



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 49

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

PRAYER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

10:00 O’CLOCK A.M.

MLA DELA CRUZ moved:

THAT Bill (No. 217) – The Celebration of Philippine Independence Day Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur la Journée de la célébration de l’indépendance des Philippines (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And MLA DELA CRUZ having spoken,

And Ms. BYRAM, MLA LOISELLE, Messrs. WOWCHUK and WHARTON and Mrs. SCHOTT having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Ms. BYRAM, Mr. WOWCHUK, MLA LOISELLE, Mrs. ROBBINS and Mr. BRAR having spoken,

And Mr. WHARTON speaking at 11:00 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in their name.

In accordance with Rule 34, the Government House Leader announced that the previously debated Private Member’s resolution titled “National Strategy for Silver Alerts” will be considered on the next Tuesday of Private Members’ Business.

The House resumed the debate on the proposed resolution of MLA COMPTON:

Resolution No. 4: Women’s Health in Manitoba

WHEREAS women in Manitoba have long encountered barriers to accessing comprehensive health care when they need it, impacting their wellbeing and quality of life; and

WHEREAS decisions made by the previous failed PC Provincial Government weakened women’s health services, such as the closure of the Mature Women’s Centre and reducing access to specialized care for women; and

WHEREAS the previous PC Provincial Government eliminated lactation consultant positions, removing vital breastfeeding and postpartum supports that help ensure healthy outcomes for mothers and newborns; and

WHEREAS the current Provincial Government is rebuilding and strengthening women's health services throughout Manitoba, restoring programs and supports families depend on; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government doubled the Fertility Treatment Tax Credit, helping to lower financial barriers for Manitobans pursuing fertility treatments and surrogacy; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government doubled the Manitoba Prenatal Benefit to better support low-income pregnant Manitobans; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government implemented universal no-cost prescription birth control, ensuring that access to contraception is not determined by income; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government took action to protect reproductive healthcare by creating buffer zones around clinics that provide abortions, protecting patients and doctors; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is improving early detection of breast cancer by lowering the self-referral screening age to 45, with further expansion to age 40 underway; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has restored funding for lactation consultant positions so that new parents can receive skilled feeding and postpartum care; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is expanding access to prenatal and reproductive care in rural Manitoba through the introduction of midwifery services in the Interlake–Eastern Health Region, bringing care closer to home.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba recognize the importance of accessible, comprehensive women's health care across their lifespan and commend the Provincial Government for its continued work to restore, expand and strengthen women's health services in Manitoba so that women and families can receive care with dignity, safety and support.

And the debate continuing,

And Mrs. HIEBERT, Messrs. EWASKO and NARTH, MLA BEREZA and Mr. SCHULER having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Hon. Min. FONTAINE, the Minister responsible for Women and Gender Equity, made a statement regarding today being Red Dress Day.

Ms. BYRAM commented on the statement.

Pursuant to sub-rule 28(1), Hon. Ms. SMITH, Mr. PERCHOTTE and MLAs REDHEAD, BEREZA and DEVGAN 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. 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. SCHULER – 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.

Mr. WOWCHUK – To urge the Minister of Housing, Addictions and Homelessness to use seniors' housing for what it was intended: the seniors; to require a minimum age of fifty-five years for residence in all elderly person housing (EPH) buildings; and to engage in proper vetting of all applications of people desiring to live in EPH buildings.

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 support the investment and placement of an MRI machine in the Portage Regional Health Facility in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

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.

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 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.

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 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.

Mrs. STONE – 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. JOHNSON – 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. EWASKO – 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.

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 meet RTAC road designation by providing upgrades and regular road maintenance to Provincial Road 352 in Manitoba specifically the 1.5-mile stretch from Birnie to Provincial Trunk Highway 5 and ensure the road remains paved with asphalt and not reduced to gravel; to reduce load weights on PR 352 until the upgrades can be completed; and to replace or repair the bridge located on the 1.5-mile stretch from Birnie to PTH 5, and to provide an integrity assessment.

MLA BEREZA – To urge the Premier and Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to immediately prioritize the reconstruction of Provincial Trunk Highway 2 in the upcoming construction season; and to urge the Provincial Government to include the stretch of Provincial Trunk Highway 2 that runs through the Town of Souris in its reconstruction plans.

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.

Hon. Min. FONTAINE moved:

THAT Bill (No. 17) – The Adult Abuse Registry Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le registre des mauvais traitements infligés aux adultes, 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 Hon. Min. FONTAINE and Ms. BYRAM having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

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

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, 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 Hon. Min. FONTAINE and Ms. BYRAM having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

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

Hon. Min. MOROZ moved:

THAT Bill (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, 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 Hon. Min. MOROZ and Mr. GUENTER having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

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

Hon. Min. SANDHU moved:

THAT Bill (No. 48) – The Real Property Amendment and Planning Amendment Act (Land Conveyed for Public Purposes)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les biens réels et la Loi sur l’aménagement du territoire (biens-fonds cédés à des fins publiques), reported from the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs, be concurred in and be now read for a Third Time and passed.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Min. SANDHU and Mr. NESBITT having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

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

By leave, it was agreed to transfer sponsorship of Private Member’s Resolution No. 9 – Calling on the Provincial Government to Prioritize the Struggles Facing Manitoba Families, from the Honourable Member for Morden-Winkler to the Honourable Member for Interlake-Gimli.

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Hon. Min. SANDHU moved:

THAT Bill (No. 49) – The Business Practices Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les pratiques commerciales, reported from the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs, be concurred in and be now read for a Third Time and passed.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Min. SANDHU and Mr. NESBITT 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 then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, 2026.

Hon. Tom LINDSEY,
Speaker.