

Tuesday, May 19, 2026



**PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**SITTING AT 10:00 A.M.**

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

**REPORT STAGE AMENDMENTS – PRIVATE BILLS:**

MLA LOISELLE –

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

[Amendment (1) – Mr. NESBITT]  
[Amendment (1) – MLA LOISELLE]

**CONCURRENCE AND THIRD READINGS – PRIVATE BILLS:**

MLA COMPTON –

(No. 301) – The Westminster United Church Foundation Incorporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi constituant en corporation la « Westminster United Church Foundation »

**DEBATE ON SECOND READINGS – PUBLIC BILLS:**

Mrs. COOK –

(No. 207) – The Health System Governance and Accountability Amendment Act (Reporting When Timely Care Not Available)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la gouvernance et l'obligation redditionnelle au sein du système de santé (communication de renseignements en cas d'impossibilité de fournir des soins en temps opportun)

(MLA DELA CRUZ – 7 minutes)

Mrs. STONE –

(No. 211) – The Budget Bill Public Accountability Act/Loi sur la participation du public quant aux lois budgétaires

(Hon. Min. SANDHU – 8 minutes)

MLA DELA CRUZ –

(No. 217) – 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. WHARTON – 7 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. WHARTON – 7 minutes)

Mr. NARTH –

(No. 222) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Speed Limits on Provincial Roads)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (limites de vitesse sur les routes provinciales secondaires)

(Mr. BLASHKO – 7 minutes)

Mrs. COOK –

(No. 228) – The Workers Compensation Amendment Act (Distribution of Surplus Funds)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les accidents du travail (distribution des fonds excédentaires)

(MLA PANKRATZ – 7 minutes)

Mr. BLASHKO –

(No. 230) – The Moose Hide Campaign Day Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur la Journée de la Campagne Moose Hide (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)

(Ms. BYRAM – 8 minutes)

MLA CROSS –

(No. 231) – The Indigenous Heritage Month Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur le Mois du patrimoine autochtone (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)

(Mr. PIWNIUK – 6 minutes)

Mrs. COOK –

(No. 233) – The Municipal Assessment Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'évaluation municipale

(MLA CORBETT – 9 minutes)

Mr. OXENHAM –

(No. 234) – The Registered Landscape Architects Act/Loi sur les architectes paysagistes

(Mr. BALCAEN – 5 minutes)

Mrs. STONE –

(No. 235) – The Fiscal Responsibility and Taxpayer Protection Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la responsabilité financière et la protection des contribuables

(Mr. OXENHAM – 8 minutes)

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## **SECOND READINGS – PUBLIC BILLS:**

Mr. WASYLIW –

(No. 201) – The Employment Standards Code Amendment Act (Right to Religious Observance)/Loi modifiant le Code des normes d'emploi (droit d'accommodement pour observance religieuse)

Mr. WASYLIW –

(No. 202) – The Financial Administration Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la gestion des finances publiques

Mr. WASYLIW –

(No. 203) – The Correctional Services Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services correctionnels

Mr. WASYLIW –

(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

Mrs. COOK –

(No. 206) – The Specialist Wait Time Reporting Act/Loi sur la présentation de rapports concernant les temps d'attente pour la consultation de spécialistes

Mrs. HIEBERT –

(No. 208) – 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)

Mr. JOHNSON –

(No. 209) – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment Act (Net-Metering Agreements)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l’Hydro-Manitoba (ententes de facturation nette)

Mr. JOHNSON –

(No. 210) – 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

Mr. PERCHOTTE –

(No. 212) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Stalking-Related Measures)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (mesures en cas de harcèlement criminel)

Mrs. COOK –

(No. 213) – The Earlier Screening for Breast Cancer Act/Loi sur l’abaissement du seuil d’admissibilité au dépistage systématique du cancer du sein

Mr. SCHULER –

(No. 214) – The Official Time Amendment Act, 2025/Loi de 2025 modifiant la Loi sur le temps réglementaire

Mr. WOWCHUK –

(No. 215) – The Wildlife Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la conservation de la faune

Mr. WASYLIW –

(No. 216) – The Elections Amendment Act (Election Day on Saturday)/Loi modifiant la Loi électorale (jour du scrutin fixé à un samedi)

Mr. EWASKO –

(No. 220) – The School Bus Seat Belt Safety Act/Loi sur les ceintures de sécurité dans les autobus scolaires

Mr. EWASKO –

(No. 221) – 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)

Mrs. STONE –

(No. 223) – The Municipal Councils and School Boards Elections Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les élections municipales et scolaires

Mr. BALCAEN –

(No. 224) – The Residency Requirements for Elections Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur la période de résidence donnant le droit de participer à des élections (modification de diverses lois)

Mr. BALCAEN –

(No. 225) – The Deaf Awareness Week and Day of Sign Languages Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur la Semaine de sensibilisation à la surdité et la Journée des langues des signes (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)

Mrs. STONE –

(No. 226) – The Catholic Schools Week Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur la Semaine des écoles catholiques (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)

Mr. BALCAEN –

(No. 227) – 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)

Mrs. HIEBERT –

(No. 229) – The Christian Heritage Month Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur le Mois du patrimoine chrétien (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)

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## **DEBATE ON RESOLUTION:**

### **Mrs. SCHOTT – National Strategy for Silver Alerts**

7. WHEREAS the safety and well-being of older adults and people living with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or other cognitive impairments is a priority for the Provincial Government; and

WHEREAS across Canada, seniors and vulnerable adults living with Alzheimer's disease and dementia frequently go missing, prompting urgent searches, placing families under immense stress, and highlighting the need for a coordinated system to protect those at risk; and

WHEREAS critical incident reviews and missing-person investigations across jurisdictions have repeatedly identified gaps in care planning, communication, and system response. Gaps that, if addressed, could prevent similar incidents and strengthen safeguards for vulnerable adults; and

WHEREAS families affected by these incidents, including many who have experienced the disappearance of a loved one, have advocated nationally for improvements to the Alert Ready national public alerting system to issue silver alerts, gathering thousands of signatures from people across the country in support of stronger, more consistent protections for missing vulnerable adults; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has taken meaningful steps to improve the quality of life for people living with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or other cognitive impairments, including new investments in community supports, caregiver assistance, and programming to help prevent missing-person incidents and ensure vulnerable Manitobans are safe; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government created a new, independent Seniors' Advocate to listen to seniors and advocate for the supports Manitoba seniors need; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government has recently made investments to support people living with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or other cognitive impairments and their caregivers, demonstrating a shared national commitment to improving dementia care, but recognizing that more action is needed to strengthen public safety and coordinated response systems; and

WHEREAS a modernized, standardized, and nationally coordinated silver alert strategy would ensure consistent protections across jurisdictions, strengthen communication between provinces, and provide families with greater peace of mind; and

WHEREAS a renewed national approach would support the work already underway in Manitoba, enhance system-wide coordination, and respond directly to what thousands of Canadians have called for through their advocacy and petitions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to encourage the Federal Government to develop and advance a renewed national silver alert strategy that strengthens protections for missing senior and vulnerable adults, supports families, and ensures consistent, coordinated action across Canada.

(Mr. SCHULER – 6 minutes/10 minutes remaining)

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#### **DEBATE ON RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Mr. NARTH – Affordability and the Economy  
(Hon. Min. MOROZ – 2 minutes/124 minutes remaining)
2. MLA REDHEAD – Advancing Manitoba's Economic Future through Provincial-Federal Collaboration in Churchill  
(Ms. BYRAM – 3 minutes/125 minutes remaining)

3. Mrs. COOK – Calling on Provincial Government to Launch Public Inquiry on Deaths in Emergency Rooms  
(Mr. BLASHKO – 5 minutes/126 minutes remaining)
  4. MLA COMPTON – Women’s Health in Manitoba  
(Mrs. STONE – 1 minute/66 minutes remaining)
  5. Mrs. STONE – Calling on the Provincial Government to Increase the Personal Tax Exemption  
(Mrs. SCHOTT – 7 minutes/15 minutes remaining)
  8. Mr. KING – Streamlining Business Permitting and Investment Attraction by Establishing a Single-Desk Investment Office  
(MLA DEVGAN – 3 minutes/126 minutes remaining)
  9. Mr. JOHNSON – Calling on the Provincial Government to Prioritize the Struggles Facing Manitoba Families  
(Hon. Mr. SIMARD – 1 minute/125 minutes remaining)
  10. Ms. BYRAM – Removing the Land Transfer Tax for the First-Time Home Buyers  
(MLA CROSS – 2 minutes/124 minutes remaining)
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**SITTING AT 1:30 P.M.**

## **ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

### **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

Hon. Min. ASAGWARA –

(No. 7) – The Health System Governance and Accountability Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la gouvernance et l’obligation redditionnelle au sein du système de santé

Hon. Mr. BUSHIE –

(No. 12) – The Manitoba Crown-Indigenous Corporation Act/Loi sur la Société Couronne-Autochtones du Manitoba

Hon. Min. FONTAINE –

(No. 22) – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act (Indigenous Jurisdiction)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services à l’enfant et à la famille (champ de compétence autochtone)

Hon. Min. ASAGWARA –

(No. 24) – The Public Health Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la santé publique

Hon. Mr. BUSHIE –

(No. 25) – The Fisheries Amendment, Forest Amendment and Wildlife Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la pêche, la Loi sur les forêts et la Loi sur la conservation de la faune

Mr. WASYLIW –

(No. 200) – The Employment Standards Code Amendment Act (Sick Notes)/Loi modifiant le Code des normes d'emploi (attestations médicales)

Mr. WHARTON –

(No. 219) – 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. 236) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Chronic Absenteeism Reporting)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (rapport sur l'absentéisme chronique)

Mr. WASYLIW –

(No. 237) – The Emergency 911 Public Safety Answering Point Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les centres de réception des communications d'urgence pour le service 911

Mr. WASYLIW –

(No. 238) – The Employment Standards Code Amendment Act (Non-Compete and Non-Solicitation Agreements)/Loi modifiant le Code des normes d'emploi (accords de non-concurrence et de non-sollicitation)

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Ms. BYRAM  
Mrs. COOK  
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Mr. PERCHOTTE  
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Mrs. ROBBINS  
Mr. SCHULER  
Mrs. STONE  
Mr. WHARTON  
Mr. WOWCHUK

**GRIEVANCES**

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY**

(63 hours 53 minutes)  
(Chamber – Executive Council)  
(Room 254 – Education and Early Childhood Learning)  
(Room 255 – Justice)

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**REPORT STAGE AMENDMENTS:**

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 3) – The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d'assurance publique du Manitoba

[Amendment (2) – Mr. KING]  
**Specified Bill**

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 4) – The Constitutional Questions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les questions constitutionnelles

[Amendment (1) – Mr. BALCAEN]  
**Specified Bill**

Hon. Min. FONTAINE –

(No. 5) – The Accessibility for Manitobans Amendment Act and The Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Amendment Act (Access Awareness Week)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l’accessibilité pour les Manitobains et la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs (Semaine de sensibilisation à l’accessibilité)

[Amendment (3) – Hon. Min. FONTAINE]  
[Amendment (2) – Ms. BYRAM]  
**Specified Bill**

Hon. Min. FONTAINE –

(No. 6) – The Sign Languages Recognition Act/Loi sur la reconnaissance des langues des signes

[Amendment (2) – Hon. Min. FONTAINE]  
**Specified Bill**

Hon. Min. MARCELINO –

(No. 11) – The Employment Standards Code Amendment Act (Sick Notes for Employee Absences)/Loi modifiant le Code des normes d’emploi (notes du médecin en cas d’absence d’un employé)

[Amendment (1) – Mr. GUENTER]  
[Amendment (1) – Hon. Min. MARCELINO]  
**Specified Bill**

Hon. Min. SANDHU –

(No. 15) – The Consumer Protection Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection du consommateur

[Amendment (2) – Mr. GUENTER]  
**Specified Bill**

Hon. Min. MOYES –

(No. 18) – The Waste Reduction and Prevention Amendment Act (Strengthening Enforcement)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réduction du volume et de la production des déchets (renforcement de l’application de la Loi)

[Amendment (1) – Mr. NESBITT]  
**Specified Bill**

Hon. Min. ASAGWARA –

(No. 26) – The Health System Governance and Accountability Amendment Act (Eliminating Mandatory Overtime for Nurses)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la gouvernance et l'obligation redevable au sein du système de santé (fin de l'imposition d'heures supplémentaires aux infirmiers)

[Amendment (1) – Mrs. COOK]

**Specified Bill**

Hon. Min. ASAGWARA –

(No. 27) – The Declaration of Principles for Patient Health Care Act and Amendments to The Health System Governance and Accountability Act/Loi sur la déclaration de principes sur les soins de santé offerts aux patients et modification de la Loi sur la gouvernance et l'obligation redevable au sein du système de santé

[Amendment (2) – Mrs. COOK]

**Specified Bill**

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 31) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code de la route

[Amendment (2) – Mr. BALCAEN]

**Specified Bill**

Hon. Min. ASAGWARA –

(No. 32) – The Improving Access to Breast Cancer Screening Act/Loi visant à améliorer l'accès au dépistage du cancer du sein

[Amendment (3) – Mrs. COOK]

**Specified Bill**

Hon. Min. CABLE –

(No. 35) – The Adult Learning Centres Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les centres d'apprentissage pour adultes

[Amendment (1) – Mr. GUENTER]

**Specified Bill**

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

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

[Amendment (1) – Mr. BALCAEN]

**Specified Bill**

Hon. Min. KENNEDY –

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

[Amendment (3) – Mr. EWASKO]

**Specified Bill**

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## CONCURRENCE AND THIRD READINGS:

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 8) – The Long-Bladed Weapon Control Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des armes à lame longue

**Specified Bill**

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 9) – The Street Weapons Control Act/Loi sur la réglementation des armes de rue

**Specified Bill**

Hon. Ms. SMITH –

(No. 16) – The Mental Health Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la santé mentale

**Specified Bill**

Hon. Mr. KOSTYSHYN –

(No. 19) – The Animal Care Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le soin des animaux

**Specified Bill**

Hon. Min. ASAGWARA –

(No. 28) – The Health System Governance and Accountability Amendment Act (Nurse-to-Patient Ratios)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la gouvernance et l'obligation redditionnelle au sein du système de santé (ratios infirmier-malade)

**Specified Bill**

Hon. Min. CABLE –

(No. 29) – The University of Winnipeg Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Université de Winnipeg

**Specified Bill**

Hon. Mr. SIMARD –

(No. 33) – The Planning Amendment and City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'aménagement du territoire et la Charte de la ville de Winnipeg

**Specified Bill**

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 34) – The Interprovincial Subpoena Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les subpoenas interprovinciaux

**Specified Bill**

Hon. Min. FONTAINE –

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

**Specified Bill**

Hon. Min. MOYES –

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

(Recommended by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor)

**Specified Bill**

Hon. Min. SCHMIDT –

(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

(amended – Committee)

**Specified Bill**

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

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

**Specified Bill**

Hon. Min. NAYLOR –

(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

**Specified Bill**

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

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

**Specified Bill**

Hon. Min. CABLE –

(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

(amended – Committee)

**Specified Bill**

Hon. Min. ASAGWARA –

(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

**Specified Bill**

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**DEBATE ON SECOND READINGS:**

Hon. Min. SALA –

(No. 53) – The Budget Implementation and Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2026/Loi d'exécution du budget de 2026 et modifiant diverses dispositions législatives en matière de fiscalité

And the Proposed Motion of Mr. JOHNSON in amendment as follows:

*THAT the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word "THAT" and substituting the following:*

Bill (No. 53) – The Budget Implementation and Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2026/Loi d'exécution du budget de 2026 et modifiant diverses dispositions législatives en matière de fiscalité), be not now read a Second Time but that the Order for Second Reading be discharged, the Bill withdrawn from the Order Paper, and the subject matter thereof referred to the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs.

(Mr. SCHULER – 28 minutes)

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**SECOND READINGS:**

Hon. Min. MOYES –

(No. 21) – The Drinking Water Safety Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la qualité de l'eau potable

**Designated Bill**

Hon. Mr. MOSES –

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

**Designated Bill**

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**GOVERNMENT MOTIONS:**

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.

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# NOTICE PAPER

## WRITTEN QUESTIONS:

MLA LAGASSÉ –

4. Could the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure provide the specific criteria utilized by the Provincial Government to determine whether or not to approve speed limit reductions near schools, and how the communities in Landmark and Lorette currently measure up against those standards?
5. Residents of Dawson Trail, especially in Lorette, have repeatedly expressed concerns about children walking along a 70 km/h highway. Could the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure advise what immediate steps will be taken in this constituency to improve pedestrian safety while a formal speed limit review is under way?

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

### PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

#### Mr. GUENTER – Right to Defend Your Home and Family

11. 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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