a quarter of their annual income on rent, or having to save for 13 months to buy an average home in Winnipeg; and

WHEREAS, many Manitoba families are struggling to keep up with the cost of living. Families are struggling to put food on the table and pay their heating and property tax bills, and have less after-tax income.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be urged to call on the Provincial Government to raise the Basic Personal Amount for provincial income tax to \$30,000.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. STONE having spoken,

And MLA CORBETT and Messrs. NARTH and EWASKO having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. SIMARD, Mr. NARTH, Hon. Min. NAYLOR and Mr. EWASKO having spoken,

And MLA DELA CRUZ speaking at 12:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

1:30 O’CLOCK P.M.

Prior to Routine Proceedings, Mr. WASYLIW rose on a matter of privilege alleging that comments made by the First Minister yesterday during Oral Questions about the Member were unparliamentary, and moved:

THAT the matter be referred to a Standing Committee of this House.

And Hon. Min. FONTAINE having spoken.

WHEREUPON the Speaker informed the House he would take the matter under advisement.

The following Bills were read a First Time and had their purposes outlined:

(No. 36) – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services à l’enfant et à la famille

(Hon. Min. FONTAINE)

(No. 40) – The Elections Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi électorale

(Hon. Mr. WIEBE)

(No. 42) – The Motor Vehicle Statutes Amendment Act/Loi modifiant diverses lois en matière de véhicules automobiles

(Hon. Mr. WIEBE)

(No. 44) – The Minor Amendments and Corrections Act, 2026/Loi corrective de 2026

(Hon. Mr. WIEBE)

(No. 13) – The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la location à usage d’habitation

(Hon. Min. SANDHU)

(No. 48) – The Real Property Amendment and Planning Amendment Act (Land Conveyed for Public Purposes)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les biens réels et la Loi sur l’aménagement du territoire (biens-fonds cédés à des fins publiques)

(Hon. Min. SANDHU)

(No. 49) – The Business Practices Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les pratiques commerciales

(Hon. Min. SANDHU)

(No. 20) – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l’Hydro-Manitoba

(Hon. Min. SALA)

(No. 39) – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment and Tax Administration and Miscellaneous Taxes Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l’Hydro-Manitoba et la Loi sur l’administration des impôts et des taxes et divers impôts et taxes

(Hon. Min. SALA)

(No. 46) – The Securities Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les valeurs mobilières
(Hon. Min. SALA)

(No. 37) – The Environmental Statutes Amendment Act/Loi modifiant diverses lois en matière
d’environnement
(Hon. Min. MOYES)

(No. 50) – The Pharmaceutical Amendment, Regulated Health Professions Amendment and Public
Health Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les pharmacies, la Loi sur les professions de la santé
réglementées et la Loi sur la santé publique
(Hon. Min. ASAGWARA)

(No. 38) – The Public Schools Amendment and Manitoba School Boards Association Amendment
Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques et la Loi sur l’Association des commissions scolaires du
Manitoba
(Hon. Min. SCHMIDT)

(No. 41) – The Promoting Inclusion in Amateur Sport Act/Loi sur la promotion de l’inclusion dans
le sport amateur
(Hon. Min. KENNEDY)

(No. 47) – The Apprenticeship and Certification Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur
l’apprentissage et la reconnaissance professionnelle
(Hon. Mr. MOSES)

(No. 45) – The Yellowquill University College Act and Amendments to The Advanced Education
Administration Act/Loi sur le Yellowquill University College et modification de la Loi sur l’administration
de l’enseignement postsecondaire
(Hon. Min. CABLE)

(No. 43) – The Highway Traffic Amendment and Drivers and Vehicles Amendment Act/Loi
modifiant le Code de la route et la Loi sur les conducteurs et les véhicules
(Hon. Min. NAYLOR)

(No. 204) – The Timely Construction of Residential Housing Act/Loi sur la construction de
logements résidentiels en temps opportun
(Mr. WASYLIW)

(No. 205) – The Milk Prices Review Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le contrôle du prix
du lait
(Mr. WASYLIW)

Hon. Min. FONTAINE, the Minister of Families, made a statement regarding today being Manitoba
Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

Ms. BYRAM commented on the statement.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), Hon. Min. ASAGWARA, Mrs. ROBBINS, Hon. Min. MARCELINO and Messrs. PERCHOTTE and OXENHAM made Member's statements.

In accordance with Rule 34, the Official Opposition House Leader announced that the previously debated Private Member's resolution titled "Calling on the Provincial Government to Increase the Personal Tax Exemption" will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

The following petitions were presented and read to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba:

Mr. KHAN – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately evaluate and reform disability services to reflect the realities families are facing including, improving availability and accessibility of early intervention programs, increasing funding for therapies and support services and providing additional resources to rural communities currently lacking adequate services.

Mrs. STONE – To urge the Provincial Government to remove education funding and taxation from property taxes and find a fair and equitable way to fund education in Manitoba.

Mr. WOWCHUK – To urge the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to take the necessary steps to upgrade Provincial Trunk Highway 45 from Russell to Provincial Trunk Highway 10 to meet RTAC standards.

Mr. WHARTON – To urge the Provincial Government to take immediate and decisive action on bail reform to address serious deficits in enforcement by utilizing all available provincial mechanisms to strengthen warrant enforcement, increasing bail supervision, and opposing release of offenders, thus ensuring that repeat violent offenders are held accountable and that public safety is prioritized over leniency; and to lobby the Federal Government to immediately repeal provisions of the Criminal Code that allow for the continued victimization of law-abiding Manitobans while granting repeat offenders additional rights.

Mr. SCHULER – To urge the Provincial Government to support the investment and placement of an MRI machine in the Portage Regional Health Facility in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

Mr. GOERTZEN – To urge the Provincial Government to support the investment and placement of an MRI machine in the Portage Regional Health Facility in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

Mr. NARTH – To urge the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning to immediately bring back the three portable classrooms to help alleviate the stress and overcrowding classrooms; and to urge the Provincial Government to reinstate the expansion project for Green Valley School.

Ms. BYRAM – To urge the Provincial Government to support the investment and placement of a CT scanner machine in the Neepawa Health Centre in Neepawa, Manitoba.

Mr. KING – To urge the Provincial Government to call on the Federal Government to remove the punishing carbon tax on natural gas and other fuels and farm inputs for Manitoba agriculture producers and the Agri-food sector to decrease the costs of putting food on the table for Manitoba consumers.

MLA BEREZA – To urge the Provincial Government to take immediate and decisive action on bail reform to address serious deficits in enforcement by utilizing all available provincial mechanisms to strengthen warrant enforcement, increasing bail supervision, and opposing release of offenders, thus ensuring that repeat violent offenders are held accountable and that public safety is prioritized over leniency; and to lobby the Federal Government to immediately repeal provisions of the Criminal Code that allow for the continued victimization of law-abiding Manitobans while granting repeat offenders additional rights.

Mr. EWASKO – To urge the urge the Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations to prevent the lifting of the development moratorium on Bird River proposed by the Winnipeg River Planning District.

Mr. BALCAEN – To urge the Provincial Government to support the investment and placement of an MRI machine in the Portage Regional Health Facility in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

Hon. Min. FONTAINE moved:

THAT Bill (No. 17) – The Adult Abuse Registry Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le registre des mauvais traitements infligés aux adultes, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Min. FONTAINE having spoken,

And Ms. BYRAM having questioned the Minister,

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And the debate continuing,

And Ms. BYRAM having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

The House then adjourned at 4:19 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 16, 2026.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.