



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 34

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), MLA CORBETT, Mr. JOHNSON, Hon. Min. SCHMIDT, Mr. BALCAEN and MLA LAMOUREUX made Member's statements.

Following Oral Questions, the Speaker made the following ruling:

Prior to Routine Proceedings on March 12, 2026, the Honourable Member for Fort Garry raised a matter of privilege alleging that comments made by the Honourable First Minister during Oral Questions on March 11, 2026, called into question his integrity and were therefore unparliamentary. The Member concluded his remarks by moving:

*THAT the matter be referred to a Standing Committee of this House.*

The Honourable Government House Leader spoke to the matter before I took it under advisement.

In order for a matter of privilege to be ruled as *prima facie*, a Member must demonstrate that the issue has been raised at the earliest opportunity, while also providing sufficient evidence to support the claim that a *prima facie* case of privilege has been established.

On the condition of timeliness, the Member stated that he raised the matter at the earliest opportunity after consulting Hansard and reviewing the authorities. Given that he raised this matter a few hours after Hansard was published that day, I would agree that the Member raised the matter at his earliest opportunity.

Regarding the second condition of whether a *prima facie* case was demonstrated, in his submission the Honourable Member for Fort Garry asserted that, in Oral Questions on March 11, 2026, the Premier "made a personal attack on me". The Member contended that the Premier's remarks were unparliamentary and should have been ruled out of order. The Member also alleged that the comments of the Premier amounted to an "obstruction, interference or intimidation of a sitting MLA".

It is important to note here that the basis of the Member's allegation—language used in debate—is governed by a practice of this House. Joseph Maingot, in the second edition of *Parliamentary Privilege in Canada*, states on page 14 that allegations of a breach of privilege by a Member which amount to complaints about procedures and practices in the House are by their very nature matters of order. He also states on page 254 of the same edition that language "that impugns the integrity of Members would be unparliamentary and a breach of order contrary to the Standing Orders, but not a breach of privilege".

Accordingly, I am ruling that, on this matter, the Member did not establish the *prima facie* case of privilege.

Having said that, the Member did touch on a point that I and others have made in the past, which is that some of the behaviour we see from Members in this Chamber is not consistent with the standards of a respectful workplace. On this point, I agree with the Member. I think Manitobans would like to see more respectful behaviour from the people they have elected to serve them in this place. I would ask all Honourable Members to reflect on that advice before speaking in this House.

And I thank Members for their attention to this ruling.

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

MLA LAMOUREUX – To urge the Provincial Government to conduct an independent investigation into the RCMP’s actions in Devkarn Singh’s case—examining not just the delay, but also the decision-making, communications, and systemic failures that contributed to this tragedy; to create a provincial water rescue policy with enforceable standards for water rescue responses, including response time targets, mandatory coordination protocols between agencies, and consequences for non-compliance; and to establish a dedicated oversight body to audit water rescue operations across the province, which would release annual reports regarding audit findings and enforce reforms based on data, community needs, and lessons from tragedies such as what happened to Devkarn Singh.

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.

Mr. WHARTON – 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.

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

Mrs. STONE – To urge the Provincial Government to remove education funding and taxation from property taxes and find a fair and equitable way to fund education in Manitoba.

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.

MLA BEREZA – 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.

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. 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. 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. HIEBERT – 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. 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. 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.

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.

Mrs. ROBBINS – 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. 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. 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. EWASKO – To urge the Provincial Government to remove education funding and taxation from property taxes and find a fair and equitable way to fund education in Manitoba.

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During Petitions, the Official Opposition House Leader sought and received leave for the House to adopt the following provisions:

1. To not see the clock today until all stages of Interim Supply are completed; and
2. To allow only one interruption of the Budget debate this session under Rule 35(6).

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Pursuant to sub-rule 35(6), the debate on the Budget Address was interrupted by the Acting Government House Leader in order to call Interim Supply.

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The House resolved into Committee of Supply.

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Mr. BLASHKO, Chairperson of the Committee of Supply, presented the Report of the Proceedings of the Committee of March 25, 2026, as follows:

**IN THE COMMITTEE**

The following Resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED that there be granted to HIS MAJESTY for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2027, a sum not exceeding \$15,636,200,000, being 75% of the total amount to be voted, for the purposes set out in Part A (Operating Expenditures) of those Estimates.

RESOLVED that there be granted to HIS MAJESTY for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2027, a sum not exceeding \$865,751,000, being 90% of the total amount to be voted, for the purposes set out in Part B (Capital Investments) of those Estimates.

RESOLVED that there be granted to HIS MAJESTY for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2027, a sum not exceeding \$835,810,000, being 90% of the total amount to be voted, for the purposes set out in Part C (Loans and Guarantees) of those Estimates.

RESOLVED that there be granted to HIS MAJESTY for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2027, a sum not exceeding \$1,924,889,000, being 90% of the total amount to be voted, for the purposes set out in Part D (Capital Investments by Other Reporting Entities) of those Estimates.

Resolutions were reported and the Report was received.

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Hon. Min. SALA moved:

THAT there be granted to His Majesty on account of Certain Expenditures of the Public Service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2027, out of the Consolidated Fund, the sums of:

- \$15,636,200,000, being 75% of the total amount to be voted as set out in Part A (Operating Expenditures) of those Estimates,
- \$865,751,000, being 90% of the total amount to be voted as set out in Part B (Capital Investment) of those Estimates,
- \$835,810,000, being 90% of the total amount to be voted as set out in Part C (Loans and Guarantees) of those Estimates,
- \$1,924,889,000, being 90% of the total amount to be voted as set out in Part D (Capital Investments by Other Reporting Entities) of those Estimates.

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

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The following Bill was read a First Time and ordered for Second Reading immediately:

(No. 52) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2026/Loi de 2026 portant affectation anticipée de crédits  
(Hon. Min. SALA)

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Hon. Min. SALA moved:

THAT Bill (No. 52) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2026/Loi de 2026 portant affectation anticipée de crédits, be now read a Second Time and be referred to Committee of the Whole.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Min. SALA having spoken,

And Mrs. STONE having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mrs. STONE having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to Committee of the Whole.

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The House resolved into Committee of the Whole.

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Bill (No. 52) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2026/Loi de 2026 portant affectation anticipée de crédits, was considered in Committee of the Whole and reported without amendment.

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Hon. Min. SALA moved:

THAT Bill (No. 52) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2026/Loi de 2026 portant affectation anticipée de crédits, reported from Committee of the Whole, be concurred in and be now read for a Third Time and passed.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. NARTH having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

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

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**Wednesday, March 25, 2026**

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Her Honour Anita NEVILLE, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Manitoba, having entered the House at 5:08 p.m., and being seated on the Throne:

The Speaker addressed Her Honour in the following words:

“Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of Manitoba asks Your Honour to accept the following Bill.”

The Journals Clerk of the Legislative Assembly read the title of the Bill to be accepted as follows:

(No. 52) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2026/Loi de 2026 portant affectation anticipée de crédits

To this Bill, the Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

“In His Majesty’s name, the Lieutenant Governor thanks the Legislative Assembly, and assents to this Bill.”

At 5:13 p.m., Her Honour was then pleased to retire.

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The House then adjourned at 5:14 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26, 2026.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,  
Speaker.