



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 28**

**THIRD SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE**

**PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**1:30 O’CLOCK P.M.**

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

(No. 232) – The Autism Strategy Act/Loi sur la stratégie sur l’autisme

(MLA LAMOUREUX)

Hon. Mr. KOSTYSHYN, the Minister of Agriculture, made a statement regarding Canadian Agricultural Safety Week, March 15 to 21, 2026.

Mr. NARTH commented on the statement.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), Messrs. BRAR and WOWCHUK, Hon. Min. MOROZ, Ms. BYRAM and MLA REDHEAD made Member’s statements.

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

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. 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.

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 support Manitoba small businesses through specific funding to reimburse the expenses and insurance deductibles that they incur as a result of crime.

Mr. GOERTZEN – 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. 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 reverse its decision to cut the funding for the Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin Outlet Channels Project and to immediately take steps to expedite its completion.

Mr. JOHNSON – To urge the Provincial Government to investigate the 911 network failures that contributed to the March 2025 tragedy in the Interlake region and to publicize those findings; and to work with municipalities, telecommunications providers, and first responders to strengthen 911 reliability and ensure uninterrupted access to emergency services for all Manitobans—especially those living in rural and northern communities.

Mr. KING – 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. 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. PERCHOTTE – 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.

Mrs. ROBBINS – 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. 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. 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. 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. 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.

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Hon. Min. FONTAINE moved:

THAT Bill (No. 23) – The Advocate for Children and Youth Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le protecteur des enfants et des jeunes, 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 Mmes. HIEBERT and COOK having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Ms. BYRAM 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.

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Hon. Min. FONTAINE tabled:

Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 23).

(Sessional Paper No. 10)

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**Monday, March 16, 2026**

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Hon. Min. FONTAINE moved:

THAT Bill (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), 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, MLA BEREZA and Mr. KING having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Ms. BYRAM having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to, unanimously.

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

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Hon. Min. FONTAINE tabled:

Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 5).

(Sessional Paper No. 11)

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The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 17, 2026.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,  
Speaker.