



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 20

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Second Session

Thirty-First Legislature

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Wednesday, December 3, 2025

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

**Members' Statements**

Mrs. Johnson, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

Mr. Dyck, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement regarding the values and spirit of Albertans.

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting surgical wait times.

Hon. Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Cochrane, made a statement regarding the qualities of an ideal conservative government.

Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding several Government policies.

## **Presenting Petitions**

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from 373 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation that, if enacted, would improve Alberta's mental health crisis response system to provide timely, compassionate and effective support.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

2 letters dated October 17, 2025, to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding class sizes

Sessional Paper 243/2025

Mr. Wright, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat:

The Bureau website article, undated, entitled "From Illegal 'Police Stations' to Rolling Consulates: Beijing's New Interference Tactic Expands Beyond Major Cities on Canadian Soil"

Sessional Paper 244/2025

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Inclusion Alberta media release dated November 26, 2025, entitled "Bill 12 erodes rights and deepens poverty for Albertans with disabilities"

Sessional Paper 245/2025

Blog post, undated, by Zachary Weeks, entitled "Bill 12 and ADAP: The Biggest Rewrite of Disability Supports in Alberta in 20 Years"

Sessional Paper 246/2025

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood:

E-mail message dated October 27, 2025, from Emma Buchanan to MLA Irwin, expressing concern regarding Government policies affecting public education

Sessional Paper 247/2025

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow:

3 e-mail messages expressing concern regarding Government policies related to vaccines, with attached response dated October 29, 2025, from the Office of the Minister of Primary and Preventative Health Services

Sessional Paper 248/2025

Mr. Haji, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

E-mail message dated November 26, 2025, sender's name redacted, to Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Primary and Preventative Health Services, expressing concern regarding Government policies affecting health care

Sessional Paper 249/2025

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung:

Wikipedia article, undated, entitled "Bless the Beasts and Children (novel)"

Sessional Paper 250/2025

Mrs. Sawyer, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills:

Statistics Canada webpage, undated, entitled "Table 1, Labour market indicators for persons with a disability by province, 2023"

Sessional Paper 251/2025

Mr. Cyr, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul:

2 screenshots of a social media post from the account of Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing concern regarding Government policies affecting disabled Albertans

Sessional Paper 252/2025

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose:

Social media post dated July 23, 2025, from the account of Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing concern regarding Government policies affecting disabled Albertans

Sessional Paper 253/2025

Ms Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie-East:

Social media post dated July 23, 2025, from the account of Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing concern regarding Government policies affecting disabled Albertans

Sessional Paper 254/2025

Mr. Dyck, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie:

Screenshot of a social media post from the account of Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing concern regarding Government policies affecting disabled Albertans

Sessional Paper 255/2025

Mrs. Petrovic, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod:

6 screenshots of social media posts from the account of Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing concern regarding Government policies affecting disabled Albertans

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Mr. Wiebe, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti:

Screenshot of a social media post from the account of Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing concern regarding Government policies affecting disabled Albertans

Sessional Paper 257/2025

Ms de Jonge, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore:

Social media post dated August 18, 2025, from the account of Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing concern regarding Government policies affecting disabled Albertans

Sessional Paper 258/2025

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nicolaides, Minister of Education and Childcare, pursuant to the College of Alberta School Superintendents Act, cC-18.8, s11:

College of Alberta School Superintendents Annual Report 2024-2025

Sessional Paper 259/2025

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Third Reading**

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 6 Education (Prioritizing Literacy and Numeracy) Amendment Act, 2025  
(No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 6 Education (Prioritizing Literacy and Numeracy) Amendment Act, 2025  
(No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

## Government Motions

### 17. Moved by Hon. Mr. Amery:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly approve, pursuant to section 3 of the Alberta Sovereignty Within a United Canada Act, the following motion:

1. The Legislative Assembly is of the view that
  - (a) in accordance with section 92 of the Constitution Act, 1867, the Alberta Legislature has exclusive legislative jurisdiction over, inter alia, property and civil rights within the province and matters of a local and private nature,
  - (b) firearms ownership is a matter that falls within this exclusive legislative jurisdiction over property and civil rights and matters of a local and private nature within the province,
  - (c) the Alberta Bill of Rights guarantees the right of every Albertan to acquire, keep and use firearms in accordance with the law,
  - (d) the Alberta Bill of Rights guarantees the right of every Albertan not to be subject to a taking of property without just compensation,
  - (e) the Government of Canada has, through amendments to the Regulations Prescribing Certain Firearms and Other Weapons, Components and Parts of Weapons, Accessories, Cartridge Magazines, Ammunition and Projectiles as Prohibited, Restricted or Non-Restricted [SOR/2020-96, SOR/2024-248, SOR/2025-86] prohibited ownership of over 2500 models of firearms based on arbitrary criteria, and has initiated the federal Assault-Style Firearms Compensation Program (collectively, the “Federal Firearms Seizure Initiative”),
  - (f) in association with clause (e), the Government of Canada has made temporary amnesty orders SOR/2020-97, SOR/2024-249, and SOR/2025-87 under the authority of section 117.14 of the Criminal Code to shield owners of prohibited firearms from criminal charges associated with unauthorized possession of prohibited firearms, while still prohibiting them from using or enjoying their lawfully obtained property,
  - (g) the Federal Firearms Seizure Initiative will unjustifiably interfere with the rights of law-abiding Alberta firearms owners, and violate the jurisdiction of the Alberta Legislature,
  - (h) the Alberta Legislature has exercised jurisdiction over firearms by enacting the Alberta Firearms Act, which establishes the office of the Alberta Chief Firearms Officer, provides for provincial regulation and enforcement in relation to firearms, and empowers the Government to control firearms seizure activities,

- (i) in 2023, the Government enacted the Alberta Firearms Regulation, which requires the written approval of the Minister of Justice before municipalities may pursue federal funding for the seizure of legally acquired firearms,
  - (j) in 2023, the Government enacted the Seizure Agent and Provider Licensing Regulation, which requires that anyone seizing firearms under the Assault-Style Firearms Compensation Program must first be licensed to do so by the Minister of Justice,
  - (k) the Attorney General directed that the Alberta Crown Prosecution Service assume the responsibility for charges under the federal Firearms Act, in addition to their existing responsibility for charges under the Criminal Code, effective January 1, 2023,
  - (l) the Attorney General has issued directives to the Alberta Crown Prosecution Service that the prosecution of offences for continued possession of firearms referred to in clause (e) will generally not be in the public interest,
  - (m) the Attorney General has issued a directive to the Alberta Crown Prosecution Service that prosecution for the use of reasonable force to defend oneself and others in one's home will generally not be in the public interest,
  - (n) the Premier, the Minister of Justice, and the Alberta Chief Firearms Officer have strenuously advocated against the Federal Firearms Seizure Initiative in all available venues,
  - (o) it is the position of the Government that it will not assist in any way with the Federal Firearms Seizure Initiative, and
  - (p) the Government is committed to ensuring that law-abiding Albertans maintain the right to acquire, keep and use firearms and are not unreasonably restricted in their ownership by any other government.
2. The Legislative Assembly is of the opinion that
- (a) the Federal Firearms Seizure Initiative is unconstitutional, and interferes with exclusive provincial legislative jurisdiction over property and civil rights and matters of a local and private nature, and
  - (b) the Federal Firearms Seizure Initiative will cause or is anticipated to cause harm to Albertans by:
    - (i) criminalizing the continued possession of firearms arbitrarily classified as prohibited under the Federal Firearms Seizure Initiative after the expiration of the associated amnesty orders,
    - (ii) stripping the monetary value of previously valuable, legally obtained property,

- (iii) removing their ability to participate in and sustain long-established, safe shooting sports and other firearms-related cultural activities that have occurred for generations, and
- (iv) diverting federal funds from initiatives that directly enhance public safety for Albertans, such as improved border security and bail reform.

And be it further resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Lieutenant Governor in Council to consider the following responses to the Federal Firearms Seizure Initiative:

- (a) take all reasonable steps to ensure that neither the Government nor any provincial entity, as defined in the Alberta Sovereignty Within a United Canada Act, participates in the implementation or enforcement of the Federal Firearms Seizure Initiative;
- (b) use all legal means necessary to oppose the implementation or enforcement of the Federal Firearms Seizure Initiative in Alberta, including by refusing to provide any resources or assistance to the federal government as it seeks to implement its Federal Firearms Seizure Initiative in Alberta;
- (c) direct the Attorney General to regularly review directives issued to the Alberta Crown Prosecution Service relating to the prosecution of offences for possession of firearms and the right of all Albertans to use reasonable force to defend themselves in their own home, and to revise such protocols from time to time as the Attorney General deems appropriate;
- (d) direct the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services to issue guidance to Alberta law enforcement agencies that notwithstanding the Federal Firearms Seizure Initiative, the Government's priority continues to be a commitment to addressing ongoing public safety concerns, including serious and violent crime, human trafficking, gang violence, organized crime and drug trafficking and it is not a Government priority to pursue offences for the continued possession of firearms prohibited through the Federal Firearms Seizure Initiative, or for using reasonable force to defend oneself and others in one's home;
- (e) direct the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services to take any necessary steps consistent with the law to prevent any municipal police force, regional police force or contracted RCMP police force from assisting with or participating in the Assault-Style Firearms Compensation Program;
- (f) direct the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services to take any necessary steps consistent with the law to ensure that the right of all Albertans to use reasonable force to defend themselves and others in their own homes is respected;

- (g) direct any member of Executive Council to take any necessary additional measures to oppose the Federal Firearms Seizure Initiative;
- (h) take all reasonable steps to meaningfully address crime through measures that protect public safety without interfering with the rights of law-abiding Albertans.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to on the voice vote. With Hon. Mr. McIver in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 45

Amery	Jones	Sawyer
Armstrong-Homeniuk	LaGrange	Schow
Boitchenko	Loewen	Schulz
Bouchard	Long	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Lovely	Singh
de Jonge	Lunty	Smith
Dreeshen	McDougall	Stephan
Dyck	Nally	Turton
Ellis	Neudorf	van Dijken
Fir	Nicolaides	Wiebe
Glubish	Nixon	Williams
Horner	Petrovic	Wilson
Hunter	Pitt	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Jean	Rowswell	Yao
Johnson	Sawhney	Yaseen

Against the motion: 13

Al-Guneid	Chapman	Hoffman
Batten	Dach	Ip
Brar (Calgary-North East)	Ellingson	Sabir
Brar (Edmonton-Ellerslie)	Eremenko	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
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## Government Bills and Orders

### Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 10 Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Nally

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, requested that the vote on the clauses of Bill 10 be divided.

The Chair ruled that the clauses of the Bill will be debated together and divided into Blocks A and B, as follows, for the purposes of voting:

Block A: sections 1, 2, and 4

Block B: sections 3, 5, and 6

MLA Gurinder Brar, Hon. Member for Calgary-North East, moved that the Bill be amended by striking out sections 3 and 6.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated on the voice vote. With Mr. van Dijken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 15

Al-Guneid	Ceci	Hoffman
Batten	Chapman	Hoyle
Brar (Calgary-North East)	Dach	Ip
Brar (Edmonton-Ellerslie)	Ellingson	Sabir
Calahoo Stonehouse	Goehring	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

Against the amendment: 42

Amery	Jones	Sawhney
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Sawyer
Bouchard	Loewen	Schow
Cyr	Long	Schulz
de Jonge	Lovely	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Dreeshen	Lunty	Singh
Dyck	McDougall	Stephan
Ellis	Nally	Turton
Fir	Neudorf	Wiebe
Glubish	Nicolaides	Williams
Horner	Nixon	Wilson
Hunter	Petrovic	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Jean	Pitt	Yao
Johnson	Rowswell	Yaseen

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 10 Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Nally

Ms Pitt, Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 10 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-North East) —  
Defeated on division

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## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:59 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025 — 7:30 P.M.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 12 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 12 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

### **Committee of the Whole**

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 12 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, moved that the Bill be amended by striking out section 6.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated on the voice vote. With Mr. van Dijken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 16

Arcand-Paul	Haji	Miyashiro
Boparai	Irwin	Renaud
Eggen	Kasawski	Shepherd
Elmeligi	Kayande	Sweet
Eremenko	Metz	Tejada
Ganley		

Against the amendment: 43

Amery	Jones	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	LaGrange	Sawyer
Boitchenko	Loewen	Schow
Bouchard	Long	Schulz
Cyr	Lovely	Sigurdson (Highwood)
de Jonge	Lunty	Singh
Dreeshen	McDougall	Stephan
Dyck	Nally	Turton
Ellis	Neudorf	Wiebe
Fir	Nicolaides	Williams
Glubish	Nixon	Wilson
Horner	Petrovic	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Hunter	Pitt	Yao
Jean	Rowswell	Yaseen
Johnson		

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 10 Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Nally

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 8 Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Neudorf

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 12 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Mr. Cyr, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 8 (A1) (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated  
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Amendment to Bill 8 (A2) (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 262/2025

Amendment to Bill 8 (A3) (Hon. Minister of Affordability and Utilities) —  
Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 263/2025

Amendment to Bill 12 (A1) (Hon. Member for St. Albert) — Defeated on  
division  
Sessional Paper 264/2025

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned  
at 10:32 p.m. until Thursday, December 4, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ric McIver,  
Speaker