



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 36

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PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Hon. Mr. KINEW, the First Minister, made a statement regarding March 31, 2025, being Indigenous Languages Day.

Mr. PERCHOTTE commented on the statement.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), MLAs CROSS and BEREZA, Hon. Min. MARCELINO, Mr. NESBITT and MLA REDHEAD made Member's statements.

Hon. Min. FONTAINE sought and received leave for the English text of the First Minister's ministerial statement to be included in Hansard immediately after the Dakota text.

The following petition was presented and read to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba:

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.

The House resumed debate on the proposed motion of Hon. Min. SALA:

THAT this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government.

And the proposed amendment moved by Mr. EWASKO as follows:

THAT the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "House" and substituting:

regrets that this budget neglects the priorities of Manitobans by:

- (a) failing to address the rising costs that Manitobans are facing today by collecting over a billion dollars more in taxes and other fees while Cabinet Ministers receive a pay increase; and

- (b) failing to offer a strategy to address the Chinese and American tariffs impacting Manitoba's agriculture producers and businesses; and
- (c) failing to deliver a new education funding model, which in turn has resulted in a historic rise in education property taxes for Manitoban homeowners; and
- (d) failing to commit to lowering the education tax for Manitoba businesses; and
- (e) failing Manitoba parents by cutting childcare funding by hundreds of millions of dollars; and
- (f) failing to address the Provincial Government's "Bail Reform" policy when it comes to violent criminals and repeat offenders; and
- (g) failing to increase investment in the RCMP in Manitoba and law enforcement as a whole; and
- (h) failing to invest in the protection of Manitobans from violent crime; and
- (i) failing to address the diagnostic and surgical wait time backlog; and
- (j) failing to produce a meaningful plan to recruit, train, and retain health-care workers in Manitoba; and
- (k) failing to support Manitoba's local sports, heritage, and creative sectors by eliminating the previous Provincial Government's "Arts, Culture and Sport in Community" funding program; and
- (l) failing to justify cuts to the Urban/Hometown Green Team and the Building Sustainable Communities Fund, and neglecting to adequately fund local community projects and organizations; and
- (m) failing to provide necessary funding to maintain and repair Manitoba roads; and
- (n) failing to make cost-efficient and timely progress on major infrastructure projects, instead causing unnecessary delays and budget overruns; and
- (o) failing to come forward with a meaningful plan to address the many issues in Manitoba's vulnerable communities; and
- (p) failing to prioritize new school builds, resulting in exponential cost increases on Manitobans, and
- (q) failing to make effective use of government resources by disregarding years of collaborative work already conducted by the previous Provincial Government on numerous initiatives, such as a new public-school funding model, a comprehensive critical minerals strategy, an Indigenous excellence in education policy, a strategy to recruit and retain French-speaking educators, and consultations on Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin channels projects; and

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- (r) failing to provide the necessary investment to recruit and train needed conservation officers in Manitoba; and
- (s) failing to prioritize the expansion of Manitoba conservation offices; and
- (t) failing to provide a realistic plan to balance the budget by 2027.

As a consequence, the Provincial Government has thereby lost the confidence of this House and the people of Manitoba.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And MLA REDHEAD, Mrs. COOK, Mr. BRAR, Mrs. HIEBERT and MLA DELA CRUZ having spoken,

And Mr. NARTH speaking at 12:30 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

The House then adjourned at 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 7, 2025.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.