



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 40

SECOND SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Mr. WOWCHUK moved:

THAT Bill (No. 221) – The Wildlife Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la conservation de la faune, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. WOWCHUK having spoken,

And Hon. Min. NAYLOR and Mr. NESBITT having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And MLA PANKRATZ having spoken,

And Hon. Mr. BUSHIE speaking at 10:30 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

Mr. JOHNSON moved:

THAT Bill (No. 222) – The Criminal Trespassers Act and Amendments to The Occupiers' Liability Act/Loi sur les intrus criminels et modification de la Loi sur la responsabilité des occupants, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. JOHNSON having spoken,

And Mrs. SCHOTT and Mr. BALCAEN having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. OXENHAM having spoken,

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

In accordance with Rule 34, the Opposition House Leader announced that the Private Member's resolution titled "Recognizing Providence University College and Theological Seminary's 100th (Centennial) Anniversary" will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

Mr. WOWCHUK moved:

Resolution No. 7: O Canada

WHEREAS tariffs imposed and threatened by U.S. President Donald Trump threaten Canada's sovereignty and economic security; and

WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba stands united in defending the province, its workers and its industries against Trump's tariffs and threats; and

WHEREAS each sitting day of the Manitoba Legislature opens with a Prayer and Land Acknowledgement; and

WHEREAS a Leger Marketing poll found 86 per cent of Manitoban respondents were proud to be Canadian; and

WHEREAS "O Canada" was proclaimed Canada's national anthem in 1980, a century after it was first sung in 1880; and

WHEREAS the singing of "O Canada" at public events has become a strong symbol and outlet for Canadian pride; and

WHEREAS Manitobans love Canada, and Manitoba will never become the 51st state.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be urged, as a permanent symbol of collective Canadian pride, to refer to the Rules Committee the proposal to sing "O Canada" each sitting day after the daily Prayer and Land Acknowledgement.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. WOWCHUK having spoken,

And MLAs DELA CRUZ and BEREZA and Ms. BYRAM having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And MLA PANKRATZ, Ms. BYRAM, Hon. Mr. SIMARD, MLAs BEREZA and CROSS and Mr. KING having spoken,

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

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1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

(No. 213) – The Employment Standards Code Amendment Act (Non-Compete Agreements)/Loi modifiant le Code des normes d'emploi (accords de non-concurrence)

(Mr. WASYLIW)

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), MLAs CHEN and LAGASSÉ, Hon. Min. MARCELINO, Mr. BALCAEN and Hon. Mr. KOSTYSHYN made Member's statements.

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

Mr. JOHNSON – 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.

Mrs. STONE – 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.

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 remove the federal carbon tax on home heating bills for all Manitobans to provide them much needed relief.

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. KING – To urge the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to immediately restore funding to the PR227 paving project; and to commitment to Manitobans to carry out all of the projects, as outlined in the 2023 Multi-year Infrastructure Investment Strategy, in their totality, to the same scope and in accordance with already stated timelines.

MLA LAGASSÉ – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately implement work on renovating the intersection of Provincial Trunk Highways 12 and 210, to keep area residents and travellers safe.

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. WOWCHUK – 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. 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.

Mr. KHAN – 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.

Mr. PERCHOTTE – To urge the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning to immediately bring back the three portable classrooms to help alleviate the stress and overcrowding classrooms; and to urge the Provincial Government to reinstate the expansion project for Green Valley School.

Mr. PIWNIUK – To urge the Premier to financially assist the City of Winnipeg on building this three-lane bridge in each direction to maintain this vital link between northeast Winnipeg, Transcona and the downtown; to urge the Provincial Government to recommend that the City of Winnipeg keep the old bridge fully open to traffic while the new bridge is under construction; and to urge the Provincial Government to consider the feasibility of keeping the old bridge open for active transportation in the future.

Mr. NESBITT – 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.

Hon. Min. FONTAINE moved:

THAT Bill (No. 44) – The Matriarch Circle Act and Amendments to The Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act (Ribbon Skirt Day)/Loi sur le Cercle des matriarches et modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs (Journée de la jupe à rubans), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

(Recommended by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor)

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Min. FONTAINE having spoken,

And Ms. BYRAM and MLA LAGASSÉ having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Ms. BYRAM and Mr. JOHNSON having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Hon. Min. FONTAINE tabled:

Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 44).

(Sessional Paper No. 23)

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 14, 2025.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.