



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 25

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O’CLOCK A.M.

In accordance with Rule 34, the Government House Leader announced that the Private Member’s resolution titled “Recognizing ANCOP’s Contributions in Uplifting Vulnerable Families, Strengthening Communities, and Fostering a Culture of Compassion” will be considered on the next Tuesday of Private Members’ Business.

Mr. BLASHKO moved:

THAT Bill (No. 230) – The Moose Hide Campaign Day Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur la Journée de la Campagne Moose Hide (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. BLASHKO having spoken,

And Ms. BYRAM, MLA LOISELLE, Mr. GUENTER and Mrs. STONE having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Ms. BYRAM speaking at 10:30 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

MLA CROSS moved:

THAT Bill (No. 231) – The Indigenous Heritage Month Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur le Mois du patrimoine autochtone (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And MLA CROSS having spoken,

And Hon. Min. KENNEDY, Ms. BYRAM, Mr. NESBITT and MLA BEREZA having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

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

MLA COMPTON moved:

Resolution No. 4: Women's Health in Manitoba

WHEREAS women in Manitoba have long encountered barriers to accessing comprehensive health care when they need it, impacting their wellbeing and quality of life; and

WHEREAS decisions made by the previous failed PC Provincial Government weakened women's health services, such as the closure of the Mature Women's Centre and reducing access to specialized care for women; and

WHEREAS the previous PC Provincial Government eliminated lactation consultant positions, removing vital breastfeeding and postpartum supports that help ensure healthy outcomes for mothers and newborns; and

WHEREAS the current Provincial Government is rebuilding and strengthening women's health services throughout Manitoba, restoring programs and supports families depend on; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government doubled the Fertility Treatment Tax Credit, helping to lower financial barriers for Manitobans pursuing fertility treatments and surrogacy; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government doubled the Manitoba Prenatal Benefit to better support low-income pregnant Manitobans; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government implemented universal no-cost prescription birth control, ensuring that access to contraception is not determined by income; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government took action to protect reproductive healthcare by creating buffer zones around clinics that provide abortions, protecting patients and doctors; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is improving early detection of breast cancer by lowering the self-referral screening age to 45, with further expansion to age 40 underway; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has restored funding for lactation consultant positions so that new parents can receive skilled feeding and postpartum care; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is expanding access to prenatal and reproductive care in rural Manitoba through the introduction of midwifery services in the Interlake–Eastern Health Region, bringing care closer to home.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba recognize the importance of accessible, comprehensive women's health care across their lifespan and commend the Provincial Government for its continued work to restore, expand and strengthen women's health services in Manitoba so that women and families can receive care with dignity, safety and support.

And a debate arising,

And MLA COMPTON having spoken,

And Mrs. COOK, Hon. Min. NAYLOR and Mmes. ROBBINS and HIEBERT having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mrs. COOK, Hon. Min. CABLE, Mrs. ROBBINS and MLA PANKRATZ having spoken,

And Mrs. HIEBERT speaking at 12:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were read a First Time and had their purposes outlined:

(No. 32) – The Improving Access to Breast Cancer Screening Act/Loi visant à améliorer l'accès au dépistage du cancer du sein

(Hon. Min. ASAGWARA)

(No. 5) – The Accessibility for Manitobans Amendment Act and The Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Amendment Act (Access Awareness Week)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'accessibilité pour les Manitobains et la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs (Semaine de sensibilisation à l'accessibilité)

(Hon. Min. FONTAINE)

(No. 23) – The Advocate for Children and Youth Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le protecteur des enfants et des jeunes

(Hon. Min. FONTAINE)

(No. 34) – The Interprovincial Subpoena Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les subpoenas interprovinciaux

(Hon. Mr. WIEBE)

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), MLA COMPTON, Mr. EWASKO, Hon. Mr. BUSHIE, MLA BEREZA and Mrs. SCHOTT made Member's statements.

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

Mr. KHAN – 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.

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

Mr. GOERTZEN – 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.

Mr. EWASKO – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately reverse these unfair and punishing tax policy changes and restore education property tax rebates for all Manitobans.

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.

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Mrs. HIEBERT – 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. JOHNSON – 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. KING – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately restore funding and commence construction on the personal care home in Stonewall, ensuring that this essential project proceeds without further delay.

Mr. NARTH – 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. NESBITT – 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. 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.

Hon. Mr. WIEBE moved:

THAT Bill (No. 31) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code de la route, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. WIEBE having spoken,

And Messrs. BALCAEN and NARTH having questioned the Minister,

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And the debate continuing,

And Mr. BALCAEN, Mrs. ROBBINS, Mr. NESBITT and MLA BEREZA 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.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, 2026.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.