



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 49

SECOND SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

MLA DELA CRUZ moved:

THAT Bill (No. 216) – The Health System Governance and Accountability Amendment Act (Plebiscite Before Permanent Emergency Room Closure)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la gouvernance et l'obligation redditionnelle au sein du système de santé (plébiscites sur la fermeture permanente de salles d'urgence), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And MLA DELA CRUZ having spoken,

And Mrs. COOK, MLA COMPTON, Mr. GUENTER and Mrs. STONE having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mrs. COOK, Mr. GUENTER and Mrs. STONE having spoken,

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

MLA PANKRATZ moved:

Resolution No. 12: 1,255 Net New Healthcare Workers

WHEREAS the previous, PC Provincial Government failed Manitobans by firing health-care workers, and closing rural and urban ERs and EMS stations, forcing Manitobans to go out of province for surgery; and

WHEREAS the previous, PC Provincial Government ignored and dismissed health care workers when they raised flags about the state of health care in the province; and

WHEREAS the previous, PC Provincial Government failed to improve health care in northern Manitoba; and

WHEREAS the current Provincial Government made a commitment in Budget 2024 to hire 1,000 net new health-care workers in one year to improve health care and support front-line workers; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has followed through on its promise by hiring 1,255 net new health-care workers, resulting in 45 percent less mandatory overtime for WRHA workers; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has opened two new minor illness and injury clinics and two extended-hours, primary-care clinics to give Manitoba families more options for care; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government will add three more extended-hours, primary-care clinics in Winnipeg so more Manitobans can receive the care they need after hours; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government will continue to improve health care for Manitobans as they age by building new personal-care homes in Lac du Bonnet and Arborg as well as expanding Park Manor Care Home in Transcona; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is building a new ER in Eriksdale and at the Victoria General Hospital to bring health care closer to home for every Manitoban; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has introduced seven-day-a-week discharges to improve hospital efficiency and get Manitobans the care they need when they need it; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is bringing a mobile MRI to the North so residents can receive care closer to their home communities; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is investing a record of over \$770 million in new funding for frontline health care staff across the province with nearly 70 per cent of new spending going directly to the front lines.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be urged to affirm the important work of the 1,255 net new health-care workers, and to support the continued recruitment of more healthcare workers to improve health care for all Manitobans.

And a debate arising,

And MLA PANKRATZ having spoken,

And Mrs. COOK, MLAs CORBETT and LAGASSÉ and Mr. NARTH having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mrs. COOK, MLA LAGASSÉ and Mr. NARTH having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Hon. Min. FONTAINE tabled:

Sequence for consideration of the Estimates by the Committee of Supply, dated May 2025.
(Sessional Paper No. 51)

Hon. Min. KENNEDY, the Minister of Sport, Culture, Heritage and Tourism, made a statement regarding Asian Heritage Month.

Mr. PERCHOTTE commented on the statement.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), MLAs CHEN and BEREZA, Mrs. SCHOTT, Mr. GOERTZEN and Hon. Mr. BUSHIE made Member's statements.

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

By leave, the House agreed for the following provisions to be in effect until the end of the Second Session of the 43rd Legislature:

That the Assembly be allowed to provide live interpretation of languages other than English and French spoken by Members during proceedings of the House and committees, subject to the availability of interpreters, with the requirement that Members wishing to address the House or a committee in another language:

1. Must provide adequate notice to the Clerk of the language they wish to speak so that appropriate interpretation and translation services may be arranged; and
2. Must provide 90 minutes' notice prior to the commencement of the House sitting to Members of other recognized parties and independent Members.

The House resolved into Committee of Supply.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, 2025.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.