

Monday, May 6, 2024



**PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**SITTING AT 1:30 P.M.**

**ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

Hon. Min. SCHMIDT –

(No. 12) – The Environment Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l’environnement

Hon. Min. NAYLOR –

(No. 26) – The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la location à usage d’habitation

Hon. Min. MARCELINO –

(No. 27) – The Labour Relations Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les relations du travail

Hon. Min. MARCELINO –

(No. 28) – The Labour Relations Amendment Act (2)/Loi n° 2 modifiant la Loi sur les relations du travail

Hon. Min. SALA –

(No. 32) – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l’Hydro-Manitoba

Hon. Min. ASAGWARA –

(No. 35) – The Seniors’ Advocate Act/Loi sur le protecteur des aînés

Hon. Min. SALA –

(No. 37) – The Budget Implementation and Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2024/Loi d’exécution du budget de 2024 et modifiant diverses dispositions législatives en matière de fiscalité

Mr. BALCAEN –

(No. 204) – The Change of Name Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le changement de nom

Mrs. COOK –

(No. 205) – The Beneficiary Designation (Retirement, Savings and Other Plans) Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la désignation de bénéficiaires (régimes de retraite, d'épargne et autres)

Mrs. STONE –

(No. 206) – The Intimate Image Protection Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection des images intimes

Mr. WASYLIW –

(No. 210) – The Homeowner Protection from Unsolicited Purchase Offers Act/Loi sur la protection des propriétaires contre les offres d'achat non sollicitées

MLA CHEN –

(No. 212) – The Asian Heritage Month Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur le Mois du patrimoine asiatique (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)

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Mrs. COOK

Mr. GOERTZEN

Mr. GUENTER

Mr. KHAN

MLA LAMOUREUX

Mr. NESBITT

Mr. PERCHOTTE

Mr. PIWNIUK

Mr. SCHULER

Mrs. STONE

Mr. WOWCHUK

## GRIEVANCES

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

### COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

(98 hours 15 minutes)

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### DEBATE ON SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Min. MARCELINO –

(No. 7) – The Public Sector Construction Projects (Tendering) Repeal Act/Loi abrogeant la Loi sur les projets de construction dans le secteur public (appels d’offres)

(Hon. Mr. WIEBE)

**Designated Bill**

Hon. Min. MARCELINO –

(No. 9) – The Employment Standards Code Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code des normes d’emploi

(Mr. NESBITT – 19 minutes)

**Designated Bill**

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 30) – The Unexplained Wealth Act (Criminal Property Forfeiture Act and Corporations Act Amended)/Loi sur les richesses inexplicées (modification de la Loi sur la confiscation de biens obtenus ou utilisés criminellement et de la Loi sur les corporations)

(Mr. JOHNSON – 26 minutes)

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### SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 16) – The Regulatory Accountability Reporting Act and Amendments to the Statutes and Regulations Act/Loi sur la remise de rapports relativement à la responsabilisation en matière de réglementation et modification de la Loi sur les textes législatifs et réglementaires

**Designated Bill**

Hon. Min. ALTOMARE –

(No. 21) – The Public Schools Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques  
(Recommended by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor)

**Designated Bill**

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 29) – The Body Armour and Fortified Vehicle Control Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le contrôle des gilets de protection balistique et des véhicules blindés

Hon. Mr. MOSES –

(No. 31) – The Captured Carbon Storage Act/Loi sur le stockage de carbone capté  
(Recommended by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Min. NAYLOR –

(No. 33) – The Change of Name Amendment Act (3)/Loi n° 3 modifiant la Loi sur le changement de nom

Hon. Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 34) – The Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, des jeux et du cannabis

Hon. Min. ASAGWARA –

(No. 36) – The Regulated Health Professions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les professions de la santé réglementées

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**DEBATE ON GOVERNMENT MOTION:**

Hon. Min. MARCELINO –

THAT the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba condemn efforts that put the pensions of all Canadians at risk and affirm collective support for the Canada Pension Plan and measures and strategies that strengthen the national pension plan for seniors, retirees and all workers in the province and country.  
(Hon. Min. FONTAINE)

Hon. Min. MARCELINO –

THAT the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba affirm its commitment to immediately call for a ceasefire in the Israel and Gaza war to address the famine crisis.  
(Open)

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# NOTICE PAPER

## NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR TUESDAY:

Mr. WHARTON –

(No. 213) – 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. JOHNSON –

(No. 214) – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment Act (Net-Metering Agreements)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l’Hydro-Manitoba (ententes de facturation nette)

Mr. PERCHOTTE –

(No. 215) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Passing Vehicle on Shoulder)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (dépassement des véhicules sur l’accotement)

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## WRITTEN QUESTIONS:

Mrs. COOK –

1. Could the Minister of Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care provide a list of all RFSAs signed by the Diagnostic and Surgical Recovery Task Force while the DSRTF was active, broken down by service type and facility, with an updated status on whether the RFSAs have been renewed for fiscal year 24/25?
2. Could the Minister of Labour and Immigration advise how many workers have been brought over and are working in Manitoba in total in 2024 thus far through the Philippines Recruitment Program?

Mr. JOHNSON –

3. Can the Premier of Manitoba advise upon the makeup and time frame for the establishment of the all-party committee on homecare that he previously committed to creating?
4. Can the Minister of Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care disclose the date that parking fees at all Manitoba Health Care facilities will be eliminated so as to ensure that “...how much is in someone’s wallet should not be a barrier to access in this health-care system” and the total annual offsetting financial resources to facilities from the Provincial Government?

Mr. GUENTER –

5. In March of 2022, STARS Air Ambulance services in Manitoba were extended by two years with an extension of its contract. Considering the essential services that STARS provides, especially the peace of mind given to rural Manitobans, can the Minister of Consumer Protection and Government Services provide an update on the status of this contract and the provision of these services to Manitobans?

Mr. KHAN –

6. Can the Minister of Finance advise the locations and time frames for the establishment Manitoba Hydro customer service centres that would fulfil the Provincial Government's commitment of all customers being located within one hour of an office?
7. Can the Minister of Finance advise when the tax deduction he previously committed to establishing for Caisses Populaires and Credit Unions to benefit the francophone community in the province takes effect?
8. On February 22nd, 2024, during a meeting of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, the interim President and CEO of Manitoba Hydro, as well as the President of the Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board took multiple matters under advisement and committed to returning substantial answers to the matters raised and reply to the Committee through the Minister responsible for Manitoba Hydro. The estimated timeline to provide the response was "three to four weeks". Can the Minister produce those materials, as well as an explanation for the delay?
9. The Minister of Finance made reference, both in the House and in his Bill briefing, to research that the Department of Finance had done to ensure that any savings from a Fuel Tax Holiday would make their way to Manitobans. Will the Minister provide this documentation and table it in the Legislature?

Mr. BALCAEN –

10. The Minister of Justice advised that an immediate anti-opiate strategy that includes the "restriction of the sale of pill presses in this province to keep fentanyl off the streets" was required. Can the Minister disclose the date the ban takes effect?

Mr. PERCHOTTE –

11. The Minister of Advanced Education and Training has allocated attestation letters to allow international students to study at Manitoba institutions. Will the Minister provide for this House a breakdown of exactly how many attestation letters each institution has been allocated for the 2023/24 academic year, compared to how many international students the same institution had in the 2021/22 and 2022/23 academic years?

Mr. WOWCHUK –

12. With the emergent threat of zebra mussels in Clear Lake, there is great need for enhanced water monitoring upstream to ensure that further waterways are safe and secure. Can the Minister of Environment and Climate Change produce data on the frequency of testing of water coming out of Clear Lake, as well as any measures taken to ensure that the Aquatic Invasive Species spread is limited?

Mrs. HIEBERT –

13. The Minister of Families previously called for the installation of additional security cameras at Manitoba Housing units to enhance tenant safety. Can the Minister of Housing, Addictions and Homelessness advise how many additional cameras have been installed, their locations, cost and who is monitoring them?

MLA BEREZA –

14. The MLA for the Maples indicated that farmers from the Punjab province of India should be made a priority in terms of accelerating the immigration process for them through the Farm Strategic Recruitment Initiative. What steps has the Minister of Agriculture implemented to recruiting farmers from the Punjab province to Manitoba?

Mr. PIWNIUK –

15. On March 5th, 2024, during a meeting of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, the President and CEO of Manitoba Public Insurance took multiple matters under advisement and committed to returning substantial answers to the matters raised and reply to the Committee through the Minister responsible for MPI. Can the Minister produce those materials, as well as an explanation for the delay?
16. On February 27th, 2024, during a meeting of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, the CEO of Efficiency Manitoba took multiple matters under advisement and committed to returning substantial answers to the matters raised and reply to the Committee through the Minister responsible. Can the Minister produce those materials, as well as an explanation for the delay?

Mr. NARTH –

17. On February 13th, 2024, during a meeting of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, the President and CEO of Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation took multiple matters under advisement and committed to returning substantial answers to the matters raised and reply to the Committee through the Minister responsible for MBL, estimating it would take a week. Can the Minister produce those materials, as well as an explanation for the delay?
18. On February 13th, 2024, during a meeting of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, the President and CEO of Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation was unable to provide substantial answers related to the operational and staffing costs for Liquor Mart Express outlets. Can the Minister provide these annual expenses?

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

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION:**

**Mr. PIWNIUK – Respecting Middle-Income Taxpayers**

**13.** WHEREAS under the previous NDP Provincial Government, Manitoba had one of the highest rates of personal taxation, fees and property taxes in Canada; and

WHEREAS the previous NDP Provincial Government raised the Retail Sales Tax, also known as the PST, expanded the PST to multiple services, raised vehicle registrations fees, raised fuel taxes, and refused to index the personal income tax system to protect Manitobans from inflation; and

WHEREAS the current Provincial Government is raising education property taxes for middle class Manitobans by approximately \$148 million annually; and

WHEREAS under the current Provincial Government school divisions have been authorized to raise local property taxes by as much as 17 per cent; and

WHEREAS despite the Premier's threats of "consequences" if grocery stores failed to reduce their prices, the cost of groceries is higher today than on January 1st; and

WHEREAS the current Provincial Government has raised taxes on physicians, pharmacists, engineers, lawyers and other occupations important to Manitobans; and

WHEREAS a recent Probe Poll shows that 4 out of 5 Manitobans do not believe Budget 2024/25 will make their life more affordable.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to eliminate property taxes and recognize that higher education and property taxes and relief with an expiration date fails to protect Manitobans from the cost of living crisis nor provide them with permanent, long-term affordability measures.

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