



## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

### VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 53

#### 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 Mr. WOWCHUK, MLA LAGASSÉ, Mrs. COOK and Messrs. JOHNSON and KHAN having spoken,

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

In accordance with Rule 34, the Deputy Government House Leader announced that the Private Member's resolution titled "Public Safety Strategy Progress" will be considered on the next Tuesday of Private Members' Business.

MLA CHEN moved:

Resolution No. 14: Protecting Women's Health in Manitoba

WHEREAS women have historically faced barriers to accessing reproductive healthcare, leading to significant harm to their health and well-being; and

WHEREAS long-standing threats to reproductive rights created the need for the implementation of *The Safe Access to Abortion Services Act*, which ensures access to and delivery of abortion services without harassment or intimidation in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS *The Safe Access to Abortion Services Act* protects access to healthcare with dignity, privacy, and safety of both patients and health-care providers by establishing buffer zones around clinics; and

WHEREAS the previous Provincial Government's decisions put women's health at risk, including the closure of the Mature Women's Centre at Victoria Hospital, which reduced tailored access to menopause and osteoporosis care; and

WHEREAS cuts to lactation consultants under the previous Provincial Government impacted access to supports, disproportionately affecting women's and babies' health outcomes; and

WHEREAS the current Provincial Government is lowering the breast cancer screening age to 40 and expanding screening infrastructure, staffing, training and services so more women can access this vital healthcare in the province; and

WHEREAS this Provincial Government continues to protect reproductive rights with ongoing funding of safe abortion services and the expansion of free birth control programs to include Plan B; and

WHEREAS buffer zones serve as a necessary measure to uphold the right to access healthcare free from coercion, fear, and interference.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be urged to recognize the importance of women's healthcare and the right of all Manitobans to access abortion and other critical reproductive healthcare, pre- and post-natal care and menopause treatment, and to affirm the Provincial Government's ongoing support for buffer zones for reproductive healthcare that protect patients and health-care workers who provide these important services.

And a debate arising,

And MLA CHEN having spoken,

And Mrs. COOK, Hon. Min. KENNEDY, Ms. BYRAM and Mrs. HIEBERT having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mrs. COOK, Hon. Min. FONTAINE, MLA BEREZA and Hon. Min. ASAGWARA having spoken,

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

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**1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.**

Hon. Min. FONTAINE tabled:

Revised sequence for consideration of the Estimates by the Committee of Supply for May 13, 2025.  
(Sessional Paper No. 55)

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**Tuesday, May 13, 2025**

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Hon. Min. ASAGWARA, the Minister of Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care, made a statement regarding Allied Healthcare Professionals Recognition Week, May 11 to 17, 2025.

Mrs. COOK and, by leave, MLA LAMOUREUX commented on the statement.

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Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), Hon. Min. ASAGWARA, Mrs. HIEBERT, MLA COMPTON, Mrs. COOK and Hon. Mr. SIMARD made Member's statements.

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The following petitions were presented and read to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba:

Mr. BALCAEN – 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.

Mr. GOERTZEN – 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.

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The House resolved into Committee of Supply.

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The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, 2025.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,  
Speaker.