



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 10

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

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, Hon. Min. KENNEDY, Mr. WOWCHUK and Mrs. ROBBINS having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. NESBITT, Hon. Min. MOYES, Mr. WOWCHUK and MLA DELA CRUZ having spoken,

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

MLA REDHEAD moved:

Resolution No. 2: 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 do a feasibility study on 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 Prime Minister Mark Carney and the Premier issued a joint statement committing to work together to deliver the Port of Churchill Plus project, in partnership with Arctic Gateway Group, the Major Projects Office, and the Manitoba Crown Indigenous Corporation; 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, Mrs. SCHOTT, Mr. PIWNIUK, Ms. BYRAM and Mr. WHARTON having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. NARTH, Hon. Mr. SIMARD and Mr. PIWNIUK 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 following Bills were read a First Time and had their purposes outlined:

(No. 220) – The School Bus Seat Belt Safety Act/Loi sur les ceintures de sécurité dans les autobus scolaires

(Mr. EWASKO)

(No. 221) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Increased Penalties for Passing School Buses)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (peines accrues en cas de dépassement d'autobus scolaire)
(Mr. EWASKO)

(No. 227) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Impaired Driving Measures)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (mesures en cas d'infractions de conduite avec facultés affaiblies)
(Mr. BALCAEN)

During Introduction of Bills, Hon. Mr. KINEW rose on a point of order alleging that the Honourable Member for Lac du Bonnet had reflected on the Chair.

And Mr. JOHNSON having spoken to the point of order,

WHEREUPON the Speaker ruled there was a point of order, and asked Members to heed the directions from the Chair.

Hon. Min. SALA tabled:

Report of the Public Service Group Insurance Fund (Benefits Summary, Auditor's Report and Financial Statements) for the year ending April 30, 2025.
(Sessional Paper No. 6)

Hon. Min. ASAGWARA, the Minister of Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care, made a statement regarding November being Diabetes Awareness Month.

Mrs. COOK commented on the statement.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), Messrs. BRAR and PIWNIUK, Mmes. SCHOTT and COOK and MLA PANKRATZ 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 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. 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. GUENTER – 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. PIWNIUK – 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 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.

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.

Mr. KING – 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.

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.

Mrs. HIEBERT – To urge the Provincial Government to cancel drug-injection sites in the Point Douglas community, including the proposed location at 200 Disraeli Freeway; and to legislate that no future site will be proposed without community support.

Mr. JOHNSON – 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. STONE – 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 proceed with the planned renovation and expansion of Phoenix School without further delay.

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. 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. NESBITT – 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. 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. 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.

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.

Following Petitions, Mr. BALCAEN rose on a matter of urgent public importance and moved:

THAT in accordance with sub-rule 39(1), the regular business of the House be set aside to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, specifically the dramatic increase in crime and violence in the Province of Manitoba.

And Mr. BALCAEN and Hon. Mr. WIEBE having spoken to the urgency of the motion,

WHEREUPON the Speaker ruled as follows:

I thank the Honourable Members for their advice to the Chair on the motion proposed by the Honourable Member for Brandon West for a matter of urgent public importance. The 90-minute notice required prior to the start of Routine Proceedings by sub-rule 39(1) was provided, and I thank the Member for that.

Under our Rules and practices, the subject matter referenced in the Member's motion must be so pressing that the public interest will suffer if it is not given immediate attention. Crucially, there must also be no other reasonable opportunities to raise the matter.

I have listened very carefully to the arguments put forward. Although the issue of increased crime and violence in the Province of Manitoba is indeed very serious and worthy of consideration and discussion, my duty in this moment is to determine if there are other opportunities for debate on such matters.

With that in mind, I must note that Members do have the opportunity to speak on this topic during Members' Statements or when raising a grievance. Members can also ask questions on this topic during Oral Questions. Further, those opportunities and others will continue to be available every sitting day in the House.

Accordingly, I do not believe the motion meets the criteria as a matter of urgent public importance, as there are other opportunities to debate the matter. With the greatest of respect, then, I must rule this motion out of order as a matter of urgent public importance.

The House resumed the debate on the proposed motion of Hon. Mr. WIEBE:

THAT Bill (No. 2) – The Non-Consensual Distribution of Intimate Images Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la distribution non consensuelle des images intimes, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. EWASKO having spoken,

And Mr. JOHNSON 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 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 3, 2025.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.