



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 39

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Hon. Min. ASAGWARA tabled:

Supplement to the Estimates of Expenditure 2026-2027 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care.

(Sessional Paper No. 29)

Hon. Mr. MOSES tabled:

Supplement to the Estimates of Expenditure 2026-2027 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Business, Mining, Trade and Job Creation.

(Sessional Paper No. 30)

Hon. Min. SCHMIDT tabled:

Supplement to the Estimates of Expenditure 2026-2027 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Education and Early Childhood Learning.

(Sessional Paper No. 31)

Hon. Min. FONTAINE tabled:

Supplement to the Estimates of Expenditure 2026-2027 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Families.

(Sessional Paper No. 32)

Hon. Min. MOYES tabled:

Supplement to the Estimates of Expenditure 2026-2027 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Environment and Climate Change.

(Sessional Paper No. 33)

Hon. Min. MOROZ tabled:

Supplement to the Estimates of Expenditure 2026-2027 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Innovation and New Technology.

(Sessional Paper No. 34)

Hon. Min. KENNEDY tabled:

Supplement to the Estimates of Expenditure 2026-2027 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Sport, Culture, Heritage and Tourism.

(Sessional Paper No. 35)

Hon. Mr. BUSHIE tabled:

Supplement to the Estimates of Expenditure 2026-2027 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Natural Resources and Indigenous Futures.

(Sessional Paper No. 36)

Hon. Min. NAYLOR tabled:

Supplement to the Estimates of Expenditure 2026-2027 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Transportation and Infrastructure.

(Sessional Paper No. 37)

Hon. Mr. WIEBE tabled:

Supplement to the Estimates of Expenditure 2026-2027 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Justice.

(Sessional Paper No. 38)

Hon. Min. SANDHU tabled:

Supplement to the Estimates of Expenditure 2026-2027 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Public Service Delivery.

(Sessional Paper No. 39)

Hon. Min. SANDHU, for Hon. Min. MARCELINO, tabled:

Supplement to the Estimates of Expenditure 2026-2027 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Labour and Immigration.

(Sessional Paper No. 40)

In accordance with Rule 34, the Official Opposition House Leader announced that the previously debated Private Member's resolution titled "Calling on the Provincial Government to Increase the Personal Tax Exemption" will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), Hon. Min. FONTAINE, Mr. NARTH and MLAs PANKRATZ, LAGASSÉ and DEVGAN made Member's statements.

During Oral Questions, the Speaker interjected and requested that the word "liar", spoken by the Honourable First Minister, be withdrawn.

WHEREUPON Hon. Mr. KINEW withdrew their remarks.

Also during Oral Questions, the Speaker interjected and requested that the words "lying", spoken by the Honourable Member for Borderland, be withdrawn.

WHEREUPON Mr. GUENTER withdrew their remarks.

Again during Oral Questions, the Speaker interjected and requested that the words "lying", spoken by the Honourable Member for Midland, be withdrawn.

WHEREUPON Mrs. STONE withdrew their remarks.

Yet again during Oral Questions, the Speaker interjected and requested that the words "lied", spoken by the Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie, be withdrawn.

WHEREUPON MLA BEREZA withdrew their remarks.

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

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.

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.

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. 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.

Mrs. HIEBERT – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately put forward a plan to increase breast cancer screening capacity and lower the breast cancer screening age to 40.

Mr. GUENTER – To urge the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to undertake safety improvements at the intersection of PTH 75 and PR 305 at Ste. Agathe; and to prioritize measures that will reduce accidents and fatalities, including but not limited to those outlined in the 2022 in-service road safety review.

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. JOHNSON – 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.

The House resumed the debate on the proposed motion of Hon. Min. SALA:

THAT this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government.

And the proposed amendment by Mr. KHAN as follows:

THAT the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "House" and substituting:

therefore regrets that this budget fails to adequately address the current cost-of-living crisis by:

- (a) failing to take action to mitigate the escalating cost pressures on Manitobans, while simultaneously generating hundreds of millions of dollars in new tax revenues from families already facing financial hardship; and
- (b) cancelling the indexation of the Basic Personal Amount and personal income tax brackets, thereby denying the ability of Manitobans to keep more money from their paycheques and earn more before paying income tax; and
- (c) failing to uphold its commitment not to raise taxes, as evidenced by increases to school taxes, education property taxes, and the termination of income tax indexation; and
- (d) allowing education property taxes to skyrocket to 19.5% since last year without presenting a plan to meet the growing needs of the education system or offer meaningful long-term relief for homeowners; and
- (e) abandoning 4,600 students and 500 staff by refusing to provide the necessary funding to support the transition of learners displaced by the defunding of the Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology; and
- (f) failing to support agriculture producers, who are essential to addressing rising food prices and driving economic growth; and
- (g) failing to provide effective stewardship of Manitoba's public utilities, thereby contributing to annual increases in Hydro rates and MPI premiums; and
- (h) failing to bring forward or execute an economic plan designed to stimulate economic growth and lessen the burdens imposed on Manitoba families and businesses by trade wars and increasing fuel prices; and
- (i) failing to take necessary measures to restore public safety in communities across Manitoba, as this budget contains no plan to address rising property crime or to advance reforms to the bail system aimed at keeping violent offenders and repeat criminals in custody; and
- (j) adopting a tax policy that places additional burdens on physicians and other critical skilled professionals, diminishing Manitoba's competitiveness in recruiting and retaining the expertise necessary for a strong health-care system and economy; and

- (k) failing to enact and enforce necessary measures to address repeat violent offenders and armed drug traffickers who continue to endanger and victimize hardworking Manitobans; and
- (l) refusing to take decisive action in response to grave safety concerns raised by staff and patients at health-care facilities, including multiple sexual assaults, resulting in three hospitals being grey-listed by nurses for the first time in the province's history; and
- (m) failing to take meaningful action to resolve the growing diagnostic and surgical caseloads, thereby forcing Manitoba families to endure unprecedented delays in accessing essential care; and
- (n) neglecting the mental-health needs of Manitobans by failing to expand access to primary mental-health services and failing to establish a single Rapid Access to Addictions Medicine clinic to support those struggling with addictions; and
- (o) failing to present a balanced budget in its first term and failing to present a credible plan to balance the Public Accounts or reduce the Province of Manitoba's deficit and debt; and
- (p) refusing to acknowledge or act on the reality that half of Manitoba families are within \$200 a month of being unable to pay their bills; and
- (q) failing to take meaningful action to address inflation and the escalating costs of groceries, fuel, and housing; and
- (r) implementing the job-killing "Manitoba Jobs Agreement", which arbitrarily selects winners and losers and overrides the choice of the 88% of Manitoba construction workers who have chosen to not be associated with a union, thereby driving up the price of schools, hospitals and other infrastructure.

As a consequence, of these and many other failings, the Provincial Government has thereby lost the trust and confidence of this House and the people of Manitoba.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Mrs. HIEBERT, MLA REDHEAD, Mr. JOHNSON, Hon. Ms. SMITH, Mr. EWASKO and Hon. Mr. KINEW having spoken,

And the Question being put on the amendment. It was negatived, on the following division:

AYE

BALCAEN	NARTH
BEREZA	NESBITT
BYRAM	PERCHOTTE
EWASKO	PIWNIUK
GOERTZEN	ROBBINS
GUENTER	SCHULER
HIEBERT	STONE
JOHNSON	WASYLIW
KHAN	WHARTON
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NAY

ASAGWARA	LOISELLE
BLASHKO	MALOWAY
BRAR	MARCELINO
BUSHIE	MOROZ
CABLE	MOSES
CHEN	MOYES
COMPTON	NAYLOR
CORBETT	OXENHAM
CROSS	PANKRATZ
DELA CRUZ	REDHEAD
DEVGAN	SALA
FONTAINE	SANDHU
KENNEDY	SCHMIDT
KINEW	SCHOTT
KOSTYSHYN	SIMARD
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And the Question being put on the main motion. It was agreed to, on the following division:

AYE

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KHAN	WHARTON
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The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 13, 2026.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.