



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 81

SECOND SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

By leave, MLA LAMOUREUX moved the following Report Stage amendment to Bill (No. 225) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Universal Screening for Learning Disabilities)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (dépistage systématique des troubles d'apprentissage), reported from the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development:

THAT the title of Bill 225 be amended by striking out "UNIVERSAL SCREENING FOR LEARNING DISABILITIES" and substituting "EARLY READING SCREENING".

And a debate arising,

And MLA LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And the Question being put on the amendment. It was agreed to.

By leave, MLA LAMOUREUX moved the following Report Stage amendment to Bill (No. 225) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Universal Screening for Learning Disabilities)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (dépistage systématique des troubles d'apprentissage), reported from the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development and subsequently amended:

THAT Bill 225 be amended in Clause 2(2) by replacing the proposed subsection 41(1.0.1) with the following:

Early screening for reading difficulties

41(1.0.1) The appropriate educational programming to be provided by a school board under clause (1)(a.1) must include early reading screening for pupils in kindergarten to Grade IV that meets all the following requirements.

- (a) the screening tool, benchmarks relating to the tool and screening practices must meet the criteria established by the minister;
- (b) each pupil must receive two screenings for reading difficulties in at least three of the school years;
- (c) the teacher must provide the results of each screening on the next report of the pupil under clause 96(1)(g);

(d) the school board must ensure that a pupil who is identified as having reading difficulties has their progress monitored, receives appropriate programming and, if necessary, is also assessed in accordance with the regulations made under subsection (1.1).

Exception — individual education plan

41(1.0.2) Despite clause (1.0.1)(b), a pupil who has an individual education plan is not required to receive an early reading screening if under the plan it is not reasonable to expect the pupil to meet or approximate the applicable benchmark related to reading.

And a debate arising,

And MLA LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And the Question being put on the amendment. It was agreed to.

By leave, MLA LAMOUREUX moved:

THAT Bill (No. 225) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Universal Screening for Learning Disabilities)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (dépistage systématique des troubles d'apprentissage), reported from the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development and subsequently amended, be concurred in and be now read for a Third Time and passed.

And a debate arising,

And MLA LAMOUREUX, Mrs. COOK and MLA PANKRATZ having spoken,

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

The Bill was accordingly concurred in, read a Third Time and passed.

Mr. BLASHKO moved:

THAT Bill (No. 234) – The Pride Month Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur le Mois de la fierté (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs), reported from the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development, be concurred in and be now read for a Third Time and passed.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. BLASHKO, Mrs. ROBBINS and Mr. BALCAEN having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly concurred in, read a Third Time and passed.

The House resumed the debate on the proposed motion of MLA CROSS:

THAT Bill (No. 208) – The Manitoba Small Business Month Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur le Mois de la petite entreprise au Manitoba (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs), reported from the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development, be concurred in and be now read for a Third Time and passed.

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. PIWNIUK and KING having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly concurred in, read a Third Time and passed.

MLA LOISELLE moved:

Resolution No. 24: Fighting Climate Change and Protecting Manitoba's Air, Land and Water

WHEREAS the Provincial Government recognizes the urgent need to protect Manitoba's environment and combat the effects of climate change; and

WHEREAS the previous PC Provincial Government cut funding to environmental organizations and failed to do the important work to reduce emissions and protect the environment; and

WHEREAS the previous PC Provincial Government neglected critical environmental infrastructure and failed to take meaningful action to protect Manitoba's lakes, rivers, and ecosystems; and

WHEREAS the current Provincial Government is taking action to protect Manitoba's environment by investing in the modernization of the North End Water Pollution Control Centre, one of the most important environmental projects in the province; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is helping preserve one of the last great intact watersheds in the world through its support for the Seal River watershed alliance, led by Indigenous communities; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government introduced a provincial Electric Vehicle (EV) rebate program, providing up to \$4,000 for new EVs and \$2,500 for used EVs, and expanded public EV charging infrastructure, making clean transportation more accessible and lowering costs for Manitoba families; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is building up 600 megawatts of wind power in partnership with Indigenous nations which is the first investment in wind generation in decades; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government launched the Affordable Home Energy Program to help Manitobans lower their energy bills and cut emissions by installing geothermal heat pumps and making efficiency upgrades; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is partnering with the Federal Government to support a feasibility study for a national marine conservation area in western Hudson Bay; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has launched Manitoba's Path to Net Zero by 2050, a bold plan to cut emissions, grow a clean economy, and ensure a sustainable, affordable future for all Manitobans.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba commend and support the Provincial Government for its leadership and commitment to building a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable future for all Manitobans.

And a debate arising,

And MLA LOISELLE having spoken,

And Mr. NESBITT, MLA CROSS and Mr. WOWCHUK having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. NESBITT and WOWCHUK and Hon. Min. MOYES having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

(No. 51) – The Budget Implementation and Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 (2)/Loi n° 2 d'exécution du budget de 2025 et modifiant diverses dispositions législatives en matière de fiscalité
(Hon. Min. SALA)

Hon. Mr. SIMARD, the Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations, made a statement regarding an incident in Souris with a Pride crosswalk.

Mrs. ROBBINS commented on the statement.

Hon. Min. MARCELINO, the Minister of Labour and Immigration, made a statement regarding National Francophone Immigration Week, November 3 to 9, 2025.

Mrs. HIEBERT commented on the statement.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), MLA COMPTON, Messrs. JOHNSON, BRAR and BALCAEN and MLA LOISELLE 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 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. JOHNSON – To urge the Minister of Environment and Climate Change and the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to immediately allocate funding to rebuild Highway 8 and Hecla Village Road to ensure that they are safe, dependable, well maintained and restored to a condition that will not deter tourists.

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. WHARTON – 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 assist in paving Provincial Road 247 to La Salle from Manitoba Highway 3; and to ensure the safety of local residents and young drivers who use Provincial Road 247 from La Salle so that they have a safe way to access education year round.

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. PIWNIUK – 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. PERCHOTTE – To urge the Provincial Government to assist in paving Provincial Road 247 to La Salle from Manitoba Highway 3; and to ensure the safety of local residents and young drivers who use Provincial Road 247 from La Salle so that they have a safe way to access education year round.

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.

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. KING – 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.

Mrs. HIEBERT – 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.

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

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.

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.

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 moved the following Report Stage amendment to Bill (No. 48) – The Protective Detention and Care of Intoxicated Persons Act/Loi sur la détention des personnes agissant sous l’influence d’une substance intoxicante aux fins de protection et de prestation de soins, reported from the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development:

THAT Bill 48 be amended by adding the following after Clause 12(2):

Consultation

12(3) A regulation must not be made or amended under this Act until the minister responsible for this Act has provided an opportunity for public consultation about the proposed regulation or amendment. The consultation must be for a period of at least 45 days and include at least one public meeting with the minister.

Regulation that designates protective care centre

12(4) In addition to the public consultation requirement under subsection (3), a regulation that designates a facility or part of a facility as a protective care centre under clause (1)(c) must not be made until the minister responsible for this Act publishes a plan that

(a) identifies the impacts of the proposed protective care centre on the community in which the proposed centre is to be located; and

(b) proposes how to address these impacts.

And a debate arising,

And MLA BEREZA, Hon. Min. FONTAINE and Mr. WASYLIW having spoken,

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

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BALCAEN
BEREZA
BYRAM
COOK
EWASKO
GUENTER
HIEBERT
JOHNSON
KHAN

KING
LAMOUREUX
NARTH
NESBITT
PERCHOTTE
ROBBINS
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COMPTON
CORBETT
CROSS
DELA CRUZ
DEVGAN
FONTAINE
KENNEDY
KINEW
KOSTYSHYN

LOISELLE
MALOWAY
MARCELINO
MOROZ
MOSES
MOYES
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The House then adjourned at 5:06 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 5, 2025.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.