



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 77

SECOND SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

MLA PANKRATZ moved:

THAT Bill (No. 210) – The Indigenous Veterans Day Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur la Journée des anciens combattants autochtones (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs), reported from the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development, be concurred in and be now read for a Third Time and passed.

And a debate arising,

And MLA PANKRATZ, Mrs. ROBBINS and Messrs. PERCHOTTE and BALCAEN having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to, unanimously.

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

During the debate, MLA PANKRATZ sought and received leave for the Concurrence and Third Reading Question on Bill (No. 210) to be put at 10:25 a.m.

MLA CROSS moved:

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

And a debate arising,

And MLA CROSS, Mrs. HIEBERT and Mr. WHARTON having spoken,

And Mr. PIWNIUK 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 "Fighting Climate Change and Protecting Manitoba's Air, Land and Water" will be considered on the next Tuesday of Private Members' Business.

MLA REDHEAD moved:

Resolution No. 22: Advancing Manitoba's Economic Future through Provincial-Federal Collaboration in Churchill

WHEREAS the Town of Churchill and the Port of Churchill are critical assets for Manitoba's economic development, Arctic sovereignty, and international trade, being the only deepwater port in North America with Arctic Ocean access and rail connectivity; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government launched Manitoba's new Economic Development Strategy, which includes a long-term vision to make Manitoba a "have" province through productivity growth, trade expansion, and strategic infrastructure investments; and

WHEREAS the Port of Churchill is identified as a potential future federal infrastructure priority, with plans to upgrade the rail line, develop an all-weather road, establish a new energy corridor, and enhance marine ice-breaking capacity to enable year-round shipping; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has emphasized the importance of a true nation to nation partnership with individual nations to advance economic reconciliation, create good jobs in the nations and ensure a healthy future for Indigenous communities and all Manitobans; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government has acknowledged Churchill's strategic role in diversifying trade routes and supporting Canada's critical minerals strategy, with potential for growing exports to Europe; and

WHEREAS the Arctic Gateway Group, composed of First Nations and northern communities, is actively preparing for expanded operations and has expressed readiness to collaborate with governments and stakeholders.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba affirm its support for the inclusive and sustainable redevelopment of Churchill as a strategic infrastructure project of national importance, and urge the Provincial Government to continue working collaboratively with all partners to ensure Churchill becomes a cornerstone of Manitoba's economic transformation and global trade strategy.

And a debate arising,

And MLA REDHEAD having spoken,

And Mr. NARTH, MLA CORBETT, Mr. PIWNIUK, MLA BEREZA and Ms. BYRAM having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. NARTH and PIWNIUK and MLA BEREZA 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.

The Speaker tabled:

Annual Report and Service Plan of the Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025.

(Sessional Paper No. 129)

Hon. Min. MOROZ tabled:

Annual Report of the Manitoba Education, Research and Learning Information Networks (MERLIN) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025.

(Sessional Paper No. 130)

Hon. Mr. WIEBE tabled:

Annual Report of the Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Authority for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025.

(Sessional Paper No. 131)

Hon. Mr. WIEBE, the Minister of Justice, on behalf of Hon. Min. FONTAINE, the Minister of Families, made a statement regarding October being Child Abuse Awareness Month.

Mr. BALCAEN commented on the statement.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), Hon. Ms. SMITH, Mr. NESBITT, Hon. Min. MOYES, Mr. WOWCHUK and Hon. Mr. MOSES made Member's statements.

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

Mr. KHAN – 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.

Mrs. HIEBERT – To urge the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning to immediately bring back the three portable classrooms to help alleviate the stress and overcrowding classrooms; and to urge the Provincial Government to reinstate the expansion project for Green Valley School.

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. KING – 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 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. NARTH – To urge the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning to immediately bring back the three portable classrooms to help alleviate the stress and overcrowding classrooms; and to urge the Provincial Government to reinstate the expansion project for Green Valley School.

Mr. PIWNIUK – 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.

Ms. BYRAM – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately work with the RCMP to restore rural community policing and provide adequate resources to protect Manitoba communities.

MLA LAGASSÉ – 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.

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

Mr. PERCHOTTE – To urge the Provincial Government to assist in paving Provincial Road 247 to La Salle from Manitoba Highway 3; and to ensure the safety of local residents and young drivers who use Provincial Road 247 from La Salle so that they have a safe way to access education year round.

Mrs. COOK – To urge the Provincial Government to install a sidewalk or shoulder with a turning lane to facilitate safe pedestrian and cyclist traffic along Highway 1 westbound from Dodds Road to Bobiche Street.

Mr. WOWCHUK – To urge the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to take the necessary steps to upgrade Provincial Trunk Highway 45 from Russell to Provincial Trunk Highway 10 to meet RTAC standards.

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

Mrs. ROBBINS – 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. 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.

MLA BEREZA – 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 30, Mrs. ROBBINS rose on a Grievance.

Hon. Min. KINEW moved:

THAT Bill (No. 50) – The Constitutional Questions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les questions constitutionnelles, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Min. KINEW having spoken,

And Messrs. BALCAEN and EWASKO having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

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

During the debate, Mr. WHARTON rose on a point of order disputing allegations about his behaviour in debate made by the First Minister.

And Hon. Min. ASAGWARA having spoken to the point of order,

WHEREUPON the Speaker informed the House he would take the matter under advisement.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 29, 2025.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.