



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 45

SECOND SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

MLA LOISELLE moved:

THAT Bill (No. 300) – The Winnipeg Foundation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Fondation dénommée « The Winnipeg Foundation », be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And MLA LOISELLE having spoken,

And MLA BEREZA, Hon. Min. NAYLOR and Mr. NARTH having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And MLA BEREZA speaking at 10:30 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

MLA LOISELLE moved:

THAT Bill (No. 218) – The Climate Action Month Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur le Mois de lutte contre les changements climatiques (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 a debate arising,

And MLA LOISELLE having spoken,

And Mr. NESBITT, MLA DELA CRUZ and Mr. KING having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. NESBITT having spoken,

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

MLA CORBETT moved:

Resolution No. 10: New Schools

WHEREAS Manitobans want the Provincial Government to be a partner in their kids' education; and

WHEREAS the previous, failed Provincial Government made a mess of education system for seven and a half years by slashing funding for schools; and

WHEREAS the current Provincial Government wants to build up the education system so that kids have the best learning environment possible; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government recently announced the construction of 11 new schools in Winnipeg, Brandon, Neepawa and Ste. Anne to help keep class sizes small; and

WHEREAS each new school will also include child-care spaces; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is investing \$67 million more in schools in 2025/26; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has added over 630 new educators to the system; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government banned cellphones in class so kids can focus on learning in all areas, including the new, mandatory sexual abuse prevention training requirements; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is feeding hungry kids in schools with a universal school food program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be urged to support the Provincial Government's efforts with the construction of 11 new schools across the province.

And a debate arising,

And MLA CORBETT having spoken,

And Ms. BYRAM, MLA CROSS and Mr. BALCAEN having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. BALCAEN, Hon. Mr. SIMARD, Ms. BYRAM and Hon. Min. SANDHU having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Hon. Min. MOYES, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, made a statement regarding today being Earth Day.

Mr. NESBITT and, by leave, MLA LAMOUREUX commented on the statement.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), Messrs. BLASHKO, WOWCHUK and OXENHAM, Ms. BYRAM and Hon. Min. SALA 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.

Mr. EWASKO – 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 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.

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

Mr. GUENTER – 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.

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. NESBITT – 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 Provincial Government to support the investment and placement of an MRI machine in the Portage Regional Health Facility in Portage la Prairie, 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.

Mr. NARTH – 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. SCHULER – 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. STONE – 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. 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.

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. 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.

In accordance with Rule 34, the Acting Government House Leader announced that the Private Member's resolution titled "1,255 Net New Healthcare Workers" will be considered on the next Tuesday of Private Members' Business.

Hon. Mr. WIEBE moved:

THAT Bill (No. 2) – The Provincial Court Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Cour provinciale, reported from the Standing Committee on Justice, be concurred in and be now read for a Third Time and passed.

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. WIEBE, MLA LAMOUREUX, Mr. BALCAEN, MLA BEREZA, Ms. BYRAM and Mr. PIWNIUK having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly concurred in, read a Third Time and passed.

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), reported from the Standing Committee on Justice, be concurred in and be now read for a Third Time and passed.

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Min. SANDHU having spoken,

And Mr. GUENTER speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

Mr. NESBITT asked Written Question (No. 12) for reply to the following:

12. As the Manitoba Legislative Building, also known as Manitoba Provincial Heritage Site No. 40, is a historical building in which alterations must be approved, could the Premier table a copy of any analysis and approval completed prior to the permanent alterations that occurred in March 2025 above the north side entrance?
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The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, 2025.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.