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## Legislative Assembly of Alberta

1:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 15, 2022

[The Speaker in the chair]

### Prayers

**The Speaker:** Let us pray. Lord, the God of righteousness and truth, grant to our King and to his government, to Members of the Legislative Assembly, and to all in positions of responsibility the guidance of Your spirit. May they never lead the province wrongly through love of power, desire to please, or unworthy ideas but, laying aside all private interest and prejudice, keep in mind their responsibility to seek to improve the condition of all. May Your kingdom come and Your name be hallowed. Amen.

### Statement by the Speaker

#### Queen Elizabeth II

April 21, 1926, to September 8, 2022

**The Speaker:** Hon. members, I was deeply saddened to learn about Her late Majesty's passing. Our heartfelt condolences go out to the entire Royal Family. Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was the emblem of public devotion. As the longest reigning British monarch she leaves behind a legacy of service through over 600 royal patronages across the Commonwealth, including 36 charitable organizations in Canada. For the vast majority of us, we have never known a life without Her late Majesty as monarch.

Her example of a life of service to others and poise under unrelenting pressures may have even influenced some in this Chamber to pursue a life of public service. As one reign succeeds another, we are witnessing a historical moment as a new sovereign takes his place as our King. For the moment we mourn the loss of a beloved monarch and celebrate the life of a remarkable woman, a woman who on her 21st birthday addressed the Commonwealth and dedicated her life, "whether it be long or short," in service of others.

May Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II rest in peace. I ask you to take a moment of silent reflection and prayer as we remember Her late Majesty. Rest eternal grant unto Her late Majesty, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.

Members, we will now be led in the singing of our national anthem, followed immediately by *God Save the King*.

#### Hon. Members:

O Canada, our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all of us command.  
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,  
The True North strong and free!  
From far and wide, O Canada,  
We stand on guard for thee.  
God keep our land glorious and free!  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

#### Hon. Members:

God save our gracious King,  
Long live our noble King,  
God save the King!  
Send him victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God save the King!

**The Speaker:** Please be seated.

The hon. the Government House Leader.

**Mr. Jason Nixon:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to ask the Chamber for unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 7 in order to allow our Assembly, Alberta's Assembly, to proceed immediately to Government Motion 32, an address to His Majesty King Charles III in memory of our late sovereign, Elizabeth II, in order to pay respects to her.

[Unanimous consent granted]

### Orders of the Day

#### Government Motions

**The Speaker:** The hon. the Premier.

#### Address to His Majesty the King

32. Mr. Kenney moved that an humble address be presented to His Majesty the King as follows:

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, wish to express the deep sympathy felt by this Assembly for the great sorrow which Your Majesty has sustained by the death of the late Queen, Your Majesty's mother; extend to all the Royal Family the deep sympathy of this Assembly in their grief; assure Your Majesty that Her late Majesty's unstinting dedication over a reign of 70 years to the service of our great province and its people and to the service of the countries and peoples of the wider Commonwealth will always be held in affectionate and grateful remembrance; and express to Your Majesty our loyalty to You and our conviction You will strive to uphold the liberties and to promote the happiness of the people in all Your realms now and in the years to come.

**Mr. Kenney:** Mr. Speaker, I rise to give thanks for the life and to mourn the death of our late sovereign lady Queen Elizabeth the great. While her portrait gazes over our proceedings today, as it has done for decades in this place, it is difficult to conjure the words adequately to express the grief that so many of us suffer at her loss. I must say very personally that her death has hit me harder than I expected, as though I have lost a grandmother or a long-time friend, so it is truly a serendipitous honour that my last speech in this place as Her late Majesty's first minister is to honour her remarkable life and legacy.

Dying in her eighth decade on the throne, the Queen was a constant and reassuring presence throughout our entire lives. Indeed, the reign of Elizabeth II as our head of state spanned 70 of the 117 years, or 61 per cent of the time, that Alberta has existed as a province and nearly half of the history of the Dominion of Canada. Through all of those years hundreds of members of this Legislature swore an oath of allegiance to the Queen, to her heirs and forebears. Thousands of laws have been passed by this Assembly that were adopted by and with Her late Majesty's consent. Her Executive Council governed under her authority, and our courts dispensed justice in her name.

Her first British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, was prophetic when he said upon the accession of the then 24-year-old Princess Elizabeth to the throne that it was the beginning of a new Elizabethan age. Mr. Speaker, that age has finally drawn to a close. For so many of us, it seemed as though it might go on forever. Such was her devotion to duty that she seemed utterly unstoppable. Indeed, when I first met the then Prince of Wales and now King Charles 25 years ago, I said to him, "Your Royal Highness, I very

much look forward to the day that you'll be the King of Canada," and he responded to me with a wry smile, "Well, with the way that my mother is carrying on, I doubt that day will ever arrive."

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Just consider this. The first British Prime Minister of her reign, Winston Churchill, was born in 1872, and her last British Prime Minister, who was invited to form a government just 36 hours before her death, was born in 1972. Her first Canadian Prime Minister, the great Louis St. Laurent, was born in 1882, and her last Canadian Prime Minister was born in 1971. Her life bridged such vastly different worlds, from the Victorian to the postmodern, from the days of horse-drawn carriages to the space age, yet she mustered the wisdom to navigate the century that incorporated exponentially more change than any other in human history. Through those tumultuous cultural, political, scientific, and social upheavals she was the lodestar, the bedrock of our institutions, of our common life, and the guarantor that certain virtues and customs worthy of continuing would persist. She gave us that comfort and certainty not by wielding practical political power but by her own constant example of duty, service, humility, dignity, and, yes, faithfulness.

Through her graceful example she told us to honour and protect what the great poet T.S. Eliot called "the permanent things." As the personification of the Crown she stayed true to her coronation oath and naturally revered tradition as "the democracy of the dead," in the words of G.K. Chesterton. But she also understood that tradition must evolve because, as the composer Gustav Mahler said, "Tradition is not the worship of ashes, but the preservation of fire." So she led the modern evolution of the monarchy, preserving what was essential while adapting to change and new public expectations.

Mr. Speaker, in losing Her Majesty, it also feels that we close the chapter on the greatest generation. The stoicism of our late Queen was characteristic of the generation that rose up from every corner of the British Empire to defend civilization from Nazi barbarism during the Second World War. Princess Elizabeth could have fled to the safety of Canada when Britain was under threat of invasion, or she could have secluded herself in the royal estates, but instead she beseeched her father, King George VI, to be allowed to serve, becoming Second Subaltern Windsor of the Auxiliary Territorial Service, and there she demonstrated her famous practicality as an army truck mechanic, learning skills that held her in good stead for the rest of her life, particularly bombing around on Balmoral in her Land Rover.

I don't believe, Mr. Speaker, that the Queen ever called herself a feminist, but she didn't need a label or a theory to break barriers and prove her ability in areas previously reserved to men. She demonstrated that and her great boldness when the late Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia visited the Royal Family at Balmoral. The Queen suggested that they go on a drive through the estate together. Prince Abdullah reluctantly agreed, only to find that the Queen put on her wellies and jumped in the driver's seat, bolting out of the yard at full speed, careening around tight corners, and speeding down narrow country lanes while speaking excitedly and pointing out key features of the estate. Apparently, the Prince became white-knuckled and terrified and through his translator begged Her Majesty to slow down. Of course, in her own mischievous way the Queen made a powerful statement for the women of Saudi Arabia, who were prohibited from driving.

Since her passing, Mr. Speaker, we have heard much about that dry sense of humour, which I observed first-hand during her last visit to Canada, during which I had the high honour of being her minister in attendance at various events. On one occasion I accompanied Her Majesty and His Royal Highness to, to be honest, I'm sure her favourite Canadian event, the running of the Queen's

Plate, the greatest thoroughbred race in North America. She presented the award to the winner of the great Queen's Plate, named after her great-grandmother Queen Victoria, and then came back to the viewing stand.

She was scheduled to watch one more race and then depart for the Royal Canadian Air Force jet to take her back to London, but, Mr. Speaker, that one race turned into a second race. It turned into a third and a fourth race. Now the royal party was running nearly 40 minutes behind schedule. One could see Prince Philip getting a little agitated. I observed as he approached Her Majesty and said, "Ma'am, we are now 40 minutes late for the flight," and I heard her distinctly say, "Philip, I have the distinct impression that the airplane will wait for me."

Beneath that wry exterior was a woman of great intelligence and substance. All of her Prime Ministers remarked at how astonishingly well informed she was about matters ranging from the economy to global affairs. She was the Commonwealth's greatest diplomat. Former Prime Minister Harold Macmillan once said, "I was astonished at Her Majesty's grasp of all the details sent in messages and telegrams." Mr. Speaker, for those who work in Whitehall, ministers are often known not to return their red boxes, their ministerial homework, with the work completed, but Her Majesty, who was known as reader number one, always returned her work completed on time. She took her role, in every respect, seriously.

Mr. Speaker, let it be said that one of Her late Majesty's greatest achievements was the creation and the preservation of the Commonwealth, this great family of nations, which has lived through many stresses and strains, an incredibly diverse collection of nations which share a common history connected to Britain and the English language. Across the world was spread her territorial family, a group of wildly diverse nations, vast and tiny, rich and impoverished, republics and monarchies, that she charmed and cajoled and nudged to remember what bound them together and what together they might achieve. We have her to thank for its vitality today.

Mr. Speaker, the constant throughout the Queen's life was, of course, a profound and unshakable sense of duty. As she famously said on her 21st birthday to a global radio audience, as you cited earlier, "I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service . . . God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it." Later in life she said, "Although that vow was made in my salad days, when I was green in judgement, I do not regret nor retract one word of it."

Mr. Speaker, that sense of duty continued until the very end, when she commissioned her 15th British Prime Minister to form a government while, we now know, she was deathly ill, hours from her deathbed. Indeed, the only thing that could stop Queen Elizabeth II from performing her duty was death itself, which as a woman of profound Christian faith she undoubtedly embraced as the passage to her ultimate destiny, to be united with her Lord, the King of Kings.

Mr. Speaker, we in Alberta have been blessed in so many ways. One of those ways is to be the inheritors of the great traditions of Westminster parliamentary democracy and the constitutional monarchy, which she personified for most of our province's history. On her several visits to our province she demonstrated a great love and admiration for this place and for its people, for its First Nations, for newcomers from every corner of the world.

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Mr. Speaker, her name will live on. In this place her name will live on forever in schools and streets, roadways and buildings, and,

indeed, Mount Queen Elizabeth and the Queen Elizabeth Ranges of our majestic Rocky Mountains.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, many of the functions of the Legislative Assembly occur in what we have known since 1954 as the Federal Building, which was acquired by the government of Alberta, refurbished, and is an important extension of the work that we do here. Your Honour will know that when it was commissioned, the 10th floor was named after the Windsor family after Her late Majesty's family and its various members. I believe it is fitting that we extend that recognition of her service to our province, so in the weeks to come, that will be formally renamed the Queen Elizabeth II building.

Mr. Speaker, why do so many experience an unexpected grief at the loss of a woman that most people never met personally, who was perhaps a distant image on a coin or a stamp or in television reports? How can we explain the impact that her passing has had on so many here and around the world? The queue is miles long for people to pay a brief moment of respect at her catafalque at Westminster Hall.

Mr. Speaker, I think the answer is twofold. Firstly, people around the world have a sense of turning a chapter in history, of being part of history in observing her death but also because we live in a world where there is, sadly, much darkness, where there is evil, violence, instability, exploitation, the denial of human dignity. We see it now in a spectacular way in Vladimir Putin's appalling invasion of Ukraine. So when we look at our late Queen, what we see is the counterpoint, the opposite, the contradiction to that darkness and division which characterizes too much of modern history. What we see in her is dignity, faithfulness, and, yes, goodness. We join with our fellow Albertans, Canadians, subjects and citizens of the Commonwealth spanning the globe, and countless others in paying tribute to a truly good, dutiful, and faithful woman.

Mr. Speaker, as I've said, the late Queen was a woman who held a quiet but deep Christian faith, so I join with countless people here and around the world in praying for the repose of her soul and the consolation of her family. She would have meditated many times on the parable of the talents, so I hope and believe that she will finally hear the words: "Well done, good and faithful servant. [You have] been faithful over a few things; I will make [you] ruler over many things. Enter . . . into the joy of [your] lord."

Thank you, Your Majesty. May God save the King.

**The Speaker:** The hon. the Leader of His Majesty's Loyal Opposition.

**Ms Notley:** Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Today I rise on behalf of His Majesty's Loyal Opposition to remember and to commemorate the life of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. I offer my deepest condolences to King Charles and the Royal Family for their loss and to all Albertans who are mourning this loss.

Elizabeth II is the only Queen of Canada many of us, including myself, have ever known. Her reign of more than 70 years is the longest of any British monarch, and it's extraordinary to reflect on the massive global changes that have occurred over that time. When a 25-year-old Elizabeth ascended the throne in 1952, telephones were rotary dial, computers were the size of refrigerators, and no one had heard of Elvis Presley or the Beatles. She reigned through countless moments in world history: the moon landings, the fall of the Berlin Wall, and the extraordinary rise of digital communications, just to name a few.

In Canada she oversaw pivotal moments, as many have already mentioned in talking about her over the last few days, such as the repatriation of the Constitution and the adoption of the Charter in

1982. Of course, as we all know, this effort also involved securing within that constitutional document provincial dominion over our natural resources, something, of course, very important to Canada and very, very important to Albertans, something that could only happen in a peaceful democratic setting that encouraged thoughtful, open debate, negotiation, and resolution. It was under her gaze that this example of positive political development was able to take place. Through these seismic changes Queen Elizabeth remained a symbol of stability, continuity, and liberal democracy for the United Kingdom, for Canada, and for the Commonwealth nations around the world.

Now, we must also recognize, Mr. Speaker, that the British Crown can evoke some very different reactions from Indigenous people in our land, who have been and continue to be subject to colonization and the consequences of colonization, and it also can evoke different reactions from other citizens of the country with roots in jurisdictions that also struggled with the consequences of conflict with the Crown. And those who still endure the harms of colonialism will have a different view on the institutional monarchy itself. Those Canadians have a right to voice these perspectives. We must honour those perspectives, we must listen to those perspectives because I believe as well that the example that Queen Elizabeth herself demonstrated is that that is exactly what she would do and she would call on us to do.

That being said, we are here to recognize and memorialize Queen Elizabeth herself and the personal attributes that allowed her to contribute to the well-being of our Commonwealth throughout the term of her reign. She made her first visit to Alberta before she became Queen, in 1951, and she would visit five more times, most recently in 2005.

Now, I don't have quite the level of personal stories that our Premier has, but I will say that in 1978 she did come to Alberta and to Grande Prairie to turn the sod on the construction of the hospital that still bears her name there. I was fortunate enough to have dinner with her during that visit. Mind you, I was 14 at the time, and there were 500 of our closest friends and neighbours in the room, so I don't know that I made much of an impression on our head of state that evening. My mother and father, however, did get a chance to meet her properly. My dad used his audience to lobby unsuccessfully for her to visit our hometown of Fairview, which was celebrating its 50th anniversary that year.

But it was, honestly, my mother who treasured that opportunity the most, up to her dying day. I want to talk to you a little bit about why that was, because if we examine Queen Elizabeth through my mother's eyes, you can understand the admiration that she invoked so broadly not only in Canada and the Commonwealth but around the world. My mother was born in the U.S., and she was involved in what some folks might today refer to as radical, woke, left activities. She travelled in the same circles as Abbie Hoffman, she attended peace marches, and she travelled throughout the southern United States to register Black voters before moving to Alberta in 1962. Later in life, while living in Alberta, she pursued a degree in liberation theology. She visited Nicaragua after the Sandinista revolution and South Africa during apartheid, where she met Desmond Tutu. Notwithstanding all of that, she was 13 years old when she watched Princess Elizabeth ascend to become Queen of the entire Commonwealth. For her generation, watching that and being nearly of the same age was a revelation. It captured her imagination, and I know this because she spoke to me about it a lot.

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Like so many other young women at the time, her admiration of the Queen never waned throughout the remainder of her life. As a woman coming of age in the late '50s and early '60s, Queen

Elizabeth provided the strongest example of a woman leader to a generation of women who didn't really have much else to look for in the way of female western democratic leaders at the time. She was so much an icon that my mother also tried very, very hard to emulate the Queen's fashion sense. Let me tell you: now, there were some hats that I believe might have worked well at Ascot or Queen's Plate but didn't work so well on main street in Fairview. There was a little bit of explanation that I would periodically have to make to folks.

But I tell you this story to illustrate the broad appeal that Queen Elizabeth had to so many regardless not only of their politics but of their country of origin. At the time of marrying my father, my mom couldn't maintain dual citizenship, so she happily became a Canadian citizen. She used to talk to me about that. She was a big political geek, and I was quite young, and she used to tell me how proud she was to be part of a constitutional monarchy. At the age of seven I nodded my head and waited for her to move on to the next topic; nonetheless, she would argue that in the U.S. the President was more distanced from the people because in principle, in the absence of a monarchy in the U.S., it meant that the formality and the celebrity and the dignity of the role were attributed to the President and therefore somehow removed them from the kind of democratic accessibility one would hope to see in their democratic leaders.

My mom believed very strongly that the presence of the monarchy in Canada inherently released politicians from that formality and the ceremony that might otherwise have distanced us from our constituents. Now, I think that political scholars and monarchists and republicans and others, constitutional scholars, will debate that point, but I just remember my mother believing it very strongly as part of her overall value that she tried to share with me and our family about her respect for the Queen. What is true is that there is no question at all that Queen Elizabeth ensured our democracy would rest on stability, on dignity, and on integrity and the rule of law, that not only her role represented but her conduct within that role represented.

Now, that was evident in her 1978 visit, when the Royal Family opened Commonwealth Stadium and kicked off the games here in Edmonton. The Queen attended a banquet hosted by Premier Peter Lougheed where she gave a televised national address about the importance of a unified Canada. She said the following:

Encouraged by wise government both at the federal and provincial levels, Canadians have cherished their diversity. They exhibit a highly individualistic approach to life while at the same time adhering to the ideal of a firmly united people.

She went on to say:

I'm delighted to find that the people of Alberta, in developing their enormous natural resources, are determined to remember that material strength does not solve all man's problems and that ultimately it is the quality of life that we all live that matters. All this has been achieved in Alberta by people of many different ethnic origins working together, and it is in the interests of Albertans, like all Canadians, to continue to build a society where the individual can find full expression in an atmosphere of tolerance, co-operation, and harmony.

Here we are, 44 years later, continuing to practise and honour those Canadian traditions in this place.

Of course, Canadian unity has been repeatedly tested, and when Elizabeth II was here in 1990, she acknowledged a, quote, sense of anxiety about Canada's future and spoke of a united Canada, quote: which I trust I shall see in future years when I come again. She went on to say:

I am not just a fair-weather friend, and I am glad to be here at this sensitive time. The unity of the Canadian people and their will to

live together will be tested in the months ahead. Knowing Canadians as well as I do,

she said,

I cannot believe that they will not be able, after a period of calm reflection, to find a way through present difficulties.

She was right about that, and I believe she's still right today.

In preparing to make this statement, I was also kind of pleased to stumble across an article written about the Queen's last visit to Alberta in 2005. Now, during this trip highway 2 became Queen Elizabeth II highway, or the QE II, as we all refer to it, and the Provincial Museum of Alberta became the Royal Alberta Museum. She also made a trip to Jasper, visited Commonwealth Stadium, attended a centennial celebration at the Saddledome, and took a helicopter tour of the oil sands.

But what caught my eye – it will make no surprise to folks here – was a story about a minor kerfuffle regarding invitations to dinner with the Queen. Apparently, there was a misunderstanding about whether the opposition leader, Stephen Harper, was invited, and that led to a bit of a shakeup in the seating chart, because who did Premier Ralph Klein find himself sitting next to? Well, none other than Jack Layton. Apparently, Premier Klein wasn't very happy about this at first, but – wouldn't you know it? – they found common ground and spent the evening discussing the sponsorship scandal. We talk about Queen Elizabeth as a unifying force, and indeed in that moment she managed to get even Ralph Klein and Jack Layton to break bread together.

During her visit the Queen also addressed the Alberta Legislature for the first time in the province's history. In her address in this very room she left Albertans with this sound advice, and I quote: "During this visit, as we honour the spirit of those who built this great nation, it is timely to remind ourselves that we can indeed make a difference for those who will in turn come after us. If we strive in our own lives and in our own way to leave the world around us a little better than the way we have found it and to maintain the highest standards in everything we do, we can legitimately take pride in our contribution." End quote. I believe that all of us in this House today can agree that Queen Elizabeth was utterly tireless in holding herself to the high standards she described that day.

These visits left a lasting legacy in our province and many memories for Albertans. Her presence can be felt and seen around the province, as the Premier has outlined. Looking back, these visits took place at pivotal times in our history. While she avoided giving her opinion on political matters, she still had strong convictions, and people took notice when she did express an opinion. Prime Minister Brian Mulroney said that Queen Elizabeth II was a, quote, behind-the-scenes force on ending apartheid. Here in Canada she firmly believed in a united Canada.

She has been described by those who knew her as compassionate, humble, and wise. During her visits she left us with wise words about diversity, tolerance, co-operation, and national unity. These words are just as true today as they were then. These are themes that all members who have the privilege of sitting in this Chamber and those who may sit here in the future would do well to remember. It's a reminder that there is more that unites us than divides us as Albertans and Canadians. The Queen was known for her dedication and her service to people. Indeed, her disciplined, diligent, careful, unwavering, unending focus on duty serves as the embodiment of what public service looks like.

Some of us on both sides of the aisle have served in Her Majesty's government. Some of us, again on both sides of the aisle, have served in Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, and that framing of the role of the opposition is an important reminder. However vehemently we disagree in this place, we are loyal to Alberta, loyal to Canada, loyal to the democratic, legal, and political traditions



which flow from the Crown. We should all follow the Queen's example: service and duty. These traditions have been a profound source of stability in Canada, and even when we have our differences, it's these democratic principles and respect for the rule of law that allow us to resolve those differences peacefully.

For generations Queen Elizabeth was a source of that kind of stability, sometimes in uncertain times. Her passing makes familiar things feel different. It changes the words of our national anthem. But the immediate and peaceful transfer of the Crown to a new monarch should also remind us of the fundamental political stability that makes us Canadian, that makes us members of the Commonwealth.

It is my honour to wish all the best to King Charles III on behalf of our caucus, His Majesty's Loyal Opposition. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** Hon. members, Government Motion 32, a humble address to His Majesty the King. Are there others? The hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland.

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**Mr. Getson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thanks to the other speakers so far on Motion 32. It's with great humility and, quite frankly, sadness that I'm rising to address the passing of our Queen and wishing the best in optimism to our new King.

I never met the Queen. I never saw her at a parade. Being a farm kid, that was pretty far off in the distance. But my grandmother was the daughter of a British officer from the British Expeditionary Force, and grandma always had a corner of the house that was kind of dedicated to the Queen, royalty, and such, everything that was related to what happened with the Queen and the family and how it was relevant to Canada. I think it's with that that some of those inherent things have stuck with us over the years, you know, humble beginnings in farm kids and otherwise. This is hitting me kind of hard, as if my own grandmother passed, and I think that's kind of a surprise for a bunch of us, how much this lady actually meant to all of us here.

Being 25 years old when she stepped into that position and carrying that role with such dignity and grace for over 70 years is outstanding. Folks in my generation have never known a sovereign other than the Queen, and I think it's with that, part of that duty and loyalty, that there were a couple of us in my family – my brother, my youngest brother, signed up to be part of the Royal Naval Reserve because of it. I got to swear an oath as an MLA.

I don't have a ton of interactions with that, but what I did was that I reached out to folks in my community, and I couldn't imagine then seeing on social how many stories came forward and how much of an impact she really had. If I may, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to retell a few of those. One is Edward Gallagher. He's a former military officer. He wanted to send a story and wishes to the King on behalf of himself and his family. It was on March 8, 1983. It was just shy of his 21st birthday, and he was attending the Royal Roads Military College. He actually commanded an honour guard for Her Majesty the Queen, and he had tea with her. He says that the visit lasted for 15 minutes in total, but he remembered like it happened yesterday. Hers was a life of service unmatched. Ed shared a number of photos with us as well, and it had a profound effect on this gentleman for the rest of his life of service in our community.

Retired Sergeant Cole Rosentreter, Canadian airborne. When I asked him for any thoughts as well – and he'd served in Afghanistan – he said that a lifetime of service is what he offered to the Queen, and he would offer it again without a second thought. He says: I cannot lead you in a battle, I cannot give you laws to administer justice, but I can do something else; I can give you my heart and

my devotion to these old islands and all the peoples of our brotherhood of nations.

Retired master sniper, Canadian pathfinder, airborne Sergeant Ben Klick:

As a monarch the Queen was an eternal constant, a reminder that our loyalty is not to the transient politicians or temporary administrations but to the nation, the people, and their ideals. As a person she was the living embodiment of selfless service and a standard that we all aspire to. Those who met the Queen may say that when you meet people, you get a sense of how important they are. When you met Her Majesty, she made you feel how important you were. This is leadership, and we'll miss her.

Retired Lance Corporal Glenn Brooks from the Australian airborne:

It's times like these when the multitude of humble servants like myself who served that wonderful monarch stand by, silent and respectful. I have no words that could add weight to her passing of our loss. I appreciate the offer. In my own way I met with her for a few seconds in Sierra Leone in 1994. It touched me forever and made me realize who I was and what I was doing and what my duty was.

Master Corporal, combat engineers, Chance Burles:

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth was always a constant in our lives. Her face was adorned on our money, her photo in every school, in every office, ever present, watching over us as a picture of service and duty that reminded us to hold ourselves to a higher standard. When I first joined the military, I swore in her service. I pledged my allegiance to her. Once in the military her presence was felt even without ever having her being there, on the insignia, the Queen's crown. They lived by the Q and Rs, the Queen's regulations and orders. Even the grass was off duty because it was the Queen's. Her presence was ever there. With her loss we reach the end of an era, one in which she presided over great changes and upheaval. As the times changed, the technology changed. She showed us that change was not a bad thing, but we should always hold the touchstone that made us who we are. We see only as we do as we stand on the shoulders of giants. She was one of those giants. Thanking Her Majesty for always being there.

Another lady that I know was an officer in the Canadian navy, actually, and she also swore two oaths, one as a servant to the people of the province. In her words, it was her honour to serve us in both. What she wrote was:

Queen Elizabeth II personified the duty of selfless service. Her steadfast devotion to service was a living embodiment of what it means to sacrifice yourself for the good of others. Her Majesty was once a serving member in the Armed Forces herself, having served in the Auxiliary Territorial Service during the Second World War. True leadership is not just shown in words but by actions and being unshakeable in her duty, loyalty, and the dedication of those who selflessly serve with honour. Her Majesty the Queen was the daughter of a royal naval officer, she married a royal naval officer, and her two children had very long naval careers.

You can tell that there was a propensity to naval and an affinity from Andrea.

Having served in Aberdeenshire, where Her Majesty and the Royal Family spent a portion of their time every year, many who served there felt more of a personal connection with Queen Elizabeth II. Her Majesty showed an unwavering devotion to the Armed Forces members and remarkable care and commitment to our families. She was the Armed Forces' honorary mother and grandmother, who commanded a unique respect through her wisdom, compassion, and unimpeachable example.

There's more here, but obviously, with respect for others that have things to say, I'm going to wrap this one a little shorter. Andrea Petzold thanks the Queen for her service. She says:

Thank you for your 70 years of service, Ma'am. It was an honour to have served you.

To paraphrase a traditional goodbye of the Royal Navy, fair winds and following seas, weary traveller. Your duty is done. Lay down your heart and rest.

God save our Queen, and long live the King.

**The Speaker:** The hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs.

**Ms Goehring:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm honoured to rise today to commemorate the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. During my first term as MLA I had the pleasure of serving in the role of the government of Alberta's liaison to the Canadian Armed Forces and now act as His Majesty's Loyal Opposition liaison to the Canadian Armed Forces. As such, the relationship between the Crown and the military holds a special place in my heart.

Queen Elizabeth's relationship with the military was expansive and ever-changing yet still retained a level of warmth and care for those who served. Much of this is due to the times in which she lived and the impact on her as a young girl. The Queen came of age during World War II. For so many at the time, it would have been shocking for young women to go and train as mechanics and drivers, yet that is exactly what she did. In 1945, at the age of 19, Princess Elizabeth joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service, the women's branch of the British Army, and became the first female member of the Royal Family to actively serve in the military. She was also the last surviving head of state to have served during the Second World War.

Upon becoming the sovereign, she developed and maintained a meaningful relationship with the Canadian military, many of whom served in the Queen's Guard. Recently members of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery United Kingdom Public Duties Contingent provided their public duties for a month in 2021 as the Queen's Guard at the four royal residences and important locations in the London district, including Buckingham Palace and the Tower of London.

Honouring our local talent for the multiple mount and dismount ceremonies, the Queen's Guard was accompanied by the 36-person Royal Canadian Artillery Band, based here in Edmonton. As commander-in-chief of the Canadian Armed Forces Her Majesty sought to comfort and motivate military personnel at challenging times. In a particularly thoughtful gesture Queen Elizabeth also invited the 20th Field Regiment of the Royal Canadian Artillery to Edinburgh in honour of its 100th anniversary. Today that regiment consists of the 61st Field Battery, stationed in Edmonton, and the 78th Field Battery, based out of Red Deer, and is an active reserve unit in Alberta and serves as the ceremonial salute regiment for the province. It was deeply important to her to provide comfort and support when remembering those who had been deployed away from their families, a matter close to her heart as a military spouse herself and with many of her children and her grandchildren having served, most particularly Prince Harry, in Afghanistan.

The Queen supported veterans of the Armed Forces through her many patronages, including lending support to her grandson Harry's creation of the Invictus Games, an international multisport event held for wounded, injured, and sick servicemen and servicewomen, both serving and veterans. In fact, she even participated in a skit, joining Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex, in response to a challenge issued by the Obamas in relation to the Invictus Games, a video that went viral and continues to be used in the form of GIFs, clips, and memes today. And it is this level of warmth and kindness, something rarely attributed to this particular monarch, that allowed her to use her love and connections with military persons for public good by giving back to those people she

so respected and ensuring all knew they were cherished by not only herself but by the monarchy itself.

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As the NDP critic for Culture I cannot help but admire the Queen's dedication and contribution to sports and culture in Alberta. In 1951, while still Princess Elizabeth, she made her first visit to Alberta and watched a CFL game where Edmonton beat Winnipeg in the western semifinal. Calgarians were so excited for her visit that the Calgary Stampede put on a special fall edition of the show. It must have been a success as she would go on to visit three more Stampedes over the decades. In 1978 Queen Elizabeth opened and attended the Commonwealth Games in Edmonton, a monumental event that included building the brand new Commonwealth Stadium.

Opening sporting events in Canada became somewhat of a tradition for the Queen. She opened the Olympic Games in Montreal in 1976, the year that I was born, and officiated at the opening of the Commonwealth Games in Edmonton and then in Victoria in 1994, which is the year my oldest was born. The Queen also opened the 2012 Summer Olympics and Paralympics in London, making her the first head of state to open two Olympic Games in two countries. An avid equestrian and breeder of horses, she visited Spruce Meadows and inaugurated the yearly Queen Elizabeth II Cup.

Her Majesty also opened the museum of the regiments at Canadian Forces Base Calgary and visited the provincial museum of Alberta when it was renamed, in her honour, the Royal Alberta Museum.

In addition to her love of sports, the Queen actively participated in philanthropic efforts, and she left a legacy among her family to do the same. She was patron of more than 600 organizations and charities and helped raise over £1.4 billion for her patronage during her reign. She sought to bring people together through sport, culture, and philanthropy. So, too, did she encourage the values by which she lived on the world stage. In speaking to the United Nations, she stated: over the years I have observed that some attributes of leadership are universal and are often about finding ways of encouraging people to combine their efforts, their talents, their insights, their enthusiasm, and their inspiration to work together; we all must take these words to heart and strive as leaders to work together for the benefit of the people we serve.

Rest in peace, Your Majesty.

God save the King.

**Mr. Schow:** Grief and gratitude. That is what fills my heart today: grief for the loss of our Queen, Elizabeth II, but gratitude for her lifetime of service; grief for the Royal Family as they have lost a valued family member and matriarch but gratitude for her work on behalf of countless families around the world outside the walls of her own home; grief that we may no longer know her renowned compassion and good humour but gratitude for the example she set as a world leader and the time she spent through her 70-year reign as Queen visiting cities around the globe.

Edmonton, Alberta, is one such city. In 1978 Queen Elizabeth visited Edmonton to open the Commonwealth Games. It was her third trip to our capital city, and her time spent in Edmonton is well documented. She attended a banquet hosted by Premier Lougheed at the time and visited several other landmarks during her stay. But this was a unique visit because the mayor of Edmonton at the time was Cec Purves, my wife's maternal grandfather. So I asked him: what was she like? And this is what he had to say: the Queen is only five foot, four inches tall, but when she entered a room, her

personality and presence commanded the attention and respect of everyone present.

She was reserved, but once she got more comfortable, she would show you her tremendous sense of humour. During her stay she kept a strict timeline and waited for no one. In one instance she was at an event with then Premier Lougheed. At one moment he got distracted, speaking with someone else, and instead of waiting for him, the Queen left him behind. In another instance, while walking through the massive crowds of people as she toured Edmonton city centre with then Mayor Purves, her husband, Prince Philip, was lagging behind. He was zigzagging back and forth through the crowd talking with people as he could. He did that so much that the Queen had to turn around, and finally she snapped: Philip, stop dawdling.

But the compassionate side of the Queen, which was one of her most notable traits, was also on display one evening at a dinner at Government House hosted by then Premier Lougheed and with Mayor Purves. As the dinner was about to begin inside the building, a large crowd of people had formed outside the building, and she had no intention of going outside, but Mayor Purves and Premier Lougheed asked and tried to convince the Queen to go out on the balcony for a moment, and she did. She went outside and she waved, and the crowd below was delighted. As a politician I have learned that some of the smallest things we do can have the largest impact. That is no different for a monarch.

Today we grieve the loss of Queen Elizabeth II, but we are grateful for her life of service and the impact that she had on the world. May she rest in peace.

God save the King.

**The Speaker:** The hon. the Associate Minister of Immigration and Multiculturalism.

**Mr. Yaseen:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today is a solemn day in Alberta as we recognize the passing of Her Majesty the Queen and pay tribute to her life in the Alberta Legislature. I am honoured to rise and speak as the Associate Minister of Immigration and Multiculturalism as well as the MLA for Calgary-North, offering condolences on behalf of my constituents.

Queen Elizabeth II's reign was the longest of any other British monarch in all of history. For most people throughout the world, she is the only monarch they have ever known. Mr. Speaker, she has been the bedrock upon which governments of Alberta and Canada have relied for the past 70 years. As elected officials we have had the honour and responsibility of governing under her authority, and now we have that same authority and responsibility under the authority of King Charles III. As every bill from this Legislature until this date became an act in Her late Majesty's name through royal assent by the Lieutenant Governor, future bills will now become acts through His Majesty's name.

Perhaps even more important than the Crown's link to our Legislature is the Crown's work in society. The Queen was an incredible example of selfless service, especially through her charitable work. She was the patron of 600 charities throughout the world and, when you include her family, almost 3,000 charities world-wide. Her favourite charities were those that focused on the community and service issues, closely followed by her support for education and training causes. As the former executive director of England's Charities Aid Foundation, John Low, has said – and I quote – she has done more for charities over the past 60 years than any other monarch throughout the world. Unquote. Prior to my election I could have never predicted, Mr. Speaker, the demands of serving in the public eye and representing a constituency.

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This has been the most demanding job of my life, beyond anything I experienced in the private sector, including charitable work, but it is one that I am honoured to be doing. Despite my experience, I cannot imagine the demands that the Queen faced in overseeing England and the many other countries in the Commonwealth. Between the demands of her family, her country, her ceremonial roles, her charitable work, and her Commonwealth tours, I am not certain anyone could maintain the same level of calm under that amount of pressure. As we reflect upon the Queen's life here in this House today, I cannot help but feel gratitude for the example of leadership she has set. May she always be remembered for her unparalleled service to Canada and to the world.

In his inaugural speech King Charles III said:

As the Queen herself did with such unswerving devotion, I too now solemnly pledge myself, throughout the remaining time God grants me, to uphold the Constitutional principles at the heart of our nation. And wherever you may live in the United Kingdom, or in the Realms and territories across the world, and whatever may be your background or beliefs, I shall endeavour to serve you with loyalty, respect and love, as I have throughout my life.

In the same way that both Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Majesty King Charles III committed to a life of selfless service, let us do our work as legislators and government in the same way. I will always be grateful for her life of service and now the service of King Charles III. May God save the King.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** Government Motion 32. The hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall.

**Mr. Sabir:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm grateful to rise to join the Premier, the Leader of the Official Opposition, and my legislative colleagues in commemorating the life and reign of Queen Elizabeth II. As the most well-travelled head of state, the Queen made a number of state visits, including being the first reigning monarch to visit Australia and New Zealand. She was also the first British monarch to visit the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Ireland.

[Ms Rosin in the chair]

Her reign covered a time period of constant change for the monarchy, with many countries gaining independence and self-government. I represent a very diverse riding, and I have many constituents from a Southeast Asian background and, in particular, from the subcontinent, where the British Empire once extended, as well as having constituents who have served in the British military. Many of these communities and constituents have strong opinions around colonization and their relationship with the Crown, and they voiced their feelings, but I will leave that for another day.

Today we gather to recognize the life of service led by Queen Elizabeth II. Today we were all reminded of the words she spoke on her 21st birthday, making a commitment to the British people: "I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong." And a long and devoted life it was. During her long reign Queen Elizabeth II remained a symbol of stability, continuity, dedicating her life to those people whose lives were touched by the monarchy. This includes the complex and unique relationships found between the Crown and Indigenous people. As Albertans, as treaty people, we live here because the Crown entered into these relationships with the Indigenous persons for whom these lands were home.

When I was practising Indigenous law, the concept of honour of the Crown regarding treaties was of vital importance. In all its dealings with Indigenous people, from the assertion of sovereignty to the resolution of claims and the implementation of treaties, the Crown must act honourably. So as the foundation of the relationship between the Crown and the Indigenous people, in order to honour the Crown, Queen Elizabeth II and King Charles III, we must ensure treaty obligations are fulfilled as intended. We are all treaty people, from those who live here to those who represent the signatories of the treaties. As we recognize and pay respect to Queen Elizabeth II in her role as monarch, we must also acknowledge the need for reconciliation and the significant work we have yet to do.

I offer my deepest condolences to King Charles and the British people and all those who are mourning the loss of the Queen. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**The Acting Speaker:** I see the Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti.

**Mr. Toews:** Well, thank you, Madam Speaker. It's my humble honour today to stand in the Legislature and pay tribute to the remarkable life of Queen Elizabeth II. Our late monarch inspired the world with her strength, her poise and grace, and the deep, abiding sense of purpose that she carried throughout her life. Hers was a life of unwavering service to country, the Commonwealth, and her people. That steadfast purpose was a constant throughout her 70-year reign despite immense technological, geopolitical, and societal change.

[The Speaker in the chair]

During World War II she gave her first public address to boost morale and served as an active member of the Armed Forces, where she trained and worked as a mechanic. At the age of 25 she became Queen and in front of 20 million people world-wide publicly devoted her life wholly to duty and service to her country, not a ceremonial post but a calling, a vocation that she carried out with humility and dedication.

The Queen's annual Christmas message was an encouragement to millions each year. For 69 of her 70 years as sovereign she met people in their homes, pulling back the curtain on her public life and sharing a deeply personal piece of herself, her family, and her faith. Two years ago, during a time of great fear and grief, she gave her first-ever Easter address, speaking a much-needed message of hope and the light of Christ over a troubled world.

Just two days before her passing she personally met and appointed Britain's newest Prime Minister, still honouring her vow and discharging the duties of her office. Her dedication to family and country, the Commonwealth, and to people around the world exemplified service above self and inspired that in others. There may not be a public figure in my lifetime to whom these words apply more: from the Gospel of Matthew, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

**The Speaker:** The hon. Member for Peace River.

**Mr. Williams:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the opportunity to rise today as someone who has been a subject of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II his entire life. I think that's true for the vast majority of citizens in Alberta and across the Commonwealth. I'm also proud to rise today as someone who is a subject of Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada. This has been her title in Canada since 1953, when the government of Canada changed her title to that. I think it's very important for us to recognize today that she has been the Queen of Canada and that King Charles is now the

King of Canada, a separate title. We are not just subjects of the United Kingdom but our own proper monarchy, which we have a direct connection to.

Now, I'm not a royal watcher, admittedly, Mr. Speaker. I don't follow the tabloids. I cannot name the entire Royal Family. There are many, many reasons that across the entire Commonwealth there are monarchists. There are many, many reasons why we appreciate Her Majesty the Queen. For me, it's a cultural connection to the institution of the monarchy. It's a connection to tradition, particularly the institution of the monarchy.

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But I must say, as Canadian public commentator Ben Woodfinden said publicly recently, that I was surprised by how much it affected me when I learned of her passing. Of course, many of us knew and expected this to come soon, at 96 years old, but still it hit me hard. In many ways she was a silent grandmother there for so many of us throughout so many of these important experiences that Canada went through. Referendum debates on separation for Quebec, amendments to our Constitution, visits to Alberta, the naming of Commonwealth Stadium: these were important parts of our public life that we lived together, and the Queen was always a part of it, not just as the monarch is, not just as a monarch there who was carrying on an institution that goes back over a thousand years, but as somebody that we felt like we knew. Her Christmas addresses are what hit me every year. I appreciate so deeply that message. I didn't when I was younger, but as I got older, I came to very much appreciate it.

There's something to be said about the fact that she is a unifying figure from an institution of our past, not the idea of hope in the future, what we will be together later on – these are good things to be unified around – but it's from the depths of our history, the very, very deepest part of who we are in western civilization. That's what unites us. That's rare, Mr. Speaker, and something I think we should be celebrating in her life. In the 70 years of her reign she was always a unifier. Stories we heard from both our Premier and the Leader of the Official Opposition celebrate these moments of unity together, coming together in our public life, again, through the monarch.

I think this is important. I think that institutions, by definition, are formative, Mr. Speaker. They form. They form people who go through them. It's not just people that they form; they form our society. They form us as a people all together. That is what the monarchy has done to Canada. In her history from the very beginning, even before her formation as a dominion in 1967, it was the monarchy that formed us, that made us unique in North America. We are not American, happily so. We are Canadian, proudly a part of the Commonwealth, previously subjects of the British Empire, now proud sovereign citizens loyal to Her Majesty the Queen both in government and in opposition. This is formative.

But there are few monarchs in history that are able to say that they formed the monarchy itself. In her reign in Alberta and in Canada and in the United Kingdom and the entire Commonwealth she shaped what that institution is to us, in our eyes. I mean, we were communicating with telegraphs, very often, at the time that she ascended to the throne. She has been the monarch since 1952, in February, when she, you know, took over because her father passed away, and in her reign we've heard a lot of the history that has happened, throughout the great moments of parliamentary debate and prime ministerial interactions.

But in my constituency here in Alberta, Mr. Speaker, in 1950 and all the way through until the winter of 1951, Alberta and my constituency in particular went through the greatest forest fire in Canadian history, even to this day. Three million acres burned down in the Chinchaga fire. After that fire, as it was extinguished

in the winter of 1951, Queen Elizabeth became the Queen, rose to replace her father on February 9, 1952. In that entire time, silently growing in the forests of northern Alberta along with Her Majesty the Queen, along with our province, have been the trees, this forest that continues to grow. I can think of no better analogy, in common one to one, than with this organic growth, continuing up, sustaining us in the north, for sure, and our economy, providing for us warmth – there were still people breaking land and burning wood stoves for many, many years during her reign – as that forest supplied for us resources that we needed. A part of who we are, the very environment in which we lived every day, were these trees that grew up along with Her Majesty the Queen, along with us.

It's not just my life that has been lived. My father, born in 1950: his entire memorable life has been under Her Majesty the Queen. I'm told that my grandmother on my father's side met Her Majesty the Queen when she came to Alberta and visited her long-term care facility – old folks' home they used to call it – when Her Majesty was here. Of course, that is the one interaction my family had with her. In Her Majesty's service to those who built our province and came before us, that seems so fitting, doesn't it?

It seems so right that the one interaction that I have of any kind of grasp at some sort of tangible connection to her is through her honouring my grandmother because of what she did before. She could have been hanging out with Prime Ministers, but, no, she was in the forests; she was hanging out with the common people in service of them. Those stories are so common. When you hear them on the news today – it seems like a 24-hour newscast – there are stories of people with these, and there are so many of them because she did it every single day of her life in service. She formed us in the institution of the monarchy. She formed us as a people, in her small way. I'm grateful to her for that.

I want to end in a prayer, a prayer that we have all uttered so many times that we forgot it was a prayer, but I think we should all mean it very seriously today when we say it. God save the Queen. God save her soul.

God save the King.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Ms Rosin:** Mr. Speaker, it is with grief and sadness that I rise today to speak to the life and the legacy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. While this opportunity may be one of the greatest in my career in this House, it is also one of the most difficult, for what can one individual of this Chamber say to pay the proper respect to the woman who so dutifully served us for 70 years of her 96-year life? Never in our past has there been nor in our future will there ever be anyone like our Queen. Ascending to the throne at just age 25, having never been intended for it, she grew to become the longest serving monarch in our Commonwealth and the longest serving female head of state in world history. She also grew to become my personal hero. Her photo hangs in my house, her portrait in my office, reminding me daily of the leader that I and every member of this Chamber could only ever aspire to be.

In her life Queen Elizabeth served as a mechanic in the world war, she studied constitutional law, reigned over 15 British Prime Ministers, and addressed the U.S. Congress and remains the first and only monarch to ever do so. She travelled tens of thousands of kilometres for duty, drove the Saudi Arabian King around Britain at a time when it was still a punishable offence for women to so much as drive back in their home country. She participated in high-level tactical and political conversations with some of the most iconic leaders of our lifetime. She held over 50 ranks in the British military, gave assent to over 4,000 British acts of Parliament, and served as a constant beacon of grace, joy, goodness, and civility around the world. In the present-day context much of this may seem

ordinary, but in the context of a young woman thrust into public service at such a young age and in the mid-1900s, it is extraordinary. She was extraordinary, Mr. Speaker.

For 70 years Queen Elizabeth's smile warmed our hearts. Her compassion touched our homes, her words gave hope to even the darkest of situations, and her elegance gave a generation of young girls a standard to look up to. She brought the Crown out of Buckingham Palace and into our living rooms and connected millions of citizens around the world in a way that only she could. So many of us, myself included and many that we've heard in the House today, felt as though we knew her, as though we had a personal, albeit undeserved, relationship with her. Known for her wit and for always being one of the most well-researched and well-educated conversationalists in the room, Queen Elizabeth II grew to become not simply our figurehead but our head of state and not just a title that she was bestowed but one that she earned.

Over 70 years on the throne Queen Elizabeth II upheld the Crown uncompromisingly, always putting the institution, our values, our traditions, our customs, and the preservation of our way of life ahead of herself and her family, no matter the personal cost. Duty was the highest priority in her life, second only to her love of Jesus Christ. That she met with Britain's new Prime Minister in the final 48 hours of her life is the most beautiful and perfect exemplification of her constant, lifelong, unwavering commitment to the higher purpose for which she was called. Having such a figure of grace and stability as our sovereign is something that many of us as Canadians may have taken for granted over the years. The beauty of the institution that is the Crown is that our people and our democratic institutions are silently bound by respect for our history, a loyalty to our nation, and a duty to uphold a common foundation of morality.

The Crown is not just the head of state; it is synonymously the head of church, which, although largely symbolic to this day, quietly instills in our governments, our justice system, and us a basic set of principles that are not often so found in the American republic, which is guided by the politics and populism of the day. The Crown transcends politics, allowing us quietly, perhaps even subconsciously, the freedom to govern ourselves by justice and virtue rather than by public approval.

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We may not always realize it, but under Queen Elizabeth II's grace and discipline the Crown profoundly bound us to one another through a love and a recognition for who we are and where we come from. Her Majesty's passing is now an opportunity for us to reflect not only on the woman who was but on the importance of renewing our respect for the unifying influence of the institution that gave our country life.

While the face of the monarchy has changed, the tenets of what it represents have not. My mother and I recently went to Britain in June to celebrate Her Majesty's platinum jubilee, her 70th anniversary on the throne. We woke up at 4 a.m. to camp out at the parade route. We joined the thousands of people in the streets to watch the air flyby. We attended her famous horse derby. At the time it seemed like a moment in history that we went to celebrate and be a part of, but looking back, it almost feels serendipitous that we chose to be there that day. Mr. Speaker, it's with immense sadness that we say goodbye to Queen Elizabeth II. Our world will unquestionably never be the same because of her, but it is also unquestionably a much better place because of her.

Upon her visit to Alberta in 2005, while addressing this Chamber, Queen Elizabeth referred to our province as a land where "freedom reigned" and where "great opportunities" lie ahead. Well, Mr. Speaker, I haven't been to heaven myself, but I certainly hope that

after all she sacrificed and gave this world and our Commonwealth for 70 long, dutiful years, she can now say those very same things about her forever home. During that same visit she stated that she wished for “the Crown in Canada to represent everything that is best and most admired in the Canadian ideal. I will continue to do my best to make it so during my lifetime,” she iterated. Your Majesty, you’ve done that and so much more.

God save the Queen.

Long live the King.

**The Speaker:** The hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore.

**Mrs. Aheer:** Thank you so much. Mr. Speaker and hon. members, I’m truly humbled. It is such a privilege to be able to speak today to honour Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Did you know that she visited Canada most out of all the Commonwealth countries, 22 times? I would like to just take a moment to thank both our Premier and the Leader of the Opposition for their wonderful speeches and stories. It’s really what regular folks like me want to hear and love to hear, those stories and the influences and impacts of those who were actually fortunate enough to have met her. I really believe it brings her closer to all of us.

She was also extremely committed to reconciliation. She honoured the painful history of our First Peoples and what they endured, and she spoke quite often about the work that remained to heal.

I rise today, like so many others of my colleagues, to honour the legacy of our departed sovereign Queen Elizabeth II. Up until last week – others have said this, but I think it bears repeating – Queen Elizabeth was the only sovereign that many Albertans and Canadians had ever known. She had been at the centre of the postwar world in a constant government and in a culture for an entire human lifetime. That consistency is something that is likely needed more now than at any point during her long reign, a steady hand, a kind word, a commitment of decency and dignity and decorum in a world where it seems like it’s coming undone.

We know that Her Majesty provided all of us with an example of a life of service and a profound commitment to our institutions. Up until her final days she fulfilled her responsibilities, including free, fair democracy. I, for one, am so honoured to be able to honour that legacy and show everyday Albertans and Canadians and globally that our government and its institutions are worthy of this respect because they put the people ahead of themselves.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and fellow members and to the people of Alberta, for the time to honour the legacy of what for me is one of the most important leaders of our last century. I would just like to end with a quote. When Queen Elizabeth began her last visit to Canada, she talked of coming home. Of course, she said that in New Zealand and Australia and many other places as well. She said: “Canadians have, by their own endeavours, built a country and society which is widely admired across the world. I am fortunate to have been witness to many of the developments and accomplishments of modern Canada.” And then she said this when she arrived in Halifax in 2010: “As Queen of Canada for nearly six decades, my pride in this country remains undimmed. Thank you again for your welcome. It is very good to be home.”

May she rest in peace.

God save the King.

**The Speaker:** The hon. Member for Calgary-North East, followed by the hon. Member for Camrose.

**Mrs. Sawhney:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I’m greatly honoured to rise today to speak on this day of remembrance. Today I wish to pay homage to Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. God rest her

soul. Her late Majesty was an unwavering presence in our lives for as long as many of us have been alive. She reigned with gracious glory for over 70 years, and it is for that very reason that her leadership and dedication to the Commonwealth will be dearly missed.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has helped shape our history in many ways. From her service in the Armed Forces in World War II to her unprecedented dedication to humanitarian efforts across the globe, Her Majesty was indeed a Queen that loved to serve people. Throughout her life Queen Elizabeth II was involved in over 600 nonprofit organizations across the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth, from the British Red Cross to the Royal College of Nursing. Much of her humanitarian work centred around helping people around the world and bettering the ability for health care workers to provide such essential services.

It is estimated that the Queen raised over \$2 billion in humanitarian efforts over her course as head of state. This would make her the most charitable and influential monarch to raise money for nonprofits in the history of the monarchy. Her late Majesty’s dedication to charity work did not only assist millions of people from across the globe but also changed the narrative of what a monarch should be. In a 2012 interview with *The Guardian* chief executive of the CAF John Low summed up the Queen’s charitable work by stating that Her Majesty’s work has set an example for all of us; by giving time and money to people in need, she proved herself to be more than just a monarch but a true leader.

Just recently Her Majesty donated substantial relief to the Disasters Emergency Committee. That funding directly supported Ukrainian refugees suffering from brutal attacks by Putin’s war machine. Throughout her life she also contributed to other disaster relief efforts. Her Majesty donated to the 2015 Nepal earthquake relief and provided funding for the 2014 Ebola crisis and relief efforts for the 2019 Idai cyclone. It is clear that the Queen’s gracious and giving spirit helped so many people across the world.

Mr. Speaker, the elected officials who stand here to serve Albertans: she has set an admirable example for all of us. No matter on what side of the Chamber you stand, we are all here to represent our constituents and work towards better communities and lives for all. Queen Elizabeth’s presence and devotion to the public service will be dearly missed, so now it is up to all of us to carry the torch into the future. May we all learn from her actions, and may we all follow in her footsteps.

She was a true trailblazer for the monarchy, and her spirit of giving back will never be forgotten. While we mourn the loss of our Queen today, let us also celebrate her life, love, and dedication to the Commonwealth. May God rest her soul.

And may God save the King.

Thank you.

**The Speaker:** The hon. Member for Camrose, followed by the Minister of Infrastructure.

**Ms Lovely:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today, in great sadness, we gather here to extend our sincerest condolences and reflect on Her late Majesty’s extraordinary life and reign. This is a period of mourning for the people of Canada, the Commonwealth, and the world. Earlier this year I had the fortune to observe a momentous occasion, Her Majesty’s platinum jubilee, which marked her 70 years of faithful service, the longest of any British monarch in history. Her unwavering fidelity and devotion to her country and the Commonwealth was acknowledged world-wide. Over the course of 70 remarkable years she presented herself with timeless decency, integrity, and grace. Her late Majesty was a beacon of

stability and leadership as she dedicated a lifetime of full-hearted duty.

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Her late Majesty was an exceptional woman whose achievements and milestones serve as inspiration to women across the globe. At the young age of 25 she became only the sixth woman in British history to ascend to the throne. She has since been a driving force and one of the most influential women in the world. She dedicated selfless service to the military and trained alongside other women in the Auxiliary Territorial Service. Her wisdom and composure have contributed to her respected, admired, and wildly esteemed legacy around the world.

When I was only six years old, I wrote a letter to Queen Elizabeth. As a little girl I was captivated by Her Majesty's grace and poise. To this day I can still remember the excitement and surprise I felt when I opened a letter from the lady-in-waiting. I was over the moon. It is a memory I have and will continue to cherish, look back on fondly. Throughout her 70-year reign Her late Majesty has been an inspirational figure to many Albertans and Canadians such as myself.

Queen Elizabeth II has always kept Canada close to her heart. From 1952 to 2022 the Queen made 22 official visits to Canada, where she made sure to visit every province, territory, and coast of our vast nation. Alberta was honoured with six visits from Her late Majesty throughout her life. She toured Edmonton, Calgary, Banff, and Lake Louise, leaving Albertans with lasting memories.

She was an exemplary woman who has been with us through many hardships and exhibited care and compassion when the world needed it most. For many people she was an anchor of stability and hope and faith during unprecedented times. Her life of public service had a profound impact on a global scale, and she has touched the lives of millions. She will always be remembered for her commitment and dedication to her duty and her people. Her legacy will live on, and she will continue to be a role model for many generations to come.

It has truly been an honour to have taken my oath to the Queen and to have had the privilege to serve Albertans and Her Majesty. God save the King.

**The Speaker:** The hon. the Minister of Infrastructure.

**Mr. Milliken:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is always an honour to rise and speak in this House. It is especially so today to speak in support of this motion, Government Motion 32. Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was an ever-present force of stability and tradition in our nation.

[The Deputy Speaker in the chair]

Madam Speaker, the day was June 30, 1990, when my family and I, along with my grandpa and grandma Craig, went to Calgary to see the Queen inspect her two regiments there, of which she, the Queen, was colonel-in-chief. They were the King's Own Calgary Regiment and the Calgary Highlanders. There she presented the Calgary Highlanders with their new colours. The Highlanders, I believe, were actually the last Canadian regiment to change their colours from the Union Jack to the Canadian flag. And this, of course, was the ceremony to do just that.

My grandpa, grandpa Craig, marched in that ceremony with the King's Own Calgary Regiment, to which the reserve unit in Red Deer was attached. My grandpa remained in the reserves after World War II. He was there, I believe, as a medical officer. My grandpa actually said several times, with amazement in his voice, that the Queen walked within three feet of where he was marching.

I, however, remember sitting up in the stands at McMahon Stadium and, of course, as a 10-year-old boy, spotting and pointing out my grandpa and, of course, watching the Queen with admiration, surrounded by family at such a special event. These are great memories that I have not thought about for years, so in somewhat odd fashion I would like to take this opportunity to thank Her late Majesty for reminding me of these cherished memories of time with my family and my grandparents.

Her late Majesty, of course, again visited in 2005. I also, though, had the opportunity, as was previously mentioned – when she opened the games in Victoria in 1994, I got to see her there as well. However, I would just say that Her late Majesty's presence is felt in many ways, sometimes through personal memories and stories, such as what I shared, and then also sometimes through the buildings, roads, parks, and, of course, pathways that bear her name throughout Alberta. Albertans and their families experience and enjoy these sights every single day.

On that note, and as we heard from the Premier, our government will be honouring Her late Majesty by renaming one of the buildings here on the Legislature Grounds. The Federal Building will soon be officially recognized as Queen Elizabeth II building, and I am honoured to play a small role in that process through my ministry.

Madam Speaker, I'm not trying to speak on behalf of people, other colleagues in this Legislature, but I am certain that we all join His Majesty the King in solidarity in expressing our deepest sympathy for his loss. Her late Majesty's contributions to this province and, of course, to our nation are immeasurable, and her memory will be an eternal one.

Again, Madam Speaker, thank you for the opportunity to speak, and of course God save the King.

**The Deputy Speaker:** The hon. Member for West Yellowhead.

**Mr. Long:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is an honour and a privilege to say a few words today in remembrance of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Queen and the Royal Family have always had a special place in my heart. Growing up, I was fortunate to have a grandmother who was an avid monarchist, who collected every picture, magazine, postcard, and newspaper featuring the Royal Family. So, for me, from a young age the Queen wasn't simply a symbol or a person; because of the Queen I was able to have a special connection with my grandmother as she revealed her memorabilia to me whenever I would visit.

My grandmother would actually have a birthday cake for me whenever I visited her as a child, no matter what time of the year it was or how far away my birthday was. It was sort of awkward. I remember visiting my grandparents in December at Christmastime. I have three siblings who were all born in December, yet my grandmother would have a birthday cake for me because I was somewhat special to my grandmother. I never got confirmation about why that was or why my grandmother would call me and not my siblings to wish me a happy birthday, but I do suspect that it was because I shared a birthday with Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, August 4.

You know, one of my fondest childhood memories is actually watching with my parents when the then Prince Charles and Princess Diana drove past us in a red convertible on a visit to Nova Scotia. I was five years old at the time. I was much too small and much too short to see past the massive crowds that had formed, but my dad told me that if I wanted to see Princess Diana, I would have to stand up on his shoulders. I was a little bit scared of such a thing, but he's like: the only way you can see them is if you stand on my shoulders. So he hoisted me up and I stood on his shoulders, and he

had a hold of my feet and told me to stop shaking so I wouldn't fall. Again, it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity as a small child to see the royals drive by.

Later in my life I had the opportunity to spend some time in the United Kingdom, and with my Royal Family connection just ingrained in me since a child, it was natural to be huddled by the fire on a blustery Christmas day in Scotland with a priority to watch the Queen's Christmas Day address.

When I think of Her Majesty, the one word that comes to mind above all else is "service." As we know, on her 21st birthday, when she famously declared, "My whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong," you know, those are words that we can all hope to aspire to as we serve Albertans. Her life of service did start before that, when she served in World War II as the first female member of the Royal Family to serve in uniform full-time. Over the course of her life and her reign as Queen she lived up to and exceeded her 1947 declaration of service, dedicating her life to the service of Britain, the Commonwealth, and, indeed, the world.

Throughout her life Her Majesty demonstrated her affinity for our province, visiting Alberta five times as Queen and once as Princess. Her love of our province and people is matched by the love that Albertans have for her. She personified the ideals of dignity, grace, decency, and humanity that we all strive to emulate, so for many of us she was a symbol of stability in an ever-changing and often uncertain world. For most of us she was the only monarch we ever knew.

I think that the reason that I, my grandmother, and so many around the world loved her so is because she wasn't just a Queen; in her we saw a mother, a grandmother, a sister. She played all these roles and more, not just in her own family but to us all. We can all relate to her as if she was family, and in this way she was. She will be remembered by us all for being the great Queen that she was, yes, but just as much if not more for the great person that she was.

Although her life was long and fulfilling, I know that I'm not alone in wishing it was just a little bit longer.

May Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II rest in peace and glory. Long live the King.

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**The Deputy Speaker:** The Associate Minister of Status of Women.

**Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today to join my fellow Albertans and people across the Commonwealth in mourning the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Throughout her life Her Majesty provided courageous leadership and diplomacy as an exemplary female head of state to Canada and the 55 other member states of the Commonwealth. During her remarkable 70-year reign she was a constant in an ever-changing world and the only monarch that most of us have ever known.

As a child I was privileged to meet Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh as they toured my constituency of Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville on August 2, 1978. It was a special day that I will always remember. Being in awe of her natural beauty and extreme kindness, I remember that she wore an emerald green dress and a hat, which made her look very regal. I also remember that many of us were extending our hands out to her. She did not reach out to all, but she did take the time to say hello to myself and a few of my young friends.

Throughout her reign Her Majesty the Queen has been a role model for young women in leadership since her coronation at the age of 27. I take great inspiration from her as Alberta's Associate Minister of Status of Women. Her Majesty has exemplified

diplomacy, wise counsel, and unfailing public service. She has surpassed barriers and preconceived notions of what it means to be a woman in leadership throughout her entire life. On her 18th birthday in 1944 Princess Elizabeth, as she was then known, insisted upon joining the army, where she volunteered as a truck driver and mechanic during the Second World War. She provided wise counsel to 15 Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom, 13 male and two female, including the incoming U.K. Prime Minister, Liz Truss, meeting with each Prime Minister on a weekly basis to discuss state matters.

She had been the head of the world-wide Anglican Communion and the Church of England for decades before female priests and bishops were officially recognized in these churches.

In addition to being the longest serving British monarch, Her Majesty was also married for over 73 years – wow – and the greatest length of time of any British sovereign. She married her much-loved husband, Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, on November 20, 1947, and they remained devoted to each other throughout their lives. The Duke of Edinburgh passed away in April of 2021 after 73 years of marriage to Her Majesty. We can now take solace that they have been reunited.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth will always be remembered in our hearts as the epitome of the slogan made popular while she was serving in the Second World War, Keep Calm and Carry On.

Thank you, Your Majesty, for your incredible 70 years of service and devotion to Canada and the Commonwealth. We will do our best to live up to the example of servant leadership that you have provided for us all. May you rest in peace, Your Majesty.

May God bless His Majesty King Charles III and Queen Consort Camilla along with the Prince and Princess of Wales, William and Catherine, as they begin their new roles. God save the King.

**The Deputy Speaker:** The hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon.

**Mr. Smith:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is with great sadness that I stand to speak to Motion 32 today. In our Confederation of provinces we have inherited a democratic government where the power of government is established in a constitutional monarchy. As a high school teacher I would often have students who had never been taught that the portrait of Queen Elizabeth II in my classroom was not the portrait of a foreign monarch but that of the Queen of Canada. I would try and help them understand why in Canada we continue to have a monarch, the value of having the Queen as our head of state. I would point out how she and her representatives, the Governor General and Lieutenant Governors, could in a nonpartisan fashion represent the government of Canada, the provinces, and therefore all Canadians regardless of political inclination or loyalty.

The long and often proud history of our ties to Great Britain are embedded in our relationship to the Crown. I would try and help my students to understand that the Queen, while a figurehead as far as the real exercise of political power, was nonetheless a binding influence in our country, one that provided a very strong and real sense of stability in our nation, where sometimes geography and language and culture and religion could stress the bonds of unity.

I'm old enough to remember the Union Jack flying from every school and government building in this province and country. I remember Dominion Day as a child rather than Canada Day, I remember singing *God Save the Queen* in school and at Cub Scouts, and I remember burying my grandfather, a Canadian and World War II veteran, with his flag of choice draped over his coffin. That flag: the Union Jack. I always believed that while all of the political benefits of being a constitutional monarchy had merit, it was the Queen herself and the way that she acquitted herself as our monarch



that spoke the loudest as to why we should support this ancient institution in our very young country. It was her long reign, characterized by her devoted service to the Commonwealth and her subjects in Canada, that made her more than just our monarch but someone that we loved and could admire.

For this Canadian, I found it almost impossible to comprehend how she crafted an ancient institution based on a power imbalance of monarch and subject into a modern, dynamic institution based on a servant-leadership relationship with her government and her people. With every visit to Canada she showed us that we could be proud of her and the institution that she represented. We were a monarchy. With every visit to Canada and to Alberta and, indeed, to this very Chamber, she reminded us of her grace and dignity as our monarch and her very real humanity. With every walkabout, with every flash of wit, with every visit to a farm or every time she opened up a ceremony, she reminded us that underneath the long history and tradition of being a Queen, she was also a mother, a wife, a real person who also had to face the everyday struggles and disappointments that come with a long life. She was our monarch, and she was also one of us.

The Queen has passed. Her long and distinguished reign is over, but there is still comfort in being able to pay tribute to Queen Elizabeth II and then, with heartfelt gratitude, repeat what has been said before over the many years of our democratic history as a constitutional monarchy: God save the King.

Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker:** Are there others?

**Mr. Toor:** Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak and commemorate the life of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. My colleagues have already spoken some wonderful and heartfelt words about the Queen. I would like to use this opportunity to reflect on Her Majesty's platinum jubilee, which we just celebrated in this Chamber last June. This year Her late Majesty became the first British monarch to celebrate a platinum jubilee after 70 years of service. If you stop and think about it, 70 years is an immense amount of time. She has seen the world go through technological changes, political changes, and social changes. We celebrated her then for years of service and steady presence throughout those times of change; we celebrate her now for those same reasons and the life she lived.

She celebrated her silver jubilee in 1977 and golden jubilee in 2002. It was during her golden jubilee celebrations that she made it clear that she was the sovereign for all her people and for our different religions. This shows that God's love stands the equal measures to the whole of humanity. It is a resonant echo of Sikh teachings, that shows the important commonalities between our different faiths. Dedication to duty and respecting others are the fundamental values of the Sikh community.

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She made everyone she met feel comfortable and respected. She was beloved throughout the world, and that was certainly the case right here in Canada and Alberta. She visited our beautiful province six times, five times as the Queen and once as a princess. She even honoured this very Chamber with her presence in 2005, the first time a reigning monarch had visited our Legislature.

Her late Majesty was a dedicated sovereign who helped shape our history during her 70 years on the throne. She was our longest serving monarch. I hope that Albertans find some time in this mourning period to commemorate the remarkable life of Queen Elizabeth II and her long and dedicated service to the Commonwealth.

Time to rest now, Ma'am. Thank you for everything.

**The Deputy Speaker:** The hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat.

**Mrs. Frey:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today with a heavy heart and with the utmost respect and reverence to remember the late Queen Elizabeth II. Growing up, I remember dreaming of princesses and royalty, like most little girls do, and because of that I developed a deep fondness for the Royal Family. Although as a little girl I had never been to the United Kingdom, I felt a sense of connection to the late Her Majesty and felt an affinity for her that I haven't ever felt for the likes of any celebrity or any public figure. Her regality was unreal to a young girl from Medicine Hat whose only crown was made of plastic, yet she was as real as anyone could be, close in our minds and hearts yet thousands of kilometres away.

It was not until I sat down to collect my thoughts today that I really understood the magnitude of what she gave of herself to us. We in this place, as public office holders and MLAs, pledged our service to Her Majesty to serve faithfully and dutifully. It's a large undertaking, a contract that must be entered into with respect for those you serve and a reverence to make decisions prudently. I took that oath in 2019 at the age of 25. In contrast, at just 25 years old Her Majesty took on a duty that not even she expected to take, the consequences of which not one of us could ever fathom. She pledged her life and all she was and was to become in service to us for 70 years.

In a touching tribute by the Rt. Hon. Boris Johnson she was referred to as a changeless human reference point, and I think that sums her up quite well. Through global chaos, turmoil, changes in government, changes in lifestyle, politics, fashion, and everything else in between she was constant. She remained in her perfect way the picture of elegance, a personification of grace, and an embodiment almost of omnipotence, one that I fear our world will never see again.

What is truly astounding is that in all of this pomp and circumstance, in her regality and effervescence, she maintained a sense of relatability with even the least of those that she served. On the day of her passing, snippets of her sense of humour and wit were shared across social media platforms. Whether it was jumping out of a helicopter with James Bond or cutting a cake with a sword or sharing a marmalade sandwich with Paddington Bear – that one always seems to get me – with seemingly small trivial endeavours in the grand picture of her reign she endeared herself to us all.

Her stable and enduring presence was a testament to her deep and abiding faith. One of my more favourite quotes from the late Her Majesty is when she said: "Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give [the] best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God." I believe that all of us, Christian or not, can relate to that and uphold those values.

As we reflect on the life and reign of Her Majesty and welcome in a new era with King Charles III, we do so with the knowledge that her remarkable life of public service and dedication to country has left an impact. As the longest reigning monarch, Canada's Queen, my Queen, we are learning the lesson that she so elegantly taught us: grief truly is the price that we pay for love.

May God bless the Royal Family at this time, bring comfort to all she served, and may God save the King. Long live the King.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**The Deputy Speaker:** Are there others to speak to Government Motion 32? The hon. Minister of Education.

**Member LaGrange:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. What do you say to honour someone who has given so much to her country, to the Commonwealth, and to the whole world? A life of self-service

and sacrifice should always be remembered. Queen Elizabeth II was a role model to so many. As a woman of faith, integrity, and quiet dignity she was a steadfast leader. I trust that much will be written and said about such a noteworthy person, but for now I just want to say: thank you, oh good and faithful servant of the people. May you rest in peace, and may God bless your son the King.

[The Speaker in the chair]

**The Speaker:** Are there others?

Seeing none, I am prepared to call the question.

[Government Motion 32 carried]

**The Speaker:** The hon. the Government House Leader.

**Mr. Jason Nixon:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Well, absolutely, that deserved a round of applause. I'm sorry I interrupted that. Go ahead. [applause]

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, through you to all members of the Assembly from all parties for taking the time today to come back to Edmonton. This was a very historical moment, and I appreciate everybody's efforts. I hope you all travel back safely to your constituencies. As such, I will move that the Legislative Assembly adjourn until Monday, October 31, 2022.

[Motion carried; the Assembly adjourned at 3:27 p.m.]

## **Bill Status Report for the 30th Legislature - 3rd Session (2022)**

**Activity to Thursday, September 15, 2022**

The Bill sponsor's name is in brackets following the Bill title. If it is a money Bill, (\$) will appear between the title and the sponsor's name. Numbers following each Reading refer to Hansard pages where the text of debates is found; dates for each Reading are in brackets following the page numbers. Bills numbered 1 to 200 are Government Bills. Bills numbered 201 or higher are Private Members' Public Bills. Bills numbered with a "Pr" prefix are Private Bills.

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### **Bill 1 — Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Recognition Act (\$) (Kenney)**

First Reading — 4 (*Feb. 22, 2022 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 94-97 (*Mar. 7, 2022 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 140-44 (*Mar. 10, 2022 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 230-34 (*Mar. 17, 2022 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Mar. 24, 2022 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2022 cQ-0.7 ]

### **Bill 2 — Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2022 (\$) (Toews)**

First Reading — 110 (*Mar. 8, 2022 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 312-19 (*Mar. 22, 2022 aft.*), 391-95 (*Mar. 23, 2022 eve.*), 484-90 (*Mar. 29, 2022 aft.*), 565-71 (*Mar. 30, 2022 eve.*), 599-604 (*Apr. 19, 2022 morn.*), 661 (*Apr. 19, 2022 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 699-707 (*Apr. 20, 2022 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 715-24 (*Apr. 20, 2022 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — 767 (*Apr. 21, 2022 aft.*) [Comes into force on various dates; SA 2022 c4 ]

### **Bill 3 — Special Days Act (Orr)**

First Reading — 124 (*Mar. 9, 2022 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 327 (*Mar. 22, 2022 eve.*), 343-45 (*Mar. 22, 2022 eve.*), 346 (*Mar. 22, 2022 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 375-78 (*Mar. 23, 2022 aft.*), 379 (*Mar. 23, 2022 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 389-91 (*Mar. 23, 2022 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Mar. 24, 2022 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force March 24, 2022; SA 2022 cS-16.3 ]

### **Bill 4 — Municipal Government (Face Mask and Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination Bylaws) Amendment Act, 2022 (McIver)**

First Reading — 110 (*Mar. 8, 2022 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 163-77 (*Mar. 14, 2022 aft.*), 360-66 (*Mar. 23, 2022 aft.*), 396 (*Mar. 23, 2022 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 519-23 (*Mar. 29, 2022 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 571-79 (*Mar. 30, 2022 eve., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — 767 (*Apr. 21, 2022 aft.*) [Comes into force April 21, 2022; SA 2022 c5 ]

### **Bill 5 — Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2022 (Sawhney)**

First Reading — 202 (*Mar. 16, 2022 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 319-26 (*Mar. 22, 2022 aft.*), 469-71 (*Mar. 28, 2022 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 523-24 (*Mar. 29, 2022 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 537-43 (*Mar. 30, 2022 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — 767 (*Apr. 21, 2022 aft.*) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2022 c6 ]

**Bill 6 — Emblems of Alberta Amendment Act, 2022 (Orr)**

First Reading — 228 (Mar. 17, 2022 aft., passed)  
Second Reading — 502-505 (Mar. 29, 2022 aft.), 513-14 (Mar. 29, 2022 eve., passed)  
Committee of the Whole — 562-65 (Mar. 30, 2022 eve., passed)  
Third Reading — 594-98 (Mar. 31, 2022 aft., passed)  
Royal Assent — 767 (Apr. 21, 2022 aft.) [Comes into force April 21, 2022; SA 2022 c3 ]

**Bill 7 — Appropriation Act, 2022 (\$) (Toews)**

First Reading — 272-73 (Mar. 21, 2022 eve., passed)  
Second Reading — 310-11 (Mar. 22, 2022 aft.), 327-36 (Mar. 22, 2022 eve.), 345 (Mar. 22, 2022 eve., passed on division)  
Committee of the Whole — 366-75 (Mar. 23, 2022 aft.), (Mar. 23, 2022 eve.), 395 (Mar. 23, 2022 eve., passed on division)  
Third Reading — 411-14 (Mar. 24, 2022 aft.), 419 (Mar. 24, 2022 aft., passed on division)  
Royal Assent — (Mar. 24, 2022 outside of House sitting) [Comes into force March 24, 2022; c1 ]

**Bill 8 — Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2022 (\$) (Toews)**

First Reading — 297 (Mar. 21, 2022 eve., passed)  
Second Reading — 311-12 (Mar. 22, 2022 aft.), 336-43 (Mar. 22, 2022 eve.), 345-46 (Mar. 22, 2022 eve., passed on division)  
Committee of the Whole — 379-89 (Mar. 23, 2022 eve.), 395 (Mar. 23, 2022 eve., passed on division)  
Third Reading — 414-19 (Mar. 24, 2022 aft.), 419 (Mar. 24, 2022 aft., passed on division)  
Royal Assent — (Mar. 24, 2022 outside of House sitting) [Comes into force March 24, 2022; c2 ]

**Bill 9 — Public's Right to Know Act (Shandro)**

First Reading — 309 (Mar. 22, 2022 aft., passed)  
Second Reading — 447-54 (Mar. 28, 2022 aft.), 455-63 (Mar. 28, 2022 eve.), 643-51 (Apr. 19, 2022 eve., passed)  
Committee of the Whole — 707-13 (Apr. 20, 2022 aft., passed)  
Third Reading — 745-49 (Apr. 21, 2022 morn., passed)  
Royal Assent — 767 (Apr. 21, 2022 aft.) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2022 cP-47 ]

**Bill 10 — Health Professions (Protecting Women and Girls) Amendment Act, 2022 (Aheer)**

First Reading — 408 (Mar. 24, 2022 aft., passed)  
Second Reading — 463-69 (Mar. 28, 2022 eve.), 543-50 (Mar. 30, 2022 aft.), 604-10 (Apr. 19, 2022 morn.), 661 (Apr. 19, 2022 eve., passed)  
Committee of the Whole — 1501-1504 (May 25, 2022 eve., passed)  
Third Reading — 1507-11 (May 26, 2022 morn., passed)  
Royal Assent — (May 31, 2022 outside of House sitting) [Comes into force on May 31, 2022; SA 2022 c9 ]

**Bill 11 — Continuing Care Act (Copping)**

First Reading — 432 (Mar. 28, 2022 aft., passed)  
Second Reading — 550-56 (Mar. 30, 2022 aft.), 634-42 (Apr. 19, 2022 aft.), 663-72 (Apr. 20, 2022 morn.), 865-71 (Apr. 26, 2022 aft.), 873-79 (Apr. 26, 2022 eve.), 891-97 (Apr. 27, 2022 morn.), 936-42 (Apr. 27, 2022 aft.), 1027-34 (May 2, 2022 eve.), 1074-82 (May 3, 2022 aft.), 1140-43 (May 4, 2022 aft.), 1300-01 (May 10, 2022 eve., passed on division)  
Committee of the Whole — 1438-45 (May 24, 2022 aft.), 1447-55 (May 24, 2022 eve., passed)  
Third Reading — 1461-69 (May 25, 2022 morn., passed)  
Royal Assent — (May 31, 2022 outside of House sitting) [Comes into force on Proclamation; SA 2022 cC-26.7 ]

**Bill 12 — Trustee Act (Shandro)**

First Reading — 483 (Mar. 29, 2022 aft., passed)  
Second Reading — 651-61 (Apr. 19, 2022 eve.), 749-54 (Apr. 21, 2022 morn., passed)  
Committee of the Whole — 858-65 (Apr. 26, 2022 aft., passed)  
Third Reading — 903-09 (Apr. 27, 2022 morn.), 988-90 (Apr. 28, 2022 aft., passed)  
Royal Assent — (Apr. 29, 2022 outside of House sitting) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2022 cT-8.1 ]

**Bill 13 — Financial Innovation Act (Toews)**

First Reading — 535 (Mar. 30, 2022 aft., passed)  
Second Reading — 624-33 (Apr. 19, 2022 aft.), 724-27 (Apr. 20, 2022 eve.), 807 (Apr. 25, 2022 eve.), 850-58 (Apr. 26, 2022 aft., passed)  
Committee of the Whole — 925-36 (Apr. 27, 2022 aft., passed)  
Third Reading — 943-48 (Apr. 27, 2022 eve., passed)  
Royal Assent — (Apr. 29, 2022 outside of House sitting) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2022 cF-13.2 ]

**Bill 14\* — Provincial Court (Sexual Assault Awareness Training) Amendment Act, 2022 (Issik)**

First Reading — 535-36 (*Mar. 30, 2022 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 672-81 (*Apr. 20, 2022 morn.*), 727-33 (*Apr. 20, 2022 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1159-66 (*May 4, 2022 eve., passed with amendments*)

Third Reading — 1167-72 (*May 5, 2022 morn., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*May 31, 2022 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on Proclamation; SA 2022 c15 ]

**Bill 15\* — Education (Reforming Teacher Profession Discipline) Amendment Act, 2022 (LaGrange)**

First Reading — 592 (*Mar. 31, 2022 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 767-76 (*Apr. 21, 2022 aft.*), 825-32 (*Apr. 26, 2022 morn.*), 884-89 (*Apr. 26, 2022 eve.*), 923-25 (*Apr. 27, 2022 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1065-67 (*May 3, 2022 aft.*), 1090-95 (*May 3, 2022 eve., passed with amendments*)

Third Reading — 1125-28 (*May 4, 2022 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*May 31, 2022 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on May 31, 2022, with exceptions; certain sections come into force on Proclamation; SA 2022 c7 ]

**Bill 16 — Insurance Amendment Act, 2022 (Toews)**

First Reading — 622 (*Apr. 19, 2022 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 807-808 (*Apr. 25, 2022 eve.*), 832-37 (*Apr. 26, 2022 morn.*), 879-84 (*Apr. 26, 2022 eve.*), 897-903 (*Apr. 27, 2022 morn.*), 1034-37 (*May 2, 2022 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1067-74 (*May 3, 2022 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 1196-99 (*May 5, 2022 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*May 31, 2022 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on May 31, 2022; SA 2022 c11 ]

**Bill 17\* — Labour Statutes Amendment Act, 2022 (Madu)**

First Reading — 766 (*Apr. 21, 2022 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 968-75 (*Apr. 28, 2022 morn.*), 1128-40 (*May 4, 2022 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1271-83 (*May 10, 2022 aft.*), 1334-51 (*May 11, 2022 aft., passed with amendments*)

Third Reading — 1427-38 (*May 24, 2022 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*May 31, 2022 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on May 31, 2022, except section 2, which comes into force on July 1, 2022; SA 2022 c13 ]

**Bill 18 — Utility Commodity Rebate Act (Nally)**

First Reading — 693-94 (*Apr. 20, 2022 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 735-45 (*Apr. 21, 2022 morn.*), 807 (*Apr. 25, 2022 eve., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 808-22 (*Apr. 25, 2022 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 822-23 (*Apr. 25, 2022 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Apr. 29, 2022 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force April 29, 2022; SA 2022 cU-3.5 ]

**Bill 19 — Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2022 (Glubish)**

First Reading — 766 (*Apr. 21, 2022 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 948-58 (*Apr. 27, 2022 eve.*), 959-68 (*Apr. 28, 2022 morn.*), 1021-27 (*May 2, 2022 eve.*), 1083-87 (*May 3, 2022 eve.*),

1180-83 (*May 5, 2022 morn.*), 1233-38 (*May 9, 2022 eve.*), 1456-59 (*May 24, 2022 eve., adjourned*)

**Bill 20 — Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2022 (Shandro)**

First Reading — 766 (*Apr. 21, 2022 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1087-90 (*May 3, 2022 eve.*), 1097-1105 (*May 4, 2022 morn.*), 1289-94 (*May 10, 2022 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1305-16 (*May 11, 2022 morn., passed*)

Third Reading — 1365-68 (*May 11, 2022 eve.*), 1371-80 (*May 12, 2022 morn., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*May 31, 2022 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on Proclamation, except sections 3 and 5, which come into force on May 31, 2022; SA 2022 c12 ]

**Bill 21 — Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2022 (Fir)**

First Reading — 788 (*Apr. 25, 2022 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1045-52 (*May 3, 2022 morn.*), 1152-58 (*May 4, 2022 eve.*), 1176-80 (*May 5, 2022 morn.*), 1238-44 (*May 9, 2022 eve.*),

1294-1300 (*May 10, 2022 eve.*), 1353-62 (*May 11, 2022 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1403-13 (*May 24, 2022 morn., passed*)

Third Reading — 1487-99 (*May 25, 2022 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*May 31, 2022 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on various dates; SA 2022 c16 ]

**Bill 22 — Electricity Statutes (Modernizing Alberta’s Electricity Grid) Amendment Act, 2022 (Nally)**

First Reading — 922 (*Apr. 27, 2022 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1039-45 (*May 3, 2022 morn.*), 1105-14 (*May 4, 2022 morn.*), 1145-52 (*May 4, 2022 eve.*), 1172-76 (*May 5, 2022 morn., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1251-56 (*May 10, 2022 morn.*), 1283-88 (*May 10, 2022 aft.*), 1301-03 (*May 10, 2022 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 1362-65 (*May 11, 2022 eve.*), 1380-88 (*May 12, 2022 morn., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*May 31, 2022 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on Proclamation; SA 2022 c8 ]

**Bill 23 — Professional Governance Act (Madu)**

First Reading — 1002 (*May 2, 2022 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1245-50 (*May 10, 2022 morn.*), 1316-22 (*May 11, 2022 morn.*), (*May 11, 2022 eve., passed*)

**Bill 24 — Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2022 (Nixon, JJ)**

First Reading — 1426 (*May 24, 2022 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1501 (*May 25, 2022 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1504 (*May 25, 2022 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 1511-12 (*May 26, 2022 morn., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*May 31, 2022 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on May 31, 2022, with exceptions; SA 2022 c14 ]

**Bill 201 — Eastern Slopes Protection Act (Notley)**

First Reading — 156 (*Mar. 14, 2022 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*), 432 (*Mar. 28, 2022 aft., committee recommendation that Bill not proceed reported to Assembly*), 789-95 (*Apr. 25, 2022 aft., debate on concurrence motion; not proceeded with on division*)

**Bill 202 — Public Health (Transparency and Accountability) Amendment Act, 2022 (Loewen)**

First Reading — 110 (*Mar. 8, 2022 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*), 309 (*Mar. 22, 2022 aft., committee recommendation that Bill proceed reported to Assembly*), 433-40 (*Mar. 28, 2022 aft., debate on concurrence motion; proceeded with*)

Second Reading — 1211-13 (*May 9, 2022 aft., adjourned*)

**Bill 203 — Technology Innovation and Alberta Venture Fund Act (Bilous)**

First Reading — 228 (*Mar. 17, 2022 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*), 693 (*Apr. 20, 2022 aft., committee recommendation that Bill not proceed reported to Assembly*), 796-801 (*Apr. 25, 2022 aft., debate on concurrence motion; not proceeded with on division*)

**Bill 204 — Anti-Racism Act (Shepherd)**

First Reading — 408 (*Mar. 24, 2022 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*), 788 (*Apr. 25, 2022 aft., committee recommendation that Bill not proceed reported to Assembly*), 1002-1008 (*May 2, 2022 aft., debate on concurrence motion; not proceeded with on division*)

**Bill 205\* — Human Tissue and Organ Donation (Mandatory Referral) Amendment Act, 2022 (Sigurdson, RJ)**

First Reading — 592 (*Mar. 31, 2022 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*), 922 (*Apr. 27, 2022 aft., committee recommendation that Bill proceed reported to Assembly*), 1008-14 (*May 2, 2022 aft., debate on concurrence motion; proceeded with on division*)

Second Reading — 1213-27 (*May 9, 2022 aft., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 1470-71 (*May 25, 2022 morn., passed with amendments*)

Third Reading — 1471-73 (*May 25, 2022 morn., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*May 31, 2022 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on April 1, 2023; SA 2022 c10 ]

**Bill 206 — Prohibiting Ownership of Agricultural Lands (Pension Plans and Trust Corporations) Act (van Dijken)**

First Reading — 988 (*Apr. 28, 2022 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*), (*May 11, 2022 aft., committee recommendation that Bill proceed reported to Assembly, debate on concurrence motion to take place on the next available Monday*)

**Bill 207 — Traffic Safety (Tow Truck Warning Lamps) Amendment Act, 2022 (Rutherford)**

First Reading — 988 (*Apr. 28, 2022 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*), 1400  
(*May 12, 2022 aft., reported to Assembly; proceeded with*)

**Bill 208 — Post-Secondary Funding Assessment Act (Eggen)**

First Reading — 1486 (*May 25, 2022 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*)

**Bill Pr1 — Calgary Young Men's Christian Association Amendment Act, 2022 (Jones)**

First Reading — 309 (*Mar. 22, 2022 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*), 1001  
(*May 2, 2022 aft., reported to Assembly; proceeded with*)

Second Reading — 1371 (*May 12, 2022 morn., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1455-56 (*May 24, 2022 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 1459 (*May 24, 2022 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*May 31, 2022 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on May 31, 2022 ]

**Bill Pr2\* — Calgary Heritage Authority Amendment Act, 2022 (Nixon, JP)**

First Reading — 309 (*Mar. 22, 2022 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*), 1001  
(*May 2, 2022 aft., reported to Assembly; proceeded with with amendments*)

Second Reading — 1368-69 (*May 11, 2022 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1504-1505 (*May 25, 2022 eve., passed with amendments*)

Third Reading — 1505 (*May 25, 2022 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*May 31, 2022 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on May 31, 2022 ]

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