



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 38

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. PIWNIUK, KING, NARTH, SCHULER and GOERTZEN and MLA BEREZA having spoken,

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

MLA DELA CRUZ moved:

Resolution No. 6: Homelessness

WHEREAS the previous, failed PC Provincial Government continued to fail vulnerable Manitobans by leaving those experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity without the supports they needed; and

WHEREAS the previous, failed PC Provincial Government hurt low-income Manitobans by selling off more housing units than they created during their seven and a half years in government, causing more Manitobans to experience homelessness; and

WHEREAS the previous, failed PC Provincial Government cut funding to the maintenance portion of the budget for Manitoba Housing, leaving buildings to deteriorate by ignoring necessary repair jobs, causing residents to suffer due to poor living conditions; and

WHEREAS the previous, failed PC Provincial Government hurt Manitobans by raising taxes on renters by cutting the Renter's Tax Credit; and

WHEREAS the previous, failed PC Provincial Government didn't care when it cut almost 70 frontline staff positions at Manitoba Housing, leaving renters unsafe in their units; and

WHEREAS the current Provincial Government is looking out for Manitobans living in encampments through the Your Way Home strategy, which moves people into housing with wraparound supports to end chronic homelessness; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government made good on its promise to create more houses by housing 1,200 Manitobans within its first year in government; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government's first Budget in 2024 allocated \$116 million to help build 350 social and affordable housing units and repair over 3,000 more, supporting thousands of Manitobans and getting them into the housing units they need.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba commend the Provincial Government for housing over 1,200 Manitobans in its first year, starting development on over 560 units of social and affordable housing, restoring and rebuilding Manitoba Housing, and for continuing to move people out of encampments into supportive housing through the Your Way Home strategy, Manitoba's plan to end chronic homelessness by 2031.

And a debate arising,

And MLA DELA CRUZ having spoken,

And Mrs. HIEBERT, MLA CORBETT, Mr. PERCHOTTE and Mmes. STONE and COOK having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mmes. HIEBERT, SCHOTT and COOK and Hon. Min. MOYES 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.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), MLA CROSS, Messrs. PERCHOTTE and OXENHAM, MLA BEREZA and Hon. Min. MOYES 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 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. 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.

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

MLA LOISELLE – To amend The Winnipeg Foundation Act by: (a) removing the requirement that the mayor of the City of Winnipeg be a director of the Winnipeg Foundation; and (b) removing a requirement that copies of the audited financial statements be provided to the public on request and that information respecting the financial statements be published in a newspaper; and (c) ensuring that the information respecting the audit of the financial statements of the Winnipeg Foundation be published on its website.

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.

MLA BEREZA – To urge the Provincial Government to order an out-of-province review of the prosecutor's decision to not prosecute the accomplice in the death of Jordyn Reimer.

Ms. BYRAM – 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.

Mr. GUENTER – To urge the Provincial Government to support Manitoba small businesses through specific funding to reimburse the expenses and insurance deductibles that they incur as a result of crime.

MLA LAMOUREUX – To urge the Provincial Government to recognize Little Mountain Park as an at-risk ecosystem and as a potential ecosystem preservation zone; to recognize the impact of the proposed route on Little Mountain Park, The Players Course, the neighbouring Little Mountain Sportsplex, and the citizens and tourists who use and visit them; and to seek an alternate route that would avoid the area while still providing adequate ingress and egress to the CentrePort Canada Way, such as the old Sturgeon Road route, and avoid expropriating land unnecessarily.

Mrs. HIEBERT – 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. JOHNSON – 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. 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.

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

Mr. WHARTON – 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. WOWCHUK – 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. PIWNIUK – To urge the Provincial Government to lobby the Federal Government to develop and implement a comprehensive plan to assist border communities in managing the rise in illegal border crossings into Manitoba; to work closely with federal and local authorities to ensure adequate resources, including funding and support for emergency services, are available to protect local communities; and that immediate measures be taken to dismantle and destroy all human smuggling networks operating in Manitoba.

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

In accordance with Rule 34, the Government House Leader announced that the Private Member's resolution titled "Calling on the Provincial Government to Recognize the Valuable Role that the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra plays in Manitoba Communities" will be considered on the next Tuesday of Private Members' Business.

Hon. Min. SCHMIDT moved:

THAT Bill (No. 17) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Nutrition Equality for Lasting Learning Outcomes)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (équité alimentaire pour un apprentissage durable), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

(Recommended by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor)

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Min. SCHMIDT having spoken,

And Messrs. PERCHOTTE and EWASKO having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. EWASKO and Hon. Min. FONTAINE having spoken,

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

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The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

Hon. Min. SCHMIDT tabled:

Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 17).

(Sessional Paper No. 22)

The House then adjourned at 5:02 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, 2025.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.