



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 75**

**FIRST SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE**

**PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**10:00 O’CLOCK A.M.**

Pursuant to Rule 34, the Government House Leader announced that the Private Member’s resolution titled “A Better Future for Health-Care in Manitoba” will be considered on the next Tuesday of Private Members’ Business.

Mr. WASYLIW moved:

THAT Bill (No. 210) – The Homeowner Protection from Unsolicited Purchase Offers Act/Loi sur la protection des propriétaires contre les offres d’achat non sollicitées, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. WASYLIW having spoken,

And Mr. GUENTER, Hon. Mr. SIMARD, Mr. NARTH, Hon. Min. MARCELINO and Mr. KING having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. SIMARD and Messrs. GUENTER, NARTH and KING having spoken,

In accordance with Rule 25, the debate was interrupted to put the Second Reading Question on Selected Bill (No. 210).

And the Question being put. It was negatived.

Mr. WASYLIW moved:

Resolution No. 23: Calling on the Provincial Government to Cancel the Gas Tax Holiday Extension and Bring in Real Solutions for Cost-of-Living Crisis

WHEREAS Manitobans are facing a cost-of-living crisis with record increases in grocery store prices and rental housing increases; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government cutting the gas tax has caused a loss of revenue of \$340 million dollars, being money that was borrowed and added to the provincial debt and deficit that will cost tens of millions of dollars in interest to repay; and

WHEREAS only 43% of the gas tax goes to families while the other 57% goes to corporations and businesses; and

WHEREAS those who need the help the least get the most benefit as many Manitobans cannot afford to drive and see no benefit from this gas tax holiday at all; and

WHEREAS the average driver will see a savings of \$15 a month from the gas tax holiday, an amount of money that could pull 30% of Manitoba residents out of poverty; and

WHEREAS the revenue from the gas tax could pay for free transit for everyone in Winnipeg, Brandon, Thompson and Selkirk; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government cannot say if rising gas prices are the result of retailers boosting profits during the gas tax holiday as it has failed to monitor gas prices in any real way; and

WHEREAS grocery prices have remained at an all time high despite the Premier's claim that grocery prices would come down as a result of the gas tax holiday; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government should focus on real concerns such as Manitoba school children having classes in hallways because there are not enough schools in the province; and

WHEREAS 25,000 Manitoba civil servants have voted to go on strike because the Provincial Government will not bargain a fair deal with workers; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has done little to address the current climate crisis and transition away from a fossil fuel economy as its approach to the environment is no different than the previous government.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to immediately cancel the gas tax holiday and redirect that money for real cost-of-living solutions for Manitobans.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. WASYLIW having spoken,

And Mr. PERCHOTTE, MLAs LOISELLE and BEREZA and Ms. BYRAM having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And MLA PANKRATZ, Mr. PERCHOTTE and MLAs MOYES and BEREZA having spoken,

The debate was allowed to remain open.

MLA MOYES, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Justice, presented its Eighth Report, which was read as follows:

### Meetings

Your Committee met on October 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 254 of the Legislative Building.

### Matters under Consideration

- **Bill (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)
- **Bill (No. 9)** – The Employment Standards Code Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code des normes d’emploi
- **Bill (No. 21)** – The Public Schools Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques

### Committee Membership

- Ms. BYRAM
- Mr. JACKSON
- MLA KENNEDY
- Hon. Min. MARCELINO
- MLA MOYES
- Mr. OXENHAM

Your Committee elected MLA MOYES as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected MLA KENNEDY as the Vice-Chairperson.

Substitutions received during Committee proceedings:

- Hon. Min. SCHMIDT for Hon. Min. MARCELINO

### Public Presentations

Your Committee heard the following 16 presentations on **Bill (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):

Kevin Rebeck	Manitoba Federation of Labour
Kyley Parker	Private citizen
Tanya Palson	Manitoba Building Trades
Marc Lafond	IUOE Local 987
Victor Da Silva	LIUNA Local 1258
Sean Ramsay	Private citizen
Nicholas Adams	Private citizen
Kyle Kalcsics	UA Local 254
David Grant	Private citizen

Paul Moist	Manitoba Federation of Union Retirees
Yvette Milner	Merit Contractors Association of Manitoba
Tyler Slobogian	Canadian Federation of Independent Business
Peter Wightman	Construction Labour Relations Association of Manitoba
Ron Castel	Private citizen
Daemien Bernhard	Private citizen
Joshua Fisher	Private citizen

Your Committee heard the following three presentations on **Bill (No. 9)** – The Employment Standards Code Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code des normes d’emploi:

Kevin Rebeck	Manitoba Federation of Labour
Susan Russell-Csanyi	Canadian Cancer Society
Patrick Tohill	Crohn’s and Colitis Canada

Your Committee heard the following presentation on **Bill (No. 21)** – The Public Schools Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques:

David Grant	Private citizen
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### Written Submissions

Your Committee received the following five written submissions on **Bill (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):

Ben McGillivray	Private citizen
George Emery	OPCMIA Local 222
Ryan Sellar	International Brotherhood of Boilermakers Local 555
Robert Duarte	Ironworkers Local 728
Joshua Lapointe	Private citizen

Your Committee received the following written submission on **Bill (No. 9)** – The Employment Standards Code Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code des normes d’emploi:

Alanah Duffy	MS Canada
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### Bills Considered and Reported

- **Bill (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)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

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

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 21)** – The Public Schools Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill with the following amendment:

*THAT Clause 5(1) of the Bill be amended by striking out "July 1, 2024" and substituting "the day it receives royal assent".*

On motion of MLA MOYES, the Report of the Committee was received.

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Mr. BLASHKO, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Justice, presented its Second Report, which was read as follows:

### **Meetings**

Your Committee met on October 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

### **Matters under Consideration**

- **Bill (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
- **Bill (No. 209)** – The Provincial Court Amendment Act (Expanded Training for Judges and Judicial Justices of the Peace)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Cour provinciale (formation accrue des juges et des juges de paix judiciaires)

### **Committee Membership**

- Mr. BALCAEN
- Mr. BLASHKO
- MLA COMPTON
- Mrs. HIEBERT
- MLA PANKRATZ
- Hon. Mr. WIEBE

Your Committee elected Mr. BLASHKO as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected MLA COMPTON as the Vice-Chairperson.

Substitutions received during Committee proceedings:

- Hon. Min. CABLE for MLA PANKRATZ

### **Non-Committee Members Speaking on Record**

- Mr. GOERTZEN
- MLA LAMOUREUX

### Public Presentations

Your Committee heard the following two presentations on **Bill (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 :

David Grant	Private Citizen
Keyli Loeppky	Canadian Federation of Independent Business

Your Committee heard the following 12 presentations on **Bill (No. 209)** – The Provincial Court Amendment Act (Expanded Training for Judges and Judicial Justices of the Peace)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Cour provinciale (formation accrue des juges et des juges de paix judiciaires):

Susan Dawes	Provincial Judges Association of Manitoba
David Grant	Private Citizen
Kayla Harder	Private Citizen
Amy Danielson	Private Citizen
Sarah Mitchell	Private Citizen
Jennifer Kagan	Private Citizen
Stéphanie Plante	Private Citizen
Esther Mordechai	Private Citizen
Stacey Soldier	Manitoba Bar Association
Kimlee Morrisseau	Family court hurts
Mikayla Hunter	Private Citizen
Fernanda Vallejo	Latinas Manitoba Inc

### Written Submissions

Your Committee received the following three written submissions on **Bill (No. 209)** – The Provincial Court Amendment Act (Expanded Training for Judges and Judicial Justices of the Peace)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Cour provinciale (formation accrue des juges et des juges de paix judiciaires)

Kate Rowswell	Private Citizen
Jennifer Chan	Private Citizen
Ann Loewen	Private Citizen

### Bills Considered and Reported

- **Bill (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

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment, on a recorded vote of ayes three, nays two.

- **Bill (No. 209)** – The Provincial Court Amendment Act (Expanded Training for Judges and Judicial Justices of the Peace)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Cour provinciale (formation accrue des juges et des juges de paix judiciaires)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. BLASHKO, the Report of the Committee was received.

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Hon. Min. CABLE tabled:

Annual Report of the Department of Advanced Education and Training for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024.

(Sessional Paper No. 174)

Annual Report of the Brandon University for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024.

(Sessional Paper No. 175)

Annual Report of the Red River College Polytechnic for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024.

(Sessional Paper No. 176)

Annual Report of Research Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024.

(Sessional Paper No. 177)

Annual Report of the University College of the North for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024.

(Sessional Paper No. 178)

Annual Report of the Université de Saint-Boniface for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024.

(Sessional Paper No. 179)

Annual Report of the University of Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024.

(Sessional Paper No. 180)

Annual Report of the University of Winnipeg for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024.

(Sessional Paper No. 181)

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Hon. Min. SCHMIDT tabled:

Annual Report of the Department of Environment and Climate Change for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024.

(Sessional Paper No. 182)

Annual Report of the Manitoba Hazardous Waste Management Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024.

(Sessional Paper No. 183)

**Tuesday, October 15, 2024**

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Annual Report of Efficiency Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024.  
(Sessional Paper No. 184)

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Hon. Mr. MOSES, the Minister of Economic Development, Investment, Trade and Natural Resources, made a statement regarding the Punjabi Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. WHARTON and, by leave, MLA LAMOUREUX commented on the statement.

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Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), Hon. Min. FONTAINE, Mmes. HIEBERT and SCHOTT, Mr. NESBITT and MLA DEVGAN made Member's statements.

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The House resolved into Committee of Supply.

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The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 16, 2024.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,  
Speaker.