



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 27

SECOND SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Hon. Min. CABLE, the Minister of Advanced Education and Training, made a statement regarding Bisons women's volleyball national champions.

MLA LAGASSÉ commented on the statement.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), MLA PANKRATZ, Mr. NESBITT, Hon. Min. SANDHU, MLA LAGASSÉ and Mrs. SCHOTT made Member's statements.

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

Mr. BALCAEN – To urge the Minister of Families to develop better policies to protect youth in care from potential physical or psychological abuse; to urge the Provincial Government to immediately establish a public inquiry to identify the failing of the child welfare system and ensure that no call from a child ever goes unanswered or ignored again.

MLA BEREZA – 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.

Ms. BYRAM – To urge the Provincial Government to meet RTAC road designation by providing upgrades and regular road maintenance to Provincial Road 352 in Manitoba specifically the 1.5-mile stretch from Birnie to Provincial Trunk Highway 5 and ensure the road remains paved with asphalt and not reduced to gravel; to reduce load weights on PR 352 until the upgrades can be completed; and to replace or repair the bridge located on the 1.5-mile stretch from Birnie to PTH 5, and to provide an integrity assessment.

Mr. KING – 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.

Mrs. COOK – To urge the Provincial Government to proceed with the planned renovation and expansion of Phoenix School without further delay.

Mr. EWASKO – 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. GOERTZEN – To urge the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning to reverse recent amendments to the Teaching Certificates and Qualifications Regulation that weaken subject-area requirements for teacher certification, and to reinstate teachable majors and minors and early-middle years requirements, which are essential for ensuring teachers have strong knowledge in core subject areas; and to urge the Provincial Government to address teacher shortages through alternative measures that uphold rigorous subject-area standards, which are critical for providing quality education to all Manitoba students.

Mrs. STONE – 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.

Mr. GUENTER – 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.

Mrs. HIEBERT – To urge the Provincial Government to take immediate action and recognize the critical need of this wastewater project for economic growth and environmental stability by committing to advocating and working with the Federal Government to close the gap with additional funding for Morden's wastewater treatment system; and to ensure all levels of government and regulatory bodies will expedite necessary funding and approvals necessary to advance the Morden wastewater project with no further delay and ensure no hindrance to growth and economic development for Morden and southern Manitoba.

Mr. JOHNSON – To urge the Provincial Government to assist the City of Winnipeg to address serious safety risks for all that frequent the FWA area by twinning and installing a traffic light and crosswalk at the intersection of McGillivray Boulevard and Brady Road, as is it transitions into Provincial Trunk Highway 3.

MLA LAGASSÉ – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately begin work on the new Ste. Anne vocational school and allocate necessary resources to meet the original 2027 timeline that residents were expecting.

Mr. NARTH – To urge the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to prioritize the reconstruction of Provincial Road 210; and to urge the Provincial Government to include the stretch of Provincial Road 210 from Woodridge to Highway 12 in its reconstruction plans.

Mr. NESBITT – To urge the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning to reverse recent amendments to the Teaching Certificates and Qualifications Regulation that weaken subject-area requirements for teacher certification, and to reinstate teachable majors and minors and early-middle years requirements, which are essential for ensuring teachers have strong knowledge in core subject areas; and to urge the Provincial Government to address teacher shortages through alternative measures that uphold rigorous subject-area standards, which are critical for providing quality education to all Manitoba students.

Mr. PERCHOTTE – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately put forward a plan to increase breast cancer screening capacity and lower the breast cancer screening age to 40.

Mr. PIWNIUK – 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.

Mr. SCHULER – To urge the Provincial Government to lobby the Federal Government to stop the expansion of medical assistance in dying to those for whom mental illness is the sole condition; and to protect Canadians struggling with mental illness by facilitating treatment, recovery, and medical assistance in living, not death.

Mr. WHARTON – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately put forward a plan to increase breast cancer screening capacity and lower the breast cancer screening age to 40.

Mr. WOWCHUK – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately put forward a plan to increase breast cancer screening capacity and lower the breast cancer screening age to 40.

Mr. JACKSON – To urge the Provincial Government to address the conditions of Provincial Trunk Highway 34, making the necessary upgrades to RTAC standard and to resurface the road once the new bridge has been completed.

Hon. Min. SANDHU moved:

THAT Bill (No. 31) – The Property Controls for Grocery Stores and Supermarkets Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur les instruments de contrôle de biens-fonds visant des épiceries et des supermarchés (modification de diverses lois), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Min. SANDHU having spoken,

And Mr. GUENTER, Mrs. HIEBERT, MLA BEREZA and Mr. NARTH having questioned the Minister,

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And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. GUENTER and NARTH and MLA BEREZA 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.

Hon. Min. SANDHU moved:

THAT Bill (No. 42) – The Buy Canadian Act (Government Purchases Act Amended)/Loi sur l'achat au Canada (modification de la Loi sur les achats du gouvernement), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Min. SANDHU speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 18, 2025.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.