



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 57

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O’CLOCK A.M.

By leave, the House agreed to not see the clock until all stages of Bill (No. 234), including Second Reading, Committee of the Whole, and Concurrence and Third Reading, have been completed.

The House resumed the debate on the proposed motion of Mr. OXENHAM:

THAT Bill (No. 234) – The Registered Landscape Architects Act/Loi sur les architectes paysagistes, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

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 resolved into Committee of the Whole.

Bill (No. 234) – The Registered Landscape Architects Act/Loi sur les architectes paysagistes, was considered in Committee of the Whole and reported without amendment.

Mr. OXENHAM moved:

THAT Bill (No. 234) – The Registered Landscape Architects Act/Loi sur les architectes paysagistes, reported from the Committee of the Whole, be concurred in and be now read for a Third Time and passed.

And a debate arising,

And Messrs. OXENHAM and BALCAEN, Mrs. STONE, Messrs. GUENTER and NESBITT, Hon. Min. FONTAINE and Mr. WOWCHUK having spoken,

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

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

The House resumed the debate on the proposed resolution of Mrs. SCHOTT:

Resolution No. 7: National Strategy for Silver Alerts

WHEREAS the safety and well-being of older adults and people living with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or other cognitive impairments is a priority for the Provincial Government; and

WHEREAS across Canada, seniors and vulnerable adults living with Alzheimer's disease and dementia frequently go missing, prompting urgent searches, placing families under immense stress, and highlighting the need for a coordinated system to protect those at risk; and

WHEREAS critical incident reviews and missing-person investigations across jurisdictions have repeatedly identified gaps in care planning, communication, and system response. Gaps that, if addressed, could prevent similar incidents and strengthen safeguards for vulnerable adults; and

WHEREAS families affected by these incidents, including many who have experienced the disappearance of a loved one, have advocated nationally for improvements to the Alert Ready national public alerting system to issue silver alerts, gathering thousands of signatures from people across the country in support of stronger, more consistent protections for missing vulnerable adults; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has taken meaningful steps to improve the quality of life for people living with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or other cognitive impairments, including new investments in community supports, caregiver assistance, and programming to help prevent missing-person incidents and ensure vulnerable Manitobans are safe; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government created a new, independent Seniors' Advocate to listen to seniors and advocate for the supports Manitoba seniors need; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government has recently made investments to support people living with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or other cognitive impairments and their caregivers, demonstrating a shared national commitment to improving dementia care, but recognizing that more action is needed to strengthen public safety and coordinated response systems; and

WHEREAS a modernized, standardized, and nationally coordinated silver alert strategy would ensure consistent protections across jurisdictions, strengthen communication between provinces, and provide families with greater peace of mind; and

WHEREAS a renewed national approach would support the work already underway in Manitoba, enhance system-wide coordination, and respond directly to what thousands of Canadians have called for through their advocacy and petitions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to encourage the Federal Government to develop and advance a renewed national silver alert strategy that strengthens protections for missing senior and vulnerable adults, supports families, and ensures consistent, coordinated action across Canada.

And the debate continuing,

And leave having been denied to have the matter remain in the name of Mr. SCHULER.

And Mr. WHARTON having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

1:30 O’CLOCK P.M.

Hon. Min. SCHMIDT, the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning, made a statement regarding Theo Osborne.

Mr. EWASKO commented on the statement.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), Hon. Min. SCHMIDT, Ms. BYRAM, MLA REDHEAD, Mr. EWASKO and MLA COMPTON made Member’s statements.

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

Mrs. STONE – 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. 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. 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.

MLA BEREZA – 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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Mr. PIWNIUK – 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. GOERTZEN – To urge the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to undertake safety improvements at the intersection of PTH 75 and PR 305 at Ste. Agathe; and to prioritize measures that will reduce accidents and fatalities, including but not limited to those outlined in the 2022 in-service road safety review.

In accordance with Rule 34, the Government House Leader announced that the Private Member’s resolution titled “Rights of an Independent Member of the Legislative Assembly” will be considered on the next Tuesday of Private Members’ Business.

The House resolved into Committee of Supply.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, 2026.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.