



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 39

SECOND SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Hon. Min. FONTAINE, the Minister of Families, made a statement regarding today being the International Day of Pink.

Ms. BYRAM and, by leave, MLA LAMOUREUX commented on the statement.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), and in accordance with the provisions agreed to by the House on March 26, 2025, Mr. PIWNIUK, MLA LOISELLE and Messrs. NESBITT, WASYLIW and NARTH 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.

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

MLA BEREZA – 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.

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 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. JOHNSON – 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. 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.

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.

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 Provincial Government to immediately put forward a plan to increase breast cancer screening capacity and lower the breast cancer screening age to 40.

Mrs. STONE – 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 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. PIWNIUK – 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. 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.

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 support the investment and placement of an MRI machine in the Portage Regional Health Facility in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

By leave, it was agreed to transfer sponsorship of Private Member's Resolution No. 1 – Calling on the Provincial Government to Reverse Recent Amendments to the Teaching Certificates and Qualifications Regulation, from the former Member for Spruce Woods to the Honourable Member for Lac du Bonnet.

Hon. Min. SCHMIDT moved:

THAT Bill (No. 40) – An Act respecting “O Canada” and Other Observances and Land and Treaty Acknowledgements in Schools (Education Administration Act and Public Schools Act Amended)/Loi sur les activités scolaires soulignant notamment l’« Ô Canada » et la reconnaissance des territoires et des traités (modification de la Loi sur l’administration scolaire et de la Loi sur les écoles publiques), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Min. SCHMIDT having spoken,

And Mr. EWASKO and Mrs. COOK having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. EWASKO 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. Thursday, April 10, 2025.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.