



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 12

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Mr. NARTH moved:

THAT Bill (No. 222) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Speed Limits on Provincial Roads)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (limites de vitesse sur les routes provinciales secondaires), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. NARTH having spoken,

And Messrs. OXENHAM and KING and MLA BEREZA having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And MLA PANKRATZ, Mr. KING and MLAs LOISELLE and BEREZA having spoken,

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

During the debate, MLA LOISELLE rose on a point of order regarding the Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie engaging with individuals in the gallery.

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

WHEREUPON the Speaker ruled there was a point of order.

Mr. NARTH moved:

Resolution No. 1: Affordability and the Economy

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has made multiple disingenuous commitments to Manitobans regarding household affordability, specifically committing to lowering grocery prices; and

WHEREAS since this Provincial Government took office, Statistics Canada has calculated Manitoba's food inflation rate at 7.7 per cent despite commitments to Manitobans to reduce these costs; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government's half measures have made no tangible impact on the price of groceries; and

WHEREAS one in four Manitobans struggle to put food on their table while 42 per cent of Manitobans are struggling to make ends meet; and

WHEREAS the recent decisions of the Provincial Government to increase income taxes and school taxes on every Manitoban will compound the affordability and cost of living crisis; and

WHEREAS the Manitoba employment rate has plummeted, meaning more unemployed Manitobans struggling to meet basic needs; and

WHEREAS declining employment opportunities are forcing Manitobans to pursue work beyond provincial borders; and

WHEREAS youth unemployment has risen substantially under the Provincial Government, meaning youth have fewer opportunities to look forward to in the province; and

WHEREAS Manitoba's rate of inflation is the second highest amongst all the provinces; and

WHEREAS property taxes and other taxes are 19.5 per cent higher year over year; and

WHEREAS the provincial economy is struggling under the management of the current Provincial Government, leading to higher taxes, higher fees and rates that are making life more unaffordable for all Manitobans.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba call on the Provincial Government to apologize and urge it to immediately fulfill the promises made to Manitobans by abandoning reckless policies and supporting real economic growth in Manitoba to address the ongoing affordability crisis.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. NARTH having spoken,

And MLA PANKRATZ and Mmes. COOK and HIEBERT having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. MOSES, Mrs. COOK, Mr. BRAR and Mrs. HIEBERT having spoken,

And Hon. Min. MOROZ speaking at 12:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bill was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined:

(No. 229) – The Christian Heritage Month Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur le Mois du patrimoine chrétien (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)

(Mrs. HIEBERT)

The Speaker tabled:

Report of the Ethics Commissioner's inquiry into the compliance of Hon. Min. SANDHU with *The Conflict of Interest (Members and Ministers) Act*, dated December 4, 2025, pursuant to the request by Mr. GUENTER on October 27, 2025.

(Sessional Paper No. 8)

Hon. Min. CABLE, the Minister of Advanced Education and Training, made a statement regarding December 6, 2025, being the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

Ms. BYRAM and, by leave, MLA LAMOUREUX commented on the statement.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), Mr. BLASHKO, Mrs. HIEBERT, MLA MALOWAY, Mr. KHAN and MLA CROSS 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 fully implement recommendations in the *Bridging the Gaps* report and immediately implement official policies and procedures that are more respectful and collaborative which also minimize harm faced by families seeking help from Children's disABILITY Services; and to urge the Minister of Families to arrange for a full review of employment supports provided by Children's disABILITY Services for children with disabilities aged 12 to 17, including direct consultation with impacted families, and to explore a full spectrum of options to support families, empowering them to choose solutions that best fit their needs.

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. GUENTER – To urge the Provincial Government to lobby the Federal Government to stop the expansion of medical assistance in dying to those for whom mental illness is the sole condition; and to protect Canadians struggling with mental illness by facilitating treatment, recovery, and medical assistance in living, not death.

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 fully implement recommendations in the *Bridging the Gaps* report and immediately implement official policies and procedures that are more respectful and collaborative which also minimize harm faced by families seeking help from Children's disABILITY Services; and to urge the Minister of Families to arrange for a full review of employment supports provided by Children's disABILITY Services for children with disabilities aged 12 to 17, including direct consultation with impacted families, and to explore a full spectrum of options to support families, empowering them to choose solutions that best fit their needs.

Mr. KING – 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. JOHNSON – To urge the Provincial Government to fully implement recommendations in the *Bridging the Gaps* report and immediately implement official policies and procedures that are more respectful and collaborative which also minimize harm faced by families seeking help from Children's disABILITY Services; and to urge the Minister of Families to arrange for a full review of employment supports provided by Children's disABILITY Services for children with disabilities aged 12 to 17, including direct consultation with impacted families, and to explore a full spectrum of options to support families, empowering them to choose solutions that best fit their needs.

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.

Mr. EWASKO – To urge the Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations to prevent the lifting of the development moratorium on Bird River proposed by the Winnipeg River Planning District.

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

Mr. NESBITT – 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.

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.

Following Petitions, Mr. NARTH 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 Manitoba's affordability crisis and the province's deteriorating economic position.

And Mr. NARTH and Hon. Mr. MOSES having spoken to the urgency of the motion,

WHEREUPON the Speaker ruled as follows:

I thank the Honourable Members for the advice to the Chair on the motion proposed by the Honourable Member for La Vérendrye 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 and, although affordability and the province's economic position are indeed very serious topics 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. Earlier today, the Member for La Vérendrye spoke about it during his Private Member's Resolution. 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 this 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 and, 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. GOERTZEN having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to, on the following division:

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ASAGWARA	KING
BALCAEN	KOSTYSHYN
BEREZA	LATHLIN
BLASHKO	LOISELLE
BRAR	MALOWAY
BUSHIE	MOROZ
BYRAM	MOSES
CABLE	MOYES
CHEN	NARTH
COMPTON	NAYLOR
COOK	NESBITT
CORBETT	OXENHAM
CROSS	PANKRATZ
DEVGAN	REDHEAD
EWASKO	ROBBINS
FONTAINE	SALA
GOERTZEN	SANDHU
HIEBERT	SCHMIDT
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The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

The House then adjourned at 5:06 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, 2026.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.