



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 29

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O’CLOCK A.M.

MLA LAMOUREUX moved:

THAT Bill (No. 232) – The Autism Strategy Act/Loi sur la stratégie sur l’autisme, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And MLA LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And Ms. BYRAM, MLA DELA CRUZ, Mrs. HIEBERT and Mr. JOHNSON having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And MLA CORBETT, Ms. BYRAM, MLA COMPTON and Hon. Min. MOROZ having spoken,

In accordance with Rule 25, the debate was interrupted to put the Second Reading Question on Selected Bill (No. 232).

And the Question being put. Pursuant to sub-rule 24(7), the division was deferred to take place at 11:55 a.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2026.

MLA LAMOUREUX moved:

Resolution No. 6: Recognizing ANCOP’s Contributions in Uplifting Vulnerable Families, Strengthening Communities, and Fostering a Culture of Compassion

WHEREAS ANCOP, which stands for “ANSWER the Cry Of the Poor”, is a Canadian-based, home-grown corporation, duly registered as a not-for-profit organization that operates globally and continues to transform lives through acts of kindness and generosity in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS ANCOP is a call to action, not merely a slogan, demonstrated annually by the efforts of thousands of members, volunteers, and supporters to raise funds for the poorest of the poor, helping to provide education, housing, and sustainable programs through its regular annual campaigns with Lenten Journey, ANCOP Walk, and Give Love; and

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WHEREAS ANCOP supports children's education to unlock potential, strengthens communities, and delivers various forms of humanitarian relief to break the cycle of poverty; and

WHEREAS ANCOP operates three main pillar programs that directly support families in need; and

WHEREAS the Education Sponsorship Program is a one-to-one, sponsor-to-scholar relationship providing for a total program benefit package that includes education, healthcare, and socio-cultural-spiritual enhancement for both sponsored children and their parents; and

WHEREAS the Community Development Program is focused on building modest but durable homes equipped with functioning water, electricity, and drainage; and

WHEREAS the Humanitarian Relief Program offers disaster relief through financial aid, material goods, and home repair support; and

WHEREAS ANCOP promotes volunteerism, servant leadership, and community engagement by mobilizing families, individuals, youth, professionals, businesses, and both faith-based and community organizations to uphold human dignity and restore hope to the underprivileged; and

WHEREAS ANCOP's initiatives not only meet immediate material needs but also empower individuals and families toward long-term self-sufficiency through values formation, education, and consistent community support; and

WHEREAS ANCOP, as a social ministry of Couples for Christ, collaborates with the Vickar Automotive Group, and other partners in Manitoba, to expand its reach and deepen its impact on families in need.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba recognize and commend ANCOP International Canada Incorporated, and ANCOP Winnipeg, along with its leaders, members, volunteers, and supporters, for their dedication to uplifting vulnerable families, strengthening communities, and fostering compassion through education, housing, and humanitarian programs.

And a debate arising,

And MLA LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And MLA DEVGAN, Ms. BYRAM and Mrs. ROBBINS having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Min. CABLE, Ms. BYRAM, Hon. Mr. SIMARD and MLA DELA CRUZ having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

1:30 O’CLOCK P.M.

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

(No. 51) – The Public Sector Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity Governance Act/Loi sur la gouvernance de l’intelligence artificielle et de la cybersécurité au sein du secteur public
(Hon. Min. MOROZ)

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), MLA CHEN, Mrs. STONE, MLA DEVGAN, Mrs. COOK and Hon. Min. MOYES made Member’s statements.

Prior to Oral Questions, the Speaker made a statement regarding best practices for speaking in the House with live ASL interpretation.

During Oral Questions, the Speaker interjected and requested that the word “lying”, spoken by the Honourable Member for Fort Whyte, be withdrawn.

WHEREUPON Mr. KHAN withdrew their remarks.

Following Oral Questions, Hon. Min. FONTAINE rose on a matter of privilege alleging that, during Oral Questions, the Leader of the Official Opposition made disparaging and threatening remarks directed at the First Minister and the Deputy Premier, and moved:

THAT this matter be referred to a Committee of this House.

And Mr. JOHNSON having spoken.

WHEREUPON the Speaker informed the House they would take the matter under advisement.

Also following Oral Questions, Hon. Mr. KINEW rose on a point of order alleging that, in their response to the matter of privilege, Mr. JOHNSON had reflected on the Chair, in violation of the Rules.

WHEREUPON the Speaker informed the House they would take the matter under advisement.

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. 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.

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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.

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

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. 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 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.

Mr. EWASKO – 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. 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 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. KING – 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. 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. 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 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. WOWCHUK – To urge the Minister of Transportation to take the necessary steps to upgrade Provincial Road 482 to meet RTAC standards.

Mr. WHARTON – 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.

During Petitions, the Speaker offered the Official Opposition House Leader an opportunity to speak to the point of order raised by the First Minister earlier today.

And Mr. JOHNSON having spoken.

WHEREUPON the Speaker thanked the Member for his comments.

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Hon. Min. FONTAINE moved:

THAT Bill (No. 36) – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services à l'enfant et à la famille, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Min. FONTAINE having spoken,

And Ms. BYRAM and MLA BEREZA 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.

Hon. Mr. SIMARD moved:

THAT Bill (No. 33) – The Planning Amendment and City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'aménagement du territoire et la Charte de la ville de Winnipeg, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. SIMARD having spoken,

And Messrs. KING, GUENTER and WOWCHUK having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. KING 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 18, 2026.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.