



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 28

SECOND SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

The House resumed the debate on the proposed motion of MLA CROSS:

THAT Bill (No. 208) – The Manitoba Small Business Month Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur le Mois de la petite entreprise au Manitoba (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. WHARTON, GUENTER and BALCAEN, Ms. BYRAM and Mr. NESBITT having spoken,

And Mr. PIWNIUK speaking at 11:00 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

In accordance with Rule 34, the Deputy Government House Leader announced that the Private Member's resolution titled "Homelessness" will be considered on the next Tuesday of Private Members' Business.

MLA CROSS moved:

Resolution No. 5: Encouraging Manitobans to Support Local

WHEREAS the looming threat of the tariffs proposed by U.S. President Trump is an attack on Canada and who we are as Manitobans and Canadians; and

WHEREAS Canadians need to be united in response to this attack; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is making life more affordable for Manitoba small business owners with a permanent 10% cut to the gas tax and rebates to homes and businesses for security upgrades so Manitobans can grow their businesses and support their family with a good quality of life; and

WHEREAS Manitoba has a rich and diverse economy, and Manitoba workers provide essential goods and services to the province and the world; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is taking immediate steps to protect Manitoba jobs and safeguard the economy; and

WHEREAS Manitobans are being encouraged to buy local and buy Canadian because where that money is spent matters; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is leading by example and reviewing all government procurement policies and contracts; and

WHEREAS by prioritizing Manitoban and Canadian products and services the Provincial Government is supporting the farmers, producers, businesses and workers who are the backbone of the economy here at home.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to continue its efforts to protect Manitoba jobs and the provincial economy by encouraging Manitobans to buy local and buy Canadian.

And a debate arising,

And MLA CROSS having spoken,

And Mr. PERCHOTTE, MLA PANKRATZ, Mr. SCHULER and Mmes. HIEBERT and STONE having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. PERCHOTTE and SCHULER and Mrs. HIEBERT having spoken,

And Mrs. STONE speaking at 12:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

(No. 44) – The Matriarch Circle Act and Amendments to The Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act (Ribbon Skirt Day)/Loi sur le Cercle des matriarches et modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs (Journée de la jupe à rubans)

(Hon. Min. FONTAINE)

(No. 43) – The Human Rights Code Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code des droits de la personne

(Hon. Mr. WIEBE)

(No. 205) – The Budget Impact Reporting Act/Loi sur la publication de rapports concernant les répercussions des mesures budgétaires

(Mr. WASYLIW)

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), Hon. Mr. SIMARD, Mr. PERCHOTTE, Hon. Min. ASAGWARA, Mr. EWASKO 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 Provincial Government to immediately put forward a plan to increase breast cancer screening capacity and lower the breast cancer screening age to 40.

Mrs. COOK – 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. NESBITT – 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. PERCHOTTE – 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. 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.

Mrs. STONE – 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 address the much needed rehabilitation of Provincial Road 275 to ensure public safety; provide results of the MTI investigation into the Town and Municipality and provide immediate funding for the repairs of PR 275; and address the drainage issues on PR 275 and create permanent solutions so that flooding can be avoided.

MLA LAGASSÉ – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately implement work on renovating the intersection of Provincial Trunk Highways 12 and 210, to keep area residents and travellers safe.

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

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. EWASKO – 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. GUENTER – To urge the Provincial Government to remove the federal carbon tax on home heating bills for all Manitobans to provide them much needed relief.

MLA LAMOUREUX – To urge the Provincial Government, including associated service providers, to adopt Marin's Principle and to comply with Supreme Court of Canada judgments, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and the Human Rights Code; to ensure public classroom teachers are fully trained in methods and philosophies explicitly created for children with learning disabilities with no restriction to a single program or product; to commit to funding for private literacy services, (for children at their parent's discretion), for all who are currently learning-disabled (diagnosed/suspected), with no penalty of discontinued instruction in public school, so they can become functionally literate and gain knowledge and skills like their peers; to commit funding for private counselling so each learning-disabled adult, diagnosed/suspected, has their choice of therapist to help overcome education trauma due to adverse provincial curriculum and policies, for private literacy instruction, at their discretion, to become functionally literate and for access to evidence-aligned senior year classes that were missed so they can graduate with the education they have always had a right to receive; and to provide compensation for harm and loss of income for Manitobans with learning disabilities who remain functionally illiterate (level two) after the age of 18.

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. KING – To urge the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to immediately restore funding to the PR227 paving project; and to keep the Provincial Government's commitment to Manitobans to carry out all of the projects, as outlined in the 2023 Multi-year Infrastructure Investment Strategy, in their totality, to the same scope and in accordance with already stated timelines.

The House resumed the debate on the proposed motion of Hon. Mr. WIEBE:

THAT Bill (No. 5) – 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), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the question period continuing,

And Messrs. BALCAEN and NARTH having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. BALCAEN having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to, on the following division:

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ASAGWARA	LAMOUREUX
BALCAEN	LOISELLE
BEREZA	MALOWAY
BLASHKO	MOROZ
BRAR	MOSES
BUSHIE	MOYES
BYRAM	NARTH
CABLE	NAYLOR
CHEN	NESBITT
COMPTON	OXENHAM
COOK	PANKRATZ
CROSS	PERCHOTTE
DELA CRUZ	PIWNIUK
DEVGAN	REDHEAD
EWASKO	SALA
FONTAINE	SANDHU
GOERTZEN	SCHMIDT
GUENTER	SCHOTT
HIEBERT	SCHULER
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KENNEDY	SMITH
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The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Hon. Mr. WIEBE moved:

THAT Bill (No. 32) – The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act (Measures to Address Unlawful Activities)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la location à usage d’habitation (mesures concernant les activités illégales), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. WIEBE 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 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.