



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 32

SECOND SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. NESBITT tabled:

Request for Opinion Regarding Compliance of Hon. Mr. KINEW with *The Conflict of Interest (Members and Ministers) Act*, dated March 24, 2025.

(Sessional Paper No. 15)

Hon. Min. ASAGWARA, the Minister of Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care, made a statement regarding Pharmacy Appreciation Month.

Mrs. COOK commented on the statement.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), Hon. Mr. MOSES, Ms. BYRAM, MLA PANKRATZ, Mr. KHAN and MLA COMPTON made Member's statements.

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

Mr. EWASKO – 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. 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.

MLA LAMOUREUX – To urge the Provincial Government, including associated service providers, to adopt Marin’s Principle and to comply with Supreme Court of Canada judgments, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and the Human Rights Code; to ensure public classroom teachers are fully trained in methods and philosophies explicitly created for children with learning disabilities with no restriction to a single program or product; to commit to funding for private literacy services, (for children at their parent’s discretion), for all who are currently learning-disabled (diagnosed/suspected), with no penalty of discontinued instruction in public school, so they can become functionally literate and gain knowledge and skills like their peers; to commit funding for private counselling so each learning-disabled adult, diagnosed/suspected, has their choice of therapist to help overcome education trauma due to adverse provincial curriculum and policies, for private literacy instruction, at their discretion, to become functionally literate and for access to evidence-aligned senior year classes that were missed so they can graduate with the education they have always had a right to receive; and to provide compensation for harm and loss of income for Manitobans with learning disabilities who remain functionally illiterate (level two) after the age of 18.

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. BALCAEN – To urge the Provincial Government to order an out-of-province review of the prosecutor’s decision to not prosecute the accomplice in the death of Jordyn Reimer.

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 support the investment and placement of a CT scanner machine in the Neepawa Health Centre in Neepawa, Manitoba.

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

Mr. GUENTER – To urge the Provincial Government to lobby the Federal Government to develop and implement a comprehensive plan to assist border communities in managing the rise in illegal border crossings into Manitoba; to work closely with federal and local authorities to ensure adequate resources, including funding and support for emergency services, are available to protect local communities; and that immediate measures be taken to dismantle and destroy all human smuggling networks operating in Manitoba.

Mrs. HIEBERT – To urge the Provincial Government to take immediate action and recognize the critical need of this wastewater project for economic growth and environmental stability by committing to advocating and working with the Federal Government to close the gap with additional funding for Morden's wastewater treatment system; and to ensure all levels of government and regulatory bodies will expedite necessary funding and approvals necessary to advance the Morden wastewater project with no further delay and ensure no hindrance to growth and economic development for Morden and southern Manitoba.

Mr. JACKSON – 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. JOHNSON – To urge the Provincial Government to call on the Federal Government to remove the punishing carbon tax on natural gas and other fuels and farm inputs for Manitoba agriculture producers and the Agri-food sector to decrease the costs of putting food on the table for Manitoba consumers.

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.

MLA LAGASSÉ – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately begin work on the new Ste. Anne vocational school and allocate necessary resources to meet the original 2027 timeline that residents were expecting.

Mr. NESBITT – To urge the Provincial Government to support the investment and placement of a CT scanner machine in the Neepawa Health Centre in Neepawa, Manitoba.

Mr. PERCHOTTE – 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. PIWNIUK – 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.

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Mr. SCHULER – 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. STONE – 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. GOERTZEN – 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.

The Speaker tabled:

March 24, 2025

To the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly,

I, Grant JACKSON, intend to resign my seat in the Legislative Assembly for the electoral division of Spruce Woods.

Grant Jackson (signed)

Witness: Wayne Ewasko (signed)

Witness: Greg Nesbitt (signed)

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March 24, 2025

To Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor in Council,

I advise that I have received the written resignation of Mr. Grant JACKSON, Member for the Electoral Division of Spruce Woods in the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, dated the 24th day of March 2025.

Pursuant to section 24 of *The Legislative Assembly Act*, I do now request Your Honour in Council to pass an order in council for the filling of the vacancy in the representation of the Electoral Division of Spruce Woods under the provisions of *The Elections Act*.

Hon. Tom Lindsey (signed)
Speaker, Legislative Assembly of Manitoba

(Sessional Paper No. 16)

The House resolved into Committee of Supply.

Mr. BLASHKO, Chairperson of the Committee of Supply, presented the Report of the Proceedings of the Committee of March 24, 2025, 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, 2026, a sum not exceeding \$14,708,741,000, 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, 2026, a sum not exceeding \$803,804,000, 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, 2026, a sum not exceeding \$845,665,000, 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, 2026, a sum not exceeding \$1,267,952,000, 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, 2026, out of the Consolidated Fund, the sums of:

- \$14,708,741,000, being 75% of the total amount voted as set out in Part A (Operating Expenditures) of those Estimates,
- \$803,804,000, being 90% of the total amount voted as set out in Part B (Capital Investment) of those Estimates,
- \$845,665,000, being 90% of the total amount voted as set out in Part C (Loans and Guarantees) of those Estimates,
- \$1,267,952,000, being 90% of the total amount 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.

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

(No. 45) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2025/Loi de 2025 portant affectation anticipée de crédits
(Hon. Min. SALA)

Hon. Min. SALA moved:

THAT Bill (No. 45) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2025/Loi de 2025 portant affectation anticipée de crédits, be now read a Second Time and be referred to the 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 Mr. GUENTER 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. Tuesday, March 25, 2025.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.