



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 8

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

(No. 226) – The Catholic Schools Week Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur la Semaine des écoles catholiques (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)

(Mrs. STONE)

(No. 225) – The Deaf Awareness Week and Day of Sign Languages Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur la Semaine de sensibilisation à la surdité et la Journée des langues des signes (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)

(Mr. BALCAEN)

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), Hon. Min. ASAGWARA, Mr. GOERTZEN, Hon. Min. MARCELINO, Mr. WOWCHUK and Hon. Min. FONTAINE made Member's statements.

During Oral Questions, the Honourable Government House Leader sought and received leave for MLA LAMOUREUX to ask a question, despite time having expired.

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.

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.

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. SCHULER – 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.

Mrs. HIEBERT – To urge the Provincial Government to cancel drug-injection sites in the Point Douglas community, including the proposed location at 200 Disraeli Freeway; and to legislate that no future site will be proposed without community support.

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.

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. 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.

Mr. PIWNIUK – 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.

Mr. PERCHOTTE – 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.

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

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.

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

THAT the following address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor:

We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, thank Your Honour for the gracious speech addressed to us at this Third Session of the Forty-Third Legislature of Manitoba.

And the proposed amendment moved by Mr. KHAN as follows:

THAT the motion be amended by adding at the end the following words:

But this House regrets that the Provincial Government has:

- a) once again failed to present a plan that reflects the realities faced by Manitobans; and
- b) failed to present a credible or transparent fiscal plan while making yet another false promise to balance the budget despite record deficits, deteriorating credit outlooks, and no path to sustainability; and
- c) misstated progress in the health-care system while Manitobans continue to face unacceptable emergency room wait times, closed rural services, long surgical backlogs, and a worsening shortage of front-line staff in many regions; and
- d) failed to address the growing cost-of-living crisis, offering short-term rhetoric instead of long-term affordability measures, leaving families, seniors, farmers, and small businesses without meaningful relief; and
- e) failed to offer a serious plan to rebuild the economy despite job losses, a weakening investment climate, and stalled major infrastructure projects that are vital to Manitoba's competitiveness; and
- f) misrepresented the Provincial Government's record on public safety as crime rates, drug trafficking, and violent incidents continue to rise in many communities across the province, with no comprehensive strategy to tackle the root causes or support law enforcement; and

- g) failed to support municipalities, which continue to face downloading, infrastructure deficits, and cost pressures without stable long-term funding; and
- h) failed to address the severe impacts of drought, wildfire, and climate-driven disasters, providing no concrete commitments to build provincial resilience, protect agriculture, or support affected communities beyond vague reviews and slogans; and
- i) continued to overpromise on northern development and the Port of Churchill, offering speculative, uncostered announcements without supporting evidence, timelines, or guarantees of feasibility, transparency, or value for Manitobans; and
- j) ignored the urgent needs of Manitoba students, with declining educational outcomes, teacher shortages, and a lack of clear standards or accountability for improving classroom supports; and
- k) relied on political branding rather than measurable progress, offering a speech heavy on self-congratulation and light on evidence, vision, or a realistic plan for the future.

As a consequence of these and many other failings, the Provincial Government has thereby lost the trust and confidence of the people of Manitoba and this House.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Mr. WASYLIW and Mrs. STONE having spoken,

In accordance with sub-rule 47(3), the debate was interrupted at 4:30 p.m. to put the Question on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne and all amendments thereto.

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

AYE

BALCAEN
BEREZA
BYRAM
COOK
EWASKO
GUENTER
HIEBERT
JOHNSON
KHAN
KING

NARTH
NESBITT
PERCHOTTE
PIWNIUK
ROBBINS
SCHULER
STONE
WASYLIW
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NAY

ASAGWARA	LATHLIN
BLASHKO	LOISELLE
BRAR	MALOWAY
BUSHIE	MARCELINO
CABLE	MOROZ
CHEN	MOSES
COMPTON	MOYES
CORBETT	NAYLOR
CROSS	OXENHAM
DELA CRUZ	PANKRATZ
DEVGAN	REDHEAD
FONTAINE	SALA
KENNEDY	SANDHU
KINEW	SCHMIDT
KOSTYSHYN	SCHOTT
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And the Question being put on the main motion. It was agreed to, on the following division:

AYE

ASAGWARA	LOISELLE
BLASHKO	MALOWAY
BRAR	MARCELINO
BUSHIE	MOROZ
CABLE	MOSES
CHEN	MOYES
COMPTON	NAYLOR
CORBETT	OXENHAM
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KINEW	SCHOTT
KOSTYSHYN	SIMARD
LATHLIN	WIEBE32

NAY

BALCAEN	KING
BEREZA	LAMOUREUX
BYRAM	NARTH
COOK	NESBITT
EWASKO	PIWNIUK
GOERTZEN	ROBBINS
GUENTER	SCHULER
HIEBERT	STONE
JOHNSON	WASYLIW
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The House then adjourned at 5:48 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, December 1, 2025.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.