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Tuesday, June 20, 2023

This being the first Day of the First Session of the Thirty-first Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, for the despatch of business pursuant to a Proclamation of Her Honour the Honourable Salma Lakhani, AOE, B.Sc., LLD (hon), Lieutenant Governor, dated the 9th day of June in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-three;

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly read the Proclamation as follows:

[GREAT SEAL]
CANADA
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

SALMA LAKHANI,
Lieutenant Governor.

CHARLES THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom, Canada, and His Other Realms and Territories, KING, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

PROCLAMATION

TO OUR FAITHFUL, the MEMBERS elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta and to each and every one of you,

GREETING

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient for certain causes and considerations to convene the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta for the First Session of the Thirty-first Legislature, WE DO WILL that you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, on Tuesday, the 20th day of June 2023, at the hour of 1:30 in the afternoon, at Our City of Edmonton, personally be and appear, for the despatch of business, to treat, act, do and conclude upon those things which, in the Legislature of Our Province of Alberta, by the Common Council of Our said Province, may, by the favour of God, be ordained.

Susanne Stushnoff
Deputy Attorney General

HEREIN FAIL NOT

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of Alberta to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS: THE HONOURABLE SALMA LAKHANI, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of Alberta, this 9th day of June in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-three and in the First Year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND: MICKEY AMERY,
Provincial Secretary.

The Members, having previously been duly sworn in by Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor and having subscribed to the Roll containing the Oath, took their seats.

Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor entered the Assembly and took her seat on the Throne.

Statement by the Provincial Secretary

The Provincial Secretary, Hon. Mr. Amery, then said:

> Honourable Members, I am commanded by Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor to inform you that she does not see fit to declare the causes of her summoning of the present Legislature of this Province until the Speaker of the Assembly shall have been chosen according to law.
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> She therefore is pleased to retire from this Assembly, to return at a subsequent hour on the next sitting day, to declare the causes of her calling of this Legislature.

Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor then retired from the Assembly.

Election of Speaker

The Clerk advised the Assembly that nominations were open, and the following Members were nominated and allowed their names to stand for the position of Speaker:

> Mr. Cooper, nominated by Hon. Mr. Horner;
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> Hon. Ms Gray, nominated by Hon. Ms Ganley.

Receiving no additional nominations, the Clerk declared nominations closed.

Ballots were completed by the Members.

The Clerk, Table Officers, and Sergeant-at-Arms retired from the Chamber to count the ballots.

Election Results

The Clerk then announced the following:

> The results of the first ballot for the election of the Speaker are as follows: the number of ballots cast, 84; the number of spoiled ballots, 1; the number of votes required to achieve the 50 percent plus one majority, 43; the Member having received the majority of votes cast, Mr. Cooper. Mr. Cooper is hereby declared Speaker of the Legislative Assembly for the 31st Legislature.

Speaker's Address to the Assembly

The Speaker donned his robe. The Speaker thanked the Assembly for the honour conferred upon him with the following speech:

Honourable Members, as it is my first opportunity to do so, I wish to send my greatest and deepest thank yous to the outstanding constituents of Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills for placing their trust back in me to make this afternoon an opportunity. I also wish to congratulate all Members of the Assembly. Whether it was your first election or your re-election, congratulations on being here today, and thank you – thank you so very much – from the bottom of my heart for placing your trust in me to serve as the Speaker of the 31st Legislature of the great province of Alberta.

Whether it's your first time as an MLA or perhaps you have faithfully served this institution, like the Leader of the Official Opposition, for 5,588 days or, perhaps in the case of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, his fourth election and some 4,076 days, I am sure that they will tell you that coming into the Chamber for the very first time after an election is a very, very special occasion.

My hope for us is that your debates will be vigorous, thoughtful, and amicable. In all of Alberta's history only 984 people have ever been elected to serve in this Chamber. As we honour their legacy and service, let us be mindful that we now set the standard for those who come after us. May we not take this duty or calling lightly. Together we have an incredible opportunity and a responsibility.

Honourable Members, we are a reflection of this great province, all 87 of us. Forty of you were born here in Alberta, and a further 25 in other provinces in Canada. You have come from Brazil, Chile, Taiwan, Ukraine, Trinidad and Tobago, and Yemen, to name a few of the places around the world which you have come from, but you have chosen Alberta. You speak 19 languages. You are lawyers, entrepreneurs, teachers, and farmers, who all wake up every day with the exact same desire to make our province, the province we all share, an even better place than when we found it.

It is with a servant's heart that I seek to serve this Assembly, to uphold the high standards of those who have come before, to protect the rights and privileges of all Members of the Assembly, and to do my part to make Alberta a better place. As Speaker my authority comes from you, the Members. Collectively we chart our own course, a course with a better Alberta for all as the destination. We are all here to serve this most honest House and to make our friends, our families, our communities, and this great province proud. I encourage and entrust all of you to remember that in our haste to do good, we must never forget to be good for each other. May God bless you and may God bless Alberta.

The Speaker then took the Chair and the Sergeant-at-Arms placed the Mace on the Table. The Speaker delivered the prayer.

> Father, on this day of a new beginning we ask for Your guidance in the responsibility we have undertaken and Your help in fulfilling our duties. As Members of this Legislative Assembly may we faithfully serve all Albertans and, in serving them, serve You. Amen.

Election of Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees

The Speaker advised the Assembly that nominations were open, and the following Member was nominated and allowed her name to stand for the position of Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees:

> Ms Pitt, nominated by Hon. Ms Smith.

Receiving no additional nominations, the Speaker declared Ms Pitt acclaimed Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees of the Legislative Assembly for the 31st Legislature.

Election of Deputy Chair of Committees

The Speaker advised the Assembly that nominations were open, and the following Member was nominated and allowed his name to stand for the position of Deputy Chair of Committees:

> Mr. van Dijken, nominated by Hon. Mr. Nixon.

Receiving no additional nominations, the Speaker declared Mr. van Dijken acclaimed Deputy Chair of Committees of the Legislative Assembly for the 31st Legislature.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 2:17 p.m. until Monday, October 30, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

Monday, October 30, 2023

The Speaker took the Chair at 3:00 p.m.

After delivering the opening day prayer, the Speaker invited Elder Leonard Saddleback, joined by his wife, Julie Gibson, to offer a blessing. The Speaker then invited Ariana Whitlow, accompanied by the Royal Canadian Artillery Band, to lead the Members of the Assembly and guests in singing Canada's National Anthem.

While awaiting the arrival of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the Royal Canadian Artillery Band played a brief musical interlude.

Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor entered the Assembly and took her seat on the Throne.

Speaker's Address to the Lieutenant Governor

The Speaker said:

> May it please Your Honour, the Legislative Assembly has elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me. If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me, and not the Assembly, whose servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their King and Province, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Honour's person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Honour the most favourable construction.

Statement by the Provincial Secretary

The Provincial Secretary, Hon. Mr. Amery, then said:

> Honourable Members, I am commanded by Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor to declare to you that she freely confides in the duty and attachment of this Assembly to His Majesty's person and Government, and, not doubting that their proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper, and prudence, she grants and upon all occasions will recognize and allow, their constitutional privileges. I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to Her Honour upon all seasonable occasions and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from her the most favourable construction.

Statement by Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

Good afternoon, everyone. Before I read the Speech from the Throne, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all Members of the Assembly for your dedicated service to our province. The role that each of you play is important to our system of government, and the work that you collectively do in this Chamber is essential to the quality of life of Albertans.

I wish each and every one of you a most productive and constructive session, and I hope that you will share my thanks with the leaders and volunteers in your constituencies, who work so hard to keep our communities and province moving forward. Please also convey my gratitude to your families and loved ones, who make daily sacrifices to support you.

Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor then read the following Speech from the Throne:

Speech From the Throne

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members of the Legislative Assembly, and fellow Albertans, I open this First Session of the Thirty-first Legislature as His Majesty the King's representative.

Today we gather on Treaty 6 territory, and I invite all Honourable Members to reflect upon and acknowledge the traditional territories of the First Peoples of this land and their invaluable contributions to our province and country. I also recognize Metis people in Alberta, who share a deep connection with this land.

Honourable Members, since this Assembly last convened, the people of Alberta voted in a free and competitive provincial election. During that period there was robust discussion and healthy public debate on a variety of critically important issues facing our province. These many discussions and debates took place on doorsteps, in coffee shops, at dinner tables, during local candidate forums, and, of course, live on television.

And after those vigorous debates and discussions were concluded, almost 1.8 million Albertans exercised their constitutionally protected right to vote for the candidate of their choice. The results of that free and fair vote are reflected by the presence of each and every elected Member in this Assembly, the membership of the provincial Cabinet, and, of course, the Premier of Alberta.

And today's Speech from the Throne will outline the commitments of this newly elected Government to the people and province of Alberta.

Alberta's Provincial Rights

Honourable Members, our province finds itself at a critical juncture in our history, and choices must be made in the coming months and years that will have generational impacts.

There are powerful forces in our country, including in the federal government, that believe our province must fundamentally alter our provincial economy and way of life and that we must do so without delay or concern of cost.

These individuals believe that developing Alberta's natural resources is inconsistent with reducing global emissions. They intend to enforce this belief by effectively capping emissions and, therefore, production of our oil and natural gas sector, which will cost Alberta hundreds of thousands of jobs and hundreds of billions of dollars in economic investment and provincial revenues.

These same individuals believe that our province must also fundamentally transform our power grid to be net zero within approximately a decade, with risk to the reliability of Alberta's power grid and at a cost of hundreds of billions of dollars to Alberta ratepayers. And they seek to impose these policies on our province knowing full well the Canadian Constitution grants our province exclusive jurisdiction over the development of our natural resources and operation of our provincial electrical grid.

Honourable Members, Alberta's Government will not permit the federal government to inflict these destructive policies on the people of Alberta. If the federal government continues down its current path, Alberta's Government will, over the coming months, introduce several motions under the Alberta Sovereignty within a United Canada Act detailing provincial initiatives and legislation necessary to protect Albertans from these unconstitutional and harmful policies.

It is the Alberta Government's position that every Albertan must have access to affordable and reliable electricity no matter the weather or time of day, and this Government will not permit misguided federal policies to risk the safety and prosperity of Albertans.

Further, it is the Alberta Government's position that our world will have little hope of meaningfully reducing carbon emissions without Alberta multiplying its natural gas and other energy exports to Asia and other jurisdictions to replace the world's use of coal, wood, and other high-emitting sources for energy.

The world needs more Alberta energy, not less, and Alberta's Government intends to empower Albertans to deliver it.

Growth Pressures

Honourable Members, Alberta's Government does not believe Alberta has in any way reached the peak of our provincial journey; just the opposite. In fact, the Government believes our province is still in the midst of Alberta's century.

Our province is growing faster than at any other time in our history. Hundreds of thousands of new and wonderful people are intentionally choosing to call this province home each year. As we surpass five million people in the coming 24 months, Alberta's Government must set priorities and guide its work through the lens of understanding that by 2050 our province is projected to be the second-largest in the country, with a population approaching 10 million people.

This growth presents both incredible opportunities and massive challenges. It means our economy will be one of the strongest in the world for many decades. It means that all the technology and growth required to build flourishing new industries and transform and grow established ones will occur right in our front yard.

It means massive infrastructure improvements and new recreational and entertainment opportunities that will build our quality of life and culture for decades. It means the best and brightest from all over the world will continue treating this province as a land of promise, a shining city on a hill, where those willing to work hard and contribute can realize their and their families' greatest dreams.

But it also means our province will face significant challenges, challenges born out of high growth and economic activity. Our province has experienced these challenges in the past, but Alberta's Government intends to learn from both the successes and mistakes of past governments in dealing with these challenges as we move forward.

Affordability

A primary concern in times of growth is affordability. We have seen cities, provinces, states, and countries across the world fail to address this issue effectively for decades. Alberta needs to be the exception to those failed examples and forge our own successful path to prosperity.

Albertans, new and old, need to be able to rent apartments and homes for their families without compromising their food budget. When they have good credit, they need to be able to purchase a home at an attainable price. The cost of fuel for their vehicles needs to be reasonable and stable. Electricity prices and insurance premiums need to reflect the reality of people's paycheques.

Although it is certainly a bold undertaking, Alberta's Government intends to tackle all these affordability challenges head-on.

Lower Taxes

The biggest expense for almost every Albertan and Canadian is the taxes we pay. The burden has simply become too great for most to bear: income taxes, sales taxes, fuel taxes, and, of course, the inflation-inducing federal carbon tax.

Albertans are taxed too much, and it's making everything Albertans need to live more expensive. For obvious reasons Alberta's Government can do little about the federal carbon tax or federal sales tax, but it can and will do its part to lower the tax burden for Albertans.

That is why Alberta's Government will introduce Bill 1, the Taxpayer Protection Amendment Act, 2023, to guarantee there will be no new taxes or increases in personal or business taxes in this province without approval by Albertans in a referendum.

In addition, Alberta's Government will lower the tax burden for Albertans by creating a new eight-per-cent tax bracket on income under $60,000, saving Alberta taxpayers up to $750 annually. The Government will also legislatively extend the fuel-tax pause until December 31, 2023, and has made the fuel-tax relief program permanent to protect Albertans during times of high oil prices.

Albertans will reap the benefits of these tax cuts and consumer protections. They will keep more of their hard-earned money for the things that are important to them, whether that's nutritious food, hockey fees, dance lessons, further education, family vacations, or retirement savings.

Attainable Housing Strategy

Honourable Members, housing and the price of housing has become one of the greatest concerns across the country. Albertans feel these pressures, and Alberta's Government is here to support them.

The Government is expanding the use of rent supplements to better use existing rental market capacity and help more Albertans get into suitable, affordable housing.

Alberta's Government is also working to develop partnerships and build capacity within the housing system to support an additional 12,000 low-income households through rent assistance.

With its partners, Alberta is now supporting $9 billion in housing investments to build 25,000 new units by 2031 and will be working with municipalities to drastically increase private construction to ensure Albertans can find homes to rent and buy that fit within their budgets.

Electricity Costs

Albertans' electricity costs are too high, Honourable Members. There are many reasons for this. A rushed provincial transition from coal to natural gas and federal policies that are scaring away new investment in electricity generation from natural gas are the primary culprits, but there are certainly additional factors. Regardless, electricity in Alberta has gone from being among the most affordable in the country to among the most expensive. Alberta's Government will not allow that to continue.

Over the coming months Alberta's Government will work collaboratively with industry and consumers on a package of substantive reforms to ensure Albertans have an electricity grid that gives them access to affordable and reliable power and supports the expansion of a power grid that will need to more than double its baseload capacity in the coming decades.

These reforms will ensure ample natural gas generated electricity is brought onto the electricity grid to ensure prices are pushed down and the lights always stay on. It will ensure that our electricity market is free from market manipulation and that ratepayers are not left with unaffordable electricity rates under what is now inappropriately termed the "regulated rate option."

Alberta's Government will incentivize investments in carbon capture, utilization, and storage; nuclear; geothermal; and other reliable sources of baseload power. It will modernize the grid and incentivize consumers to install solar panels and other energy-efficient technologies in their homes and businesses to decrease demand stress on the grid.

And Alberta's Government will conclude work on a regulatory regime that continues to see Alberta lead the country in renewable energy growth in a manner that is financially sustainable, protects our pristine landscapes and prime agricultural lands, guarantees end-of-life site reclamation, and does not risk the integrity of our power grid.

Simply put, Albertans will have affordable and reliable electricity when and where they need it, and the province will accomplish all of this while moving towards a carbon-neutral electrical grid by 2050.

Insurance Costs

Insurance premiums are another cost-of-living pressure that this Government must act on. Albertans can't just choose not to have insurance. They need it for their vehicles and property.

Although Alberta's Government supports the consumer choices and other advantages that our free-market insurance system provides, our insurance industry must understand that when it provides a product that effectively all Albertans are required to have, consumers must be protected from undeserved spikes in the costs of those products.

That is why Alberta's Government froze auto insurance rates before the end of last year. And it is why when the Government lifts that freeze in the new year, it will also implement a series of reforms to limit increases to premiums for drivers who have safe driving records and introduce other changes to assist insurers to keep premiums more reasonable and competitive with the rest of the country on a go-forward basis.

Life in Alberta must be affordable for those who choose to live here.

Public Safety and Addiction Crisis

Life in Alberta must also be safe.

Albertans are done with allowing further deterioration of public safety on our streets, especially in Edmonton and Calgary. They are done with open-air drug use and unsafe tent cities and criminals being repeatedly released on bail to reoffend. Albertans are tired of the excuses and tolerance for criminal behaviour by those who seem to think that what we see on our streets is acceptable in any way.

That is why Alberta's Government will provide funding to support the hiring of hundreds of new police officers and introduce multiple justice system reforms to do all that is possible as a province to arrest and put criminals behind bars.

While Albertans are looking for consequences for criminals, our hearts also break as we see so many falling into the deadly and destructive trap of addiction and untreated mental health issues. In many instances these Albertans have become a danger to themselves and others in the community.

That is one of the reasons why Alberta's Government will introduce legislation to create a compassionate intervention program for those who have lost the capacity to make life-saving decisions and are a danger to themselves or others. And it's why Alberta's Government is establishing 11 recovery communities and adding to the more than 10,000 new publicly funded addiction-treatment spaces across the province. We owe it to these Albertans, their families, and the community to find a better way to get them the help they need.

Our streets and communities must be safe, and Alberta's Government calls on the federal government, municipal councils, and police commissions to work together to aggressively address this critically urgent challenge.

Health Care

As our province doubles in size over the coming decades, we will also need to significantly improve and grow the capacity of our healthcare system for all Albertans.

Despite the excellent work of doctors, nurses, and other front-line staff, more work is needed so Albertans can access world-class health care when and where they need it. Alberta's Government began down this road last fall with its Health Care Action Plan. While we have seen some success with reducing wait times in emergency rooms and for surgeries and improving ambulance response times, the Government believes more needs to be done.

Earlier this month Alberta's Government took action to help Albertans get more access to family doctors and other local health professionals, which is the foundation of a healthier province. The Government will have more to say in the coming weeks on additional action to decentralize decision-making and move additional health resources and professionals to the front lines.

This, in turn, will increase healthcare capacity and improve healthcare delivery in the province and lead to better outcomes for patients.

Education

Honourable Members, with the substantial growth our province is set to experience in the years ahead, Alberta's Government must significantly expand the number of spaces in our kindergarten through grade 12 and post-secondary education systems.

Not only does our province need many more classrooms, teachers, assistants, and support staff, we also need more quality educational choices for parents by growing capacity in and improving the quality of our public, separate, charter, independent, and home-schooling systems.

Government will further integrate mental health supports within schools and continue to implement additional educational assistants into classrooms to address the unique and specialized needs of many of our students.

Alberta's Government will also ensure our kindergarten through grade 12 and post-secondary school systems outline clear paths for students and parents to help direct students into the jobs and careers our province needs most.

The Government will work to strengthen career education by funding new and enhanced dual-credit programs, bringing more collegiate schools online across the province to create pathways for students, and exploring new ways to attract and bridge qualified tradespeople, healthcare professionals, information technologists, and other experts into the teaching profession.

And Alberta's Government will champion skilled trades and professions to ensure young Albertans know that apprenticeship education has as much merit and value as any other form of post-secondary study.

Our children deserve a world-class education system geared towards obtaining jobs and success in the economy of today and tomorrow. Alberta's Government will ensure they have it.

Economic Diversification

Honourable Members, if Alberta wishes to maintain and further grow one of the world's most successful economies, the Government believes we must build on our core strengths while incentivizing the creation and growth of new industries and opportunities.

Our province is the fourth-largest producer of oil and gas in the entire world and is far and away its most environmentally responsible one. Alberta will not be content with fourth place, not when our province's energy reserves and environmental technologies are second to none and when increasing our exports can guarantee energy security for the free world while replacing thousands of megatonnes of carbon dioxide from coal and other high-emission fuels with clean Alberta LNG and responsibly developed oil products.

That is why Alberta's Government is forming a cross-ministry working group to review and reform how it regulates natural resource development in this province. Not only will Alberta be the greenest energy producer in the world, the Government will ensure we create one of the most efficient, timely, and red-tape-free jurisdictions on the planet to invest in energy, whether that be conventional, non-conventional, renewable, or otherwise.

Alberta's Government will ensure the entire world understands that the words "Alberta" and "energy" are inextricably linked for generations.

Further, with food security becoming an emerging world challenge, Alberta is perfectly placed to help feed the world with our world-class agricultural entrepreneurs, farmers, and ranchers.

That is why Alberta launched the Agri-processing Investment Tax Credit to attract large-scale investment in value-added agricultural manufacturing. This tax credit builds on the province's other competitive advantages and maximizes opportunities to create more jobs for Albertans.

And although energy and agriculture will be the bread and butter of our economy for the foreseeable future, the Government will not wait to build the industries of tomorrow. Alberta's Government will incentivize the development of new and emerging industries such as hydrogen, rare earth minerals, technology, new forestry products, tourism, and culture.

And as it does so, the Government will remove barriers for new Albertans to qualify to work in the jobs our economy most needs and where they are often already qualified to work by working with our professional regulatory partners to create a more efficient and streamlined system for the best and brightest to join the workforce of tomorrow and secure our province's future.

Alberta's Government will also remain steadfastly committed to economic reconciliation by partnering in prosperity with Indigenous communities as we unlock Alberta's full economic potential together. Alberta's Government has expanded the capacity of the Alberta Indigenous Opportunities Corporation to $2 billion and will further increase it to $3 billion so it can continue to remove barriers to Indigenous investments by providing large loan guarantees that weren't previously available.

And in Budget 2023 Alberta's Government created the Indigenous Reconciliation Initiative, which supports Indigenous-led economic and cultural initiatives.

Economic reconciliation is about improving social outcomes by creating jobs and opportunities for Indigenous peoples in Alberta. It is about collaboration, and it is a central part of this Government's commitment to walking the path toward reconciliation together.

Infrastructure

Honourable Members, as our province grows by another million people over the next five years and to 10 million by 2050, so too must investment in our municipalities and provincial transportation network.

Aside from healthcare facilities, schools, and other needed building infrastructure, the province needs to substantially invest in infrastructure that incentivizes economic development, attracts skilled professionals, and increases the quality of life of Albertans.

That is why Alberta's Government has been working closely with municipalities across Alberta to finalize a new funding framework that is tied to provincial revenues and provides more predictability for capital planning at the municipal level.

But the province also needs to significantly expand our provincial transportation and highway network and build commuter rail links between our two largest cities and their growing neighbouring communities and airports. We need to decongest our highways to Kananaskis and Banff with a passenger rail tie between the Calgary airport, downtown Calgary, and Canmore-Banff. And, yes, we need to start planning for the inevitable need for high-speed rail through the Calgary-Red Deer-Edmonton corridor when six to seven million Albertans eventually call that corridor their home.

These investments are decades long and should not be made randomly. They must be planned carefully and in an integrated fashion to ensure the most efficient and timely use of tax dollars. Alberta's Government intends to do just that.

Fiscal Responsibility

Alberta's Government will do all of what has been spoken of today within the discipline of our province's newly passed fiscal framework. It will simply not place crushing debt on the backs of future generations of Albertans. Our children and grandchildren deserve so much better.

Alberta's Government will give them better. It will balance our provincial budget each year. It will limit spending increases each year to below inflation plus population growth. It will pay down debt every year until our province is debt-free again.

And when the province runs surpluses, rather than spend it all away on the wants of today, Alberta's Government will build our Heritage Fund by billions of dollars and eventually by tens of billions of dollars so that one day our province's reliance on oil and natural gas royalties will be eliminated.

Let us leave future generations of Albertans a legacy of prosperity and opportunity built on a fiscal foundation as strong as our Rocky Mountains.

Conclusion

Yes, Honourable Members, this Government's agenda is ambitious but so too are Albertans. We are not content with average. We are not a people to say "good enough" when the job is not yet finished. And we do not shy away from a challenge, not when the future of our families, friends, and neighbours is at stake.

We are indeed a province of leaders, innovators, pioneers, and visionaries. But we are also a province of teachers, healers, and protectors. And we will need the unique strengths and gifts of all of us and those of our children and their children to realize the limitless promise of this great province.

God save the King, and may God bless Alberta to be forever strong and free.

The Speaker then invited Ariana Whitlow, accompanied by the Royal Canadian Artillery Band, to lead the Members and guests in the singing of God Save the King.

Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor then retired from the Assembly.

Tabling Documents

The Speaker informed the Assembly he had obtained a copy of the Speech of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, which was laid on the Table.

Sessional Paper 1/2023

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Ordered that Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, have leave to introduce a Bill entitled "Alberta Taxpayer Protection Amendment Act, 2023." Hon. Ms Smith accordingly presented the Bill and the same was received and read a First time.

Government Motions

1. Moved by Hon. Ms Smith:

Be it resolved that the Speech of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor to this Assembly be taken into consideration Tuesday, October 31, 2023.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Announcement by the Clerk of the Assembly of Members Elected

Mr. Speaker, I have received from the Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta, pursuant to the Election Act, reports containing the results of the General Election conducted on the 29th of May 2023. The reports state that an election was conducted in the following electoral divisions, and such reports further show that the following Members were duly elected:

Calgary-Acadia	Diana Batten
Calgary-Beddington	Amanda Chapman
Calgary-Bhullar-McCall	Irfan Sabir
Calgary-Bow	Demetrios Nicolaides
Calgary-Buffalo	Joe Ceci
Calgary-Cross	Mickey Amery
Calgary-Currie	Janet Eremenko
Calgary-East	Peter Singh
Calgary-Edgemont	Julia Hayter
Calgary-Elbow	Samir Kayande
Calgary-Falconridge	Parmeet Singh Boparai
Calgary-Fish Creek	Myles McDougall
Calgary-Foothills	Court Ellingson
Calgary-Glenmore	Nagwan Al-Guneid
Calgary-Hays	Richard William (Ric) McIver
Calgary-Klein	Lizette Tejada
Calgary-Lougheed	Eric Bouchard

Calgary-Mountain View	Kathleen Ganley
Calgary-North	Muhammed Yaseen
Calgary-North East	Gurinder Brar
Calgary-North West	Rajan Sawhney
Calgary-Peigan	Tanya Fir
Calgary-Shaw	Rebecca Schulz
Calgary-South East	Matt Jones
Calgary-Varsity	Luanne Metz
Calgary-West	Mike Ellis
Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview	Peggy Wright
Edmonton-Castle Downs	Nicole Goehring
Edmonton-City Centre	David Shepherd
Edmonton-Decore	Sharif Haji
Edmonton-Ellerslie	Rod Loyola
Edmonton-Glenora	Sarah Hoffman
Edmonton-Gold Bar	Marlin Schmidt
Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood	Janis Irwin
Edmonton-Manning	Heather Sweet
Edmonton-McClung	Lorne Dach
Edmonton-Meadows	Jasvir Deol
Edmonton-Mill Woods	Christina Gray
Edmonton-North West	David Eggen
Edmonton-Riverview	Lori Sigurdson
Edmonton-Rutherford	Jodi Calahoo Stonehouse
Edmonton-South	Rhiannon Hoyle
Edmonton-South West	Nathan Ip
Edmonton-Strathcona	Rachel Notley
Edmonton-West Henday	Brooks Arcand-Paul
Edmonton-Whitemud	Rakhi Pancholi
Airdrie-Cochrane	Peter Guthrie
Airdrie-East	Angela Pitt
Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock	Glenn van Dijken
Banff-Kananaskis	Sarah Elmeligi
Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul	Scott Cyr

Brooks-Medicine Hat	Danielle Smith
Camrose	Jackie Lovely
Cardston-Siksika	Joseph Schow
Central Peace-Notley	Todd Loewen
Chestermere-Strathmore	Chantelle de Jonge
Cypress-Medicine Hat	Justin Wright
Drayton Valley-Devon	Andrew Boitchenko
Drumheller-Stettler	Nate Horner
Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche	Brian Jean
Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo	Tany Yao
Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville	Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk
Grande Prairie	Nolan Dyck
Grande Prairie-Wapiti	Ron Wiebe
Highwood	R.J. Sigurdson
Innisfail-Sylvan Lake	Devin Dreeshen
Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland	Shane Getson
Lacombe-Ponoka	Jennifer Johnson
Leduc-Beaumont	Brandon Lunty
Lesser Slave Lake	Scott Sinclair
Lethbridge-East	Nathan Neudorf
Lethbridge-West	Shannon Phillips
Livingstone-Macleod	Chelsae Petrovic
Maskwacis-Wetaskiwin	Rick Wilson
Morinville-St. Albert	Dale Nally
Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills	Nathan Cooper
Peace River	Dan Williams
Red Deer-North	Adriana LaGrange
Red Deer-South	Jason Stephan
Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre	Jason Nixon
Sherwood Park	Kyle Kasawski
Spruce Grove-Stony Plain	Searle Turton
St. Albert	Marie Renaud
Strathcona-Sherwood Park	Nate Glubish
Taber-Warner	Grant Hunter

Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright	Garth Rowswell
West Yellowhead	Martin Long

Intersessional Deposits

Pursuant to Standing Order 38.1(3), the following documents were deposited with the Clerk of the Assembly and are deemed to have been laid before the Assembly:

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Child and Youth Advocate Act, cC-11.5, s9.1(5):

Office of the Child and Youth Advocate Mandatory Reviews into Child Deaths, April 1, 2022, to September 30, 2022, deposited on March 28, 2023
Sessional Paper 117/2022-23

Hon. Mr. Nally, Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-25, s86:

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Annual Report 2021-2022, deposited on March 29, 2023
Sessional Paper 118/2022-23

Hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Health, and Hon. Mr. Milliken, Minister of Mental Health and Addiction, pursuant to the Alberta Health Act, cA-19.5, s6(2):

Office of the Alberta Health Advocates (Health Advocate and Mental Health Patient Advocate) 2021-2022 Annual Report, deposited on March 29, 2023
Sessional Paper 119/2022-23

Hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Health:

Pursuant to the Public Health Act, cP-37, s7(2), Public Health Appeal Board 2022 Annual Report, deposited on March 30, 2023
Sessional Paper 120/2022-23

Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2), College of Registered Nurses of Alberta Annual Report 2021-22, deposited on March 30, 2023
Sessional Paper 121/2022-23

Hon. Mr. Orr, Chair, Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, pursuant to Standing Order 55 and the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, cA-23, s6(4)(c):

Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Committee Annual Report January 2022 – March 2023, Thirtieth Legislature, Fourth Session, March 2023, deposited on March 31, 2023
Sessional Paper 122/2022-23

Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers Registered and Unregistered Pension Plans Regulation, AR 196/2001, sch. 1, s5(1) and sch. 2, s5(1):

Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers Registered and Unregistered Pension Plans 2021-22 Annual Report, deposited on April 11, 2023

Sessional Paper 123/2022-23

Hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Health:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, and Hon. Mr. Feehan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, March 8, 2023, Ministry of Health, 2023-24 Main Estimates, deposited on April 13, 2023

Sessional Paper 124/2022-23

Hon. Mr. Jeremy Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services:

Responses to questions raised by Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, March 15, 2023, Ministry of Seniors, Community and Social Services, 2023-24 Main Estimates, deposited on April 13, 2023

Sessional Paper 125/2022-23

Hon. Ms Schulz, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Responses to questions raised by Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, and Hon. Mr. Orr, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, March 6, 2023, Ministry of Municipal Affairs, 2023-24 Main Estimates, deposited on April 14, 2023

Sessional Paper 126/2022-23

Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance:

Responses to questions raised by Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, and Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, March 15, 2023, Ministry of Treasury Board and Finance, 2023-24 Main Estimates, deposited on April 18, 2023

Sessional Paper 127/2022-23

Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Labour and Immigration, pursuant to the Public's Right to Know Act, cP-47:

Public's Right to Know Act Report on Crime and Justice Statistics, 2017/18 – 2021/22, deposited on April 18, 2023

Sessional Paper 128/2022-23

Hon. Mr. Madu, Deputy Premier, Minister of Skilled Trades and Professions, pursuant to the Veterinary Profession Act, cV-2, s6.1(2):

> Alberta Veterinary Medical Association 2022 Annual Report, deposited on April 20, 2023
>
> Sessional Paper 129/2022-23

Hon. Mr. Ellis, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services:

> Responses to questions raised by Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, Hon. Ms Fir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Peigan, Hon. Mr. Yaseen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North, and Hon. Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, March 15, 2023, Ministry of Public Safety and Emergency Services, 2023-24 Main Estimates, deposited on April 21, 2023
>
> Sessional Paper 130/2022-23

Hon. Mr. Wilson, Minister of Indigenous Relations:

> Responses to questions raised by Hon. Mr. Feehan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, March 7, 2023, Ministry of Indigenous Relations, 2023-24 Main Estimates, deposited on April 25, 2023
>
> Sessional Paper 131/2022-23

Hon. Mrs. Savage, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas:

> Responses to questions raised by Hon. Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, and Hon. Mr. Orr, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, March 9, 2023, Ministry of Environment and Protected Areas, 2023-24 Main Estimates, deposited on April 26, 2023
>
> Sessional Paper 132/2022-23

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:14 p.m. until Tuesday, October 31, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 31, 2023

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Members Marie J. Laing, Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, 1986 to 1993; A. Stephen Stiles, Member for Olds-Didsbury, 1982 to 1986; Ken Lemke, Member for Stony Plain, 2012 to 2015; Hon. Frederick A. Stewart, Member for Calgary-North Hill, 1986 to 1993; Hon. David J. Russell, Member for Calgary-Victoria Park, 1967 to 1971, and Calgary-Elbow, 1971 to 1989; Neville S. Roper, Member for Ponoka, 1967 to 1971; Peter Knaak, Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, 1979 to 1982; Hon. J.A. Denis Herard, Member for Calgary-Egmont, 1993 to 2008; Moe Amery, Member for Calgary-East, 1993 to 2015; Hon. Greg Stevens, Member for Banff-Cochrane, 1979 to 1989; and former Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, 1987 to 2016, Dr. W.J. David McNeil.

Speaker's Statement – Member's Anniversary

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the fifth anniversary of Hon. Mr. Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, who was elected to the Legislative Assembly in a by-election on July 12, 2018.

Speaker's Statement – Items in Daily Routine

Honourable Members, before I call upon the Clerk to call the Daily Routine, I see that Government Motion 6, which appears on today's Order Paper, is proposing to amend a number of Standing Orders, including amendments with respect to two items in the Daily Routine: Introduction of Guests and Members' Statements.

The motion seeks, among other things, to amend Standing Order 7(3) to increase the time allotted each day for Members to make introductions under Introduction of Guests from four minutes to six minutes. In addition, an amendment has been proposed to Standing Order 7(4) to reduce the number of Members' Statements from seven to six per sitting day.

Although Government Motion 6 is not available for consideration until later this afternoon, I understand that two unanimous consent requests may be coming forward that would seek to give effect to these proposed amendments for this afternoon's Routine.

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(3) in order to allow for Introduction of Guests for a period not exceeding six minutes and with each introduction not exceeding 20 seconds.

Unanimous consent is granted. Accordingly, Introduction of Guests this afternoon will follow the process I have outlined. I will remind Members that each introduction is to take a maximum of 20 seconds.

Is the Government House Leader prepared to request unanimous consent for the second request?

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(4) in order to allow for six Members' Statements in the order outlined in the House Leaders' Agreement dated October 26, 2023.

Unanimous consent has been granted.

Speaker's Statement – Oral Question Period, Members' Statements Rotations, and Other Matters

Honourable Members, prior to proceeding to Members' Statements, I would like to outline the rotations that will apply for Oral Question Period and Members' Statements. The rotations were agreed to in the House Leaders' Agreement that I noted earlier today and which was provided with the procedural memo that my office sent out to all Members last Friday. Also attached to the procedural memo were an Oral Question Period rotation chart and a Projected Sitting Days Calendar, which contains, among other things, the Members' Statements rotation.

With respect to Oral Question Period, the House Leaders' Agreement is based upon 16 questions each day and allows for a four-day rotation. The Official Opposition is entitled to ask the first five main questions as well as the seventh, eighth, 10th, 12th, 13th, 15th, and 16th questions each day. Private Members of the Government caucus are entitled to the sixth, 11th, and 14th questions each day and the ninth question on Days 1 to 3. The independent Member of the Assembly is entitled to ask the ninth question on Day 4 of the rotation. Today will be Day 1 of the four-day rotation. I would like to remind Members that questions and responses should be no longer than 35 seconds in length and that preambles to supplementary questions are only allowed for the first four rounds of questioning each day, as indicated in the House Leaders' Agreement.

With respect to Members' Statements, the rotation is based upon a three-week schedule. In accordance with the unanimous consent request granted by the Assembly earlier today and if Government Motion 6 is agreed to by the Assembly, Standing Order 7(4) will provide that each day up to six private Members may make a statement of no more than two minutes in duration.

Since we are just starting the first sitting of the new Legislature, I would like to point out to Members that a number of parliamentary secretaries have been appointed. Please note that parliamentary secretaries are private Members, not members of Executive Council. Accordingly, they have the rights and duties of private Members, not of members of Cabinet.

I would refer Members to my ruling on November 30, 2022, which can be found on page 10 of Hansard for that day, and rulings by Speaker Wanner, which can be found on page 1599 of Hansard for October 30, 2017, and Speaker Kowalski, on April 16, 2008, which can be found on page 13 of Hansard for that day. All of these rulings indicate that it is inappropriate for parliamentary secretaries to direct questions to the Minister with whom the parliamentary secretary is affiliated. Accordingly, I would ask that parliamentary secretaries refrain from posing questions to their Ministers.

Finally, as we embark on this session, please remember that, in accordance with Standing Order 13(7), Members must be in their assigned seats when speaking or voting.

Members' Statements

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, made a statement regarding the Canada Pension Plan and a proposed Alberta pension plan.

Hon. Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding the accomplishments of the United Conservative Government.

Mr. Haji, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the Israel-Hamas war and its effects on Albertans.

Mr. Boitchenko, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding the work of the Alberta Indigenous Opportunities Corporation to achieve economic reconciliation.

Hon. Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement regarding the effects of several Government polices on affordability and Albertans' health.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the report of the Ethics Commissioner into allegations involving the Premier.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 6 Public Health Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Hon. Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral notice of the intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

> Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize carbon dioxide emissions contribute to a changing climate that has caused unprecedented wildfires, flooding, evacuations, and extreme weather events in Canada and around the world, while at the same time inflation has caused steep increases to household costs for all Canadians from coast to coast to coast, and therefore the Assembly believes the federal government's recent changes to climate policy announced October 26 should be applied to all Canadians, regardless of geography or home heating method, including natural gas.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 3 Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Williams

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

> Copy of lyrics to the song "Feelings"
>
> Sessional Paper 2/2023

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

> Memorandum dated October 26, 2023, from Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Cooper, providing a signed House Leaders' Agreement regarding Oral Question Period and Members' Statements rotations for the Fall 2023 sitting
>
> Sessional Paper 3/2023

> Pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s28(1), Office of the Ethics Commissioner, Province of Alberta, Report of Findings and Recommendations by Hon. Marguerite Trussler, K.C., Ethics Commissioner, into allegations involving Hon. Danielle Smith, Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat, Premier of Alberta
>
> Sessional Paper 4/2023

> Pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s46(2), Office of the Ethics Commissioner of Alberta Annual Report, April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023
>
> Sessional Paper 5/2023

Pursuant to the Ombudsman Act, cO-8, s28, Alberta Ombudsman 2022-2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 6/2023

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Amery, Minister of Justice, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s5(4):

Law Society of Alberta 2022 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 7/2023

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nally, Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction:

Pursuant to the Horse Racing Alberta Act, cH-11.3, s10(2), Horse Racing Alberta Annual Report 2022

Sessional Paper 8/2023

Pursuant to An Act to End Predatory Lending, cE-9.5, s4(2), An Act to End Predatory Lending 2022 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 9/2023

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Pursuant to the Safety Codes Act, cS-1, s25(3), Safety Codes Council 2022 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 10/2023

Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association Annual Report 2022-2023, with attached financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2023

Sessional Paper 11/2023

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nicolaides, Minister of Education, pursuant to the Teaching Profession Act, cT-2, s15(2):

Alberta Teachers' Association 2022 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 12/2023

Motions Under Standing Order 42

Hon. Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

> Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize carbon dioxide emissions contribute to a changing climate that has caused unprecedented wildfires, flooding, evacuations, and extreme weather events in Canada and around the world, while at the same time inflation has caused steep increases to household costs for all Canadians from coast to coast to coast, and therefore the Assembly believes the federal government's recent changes to climate policy announced October 26 should be applied to all Canadians, regardless of geography or home heating method, including natural gas.

Pursuant to Standing Order 42(1.1) and (1.2), Hon. Ms Notley and Hon. Ms Schulz commented on the request for unanimous consent.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

Apology by Member

Hon. Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement apologizing for a disturbance that occurred in the Chamber during the Speech from the Throne on October 30, 2023.

Speaker's Statement – Order and Decorum in the Chamber

Honourable Members, before proceeding to Orders of the Day, I would like to make some remarks about order and decorum in the Chamber.

First, I would like to point out that many Members on both sides of the Assembly were using their phones during the Throne speech yesterday. It is stated very clearly on page 1 of the procedural memo, which I'm sure you all took the opportunity to read on Friday, so you would have been well aware that in the procedural memo, I quote, "Members are reminded that electronic devices are not to be used during this ceremonial occasion."

In addition, there were photos circulating yesterday on social media of Members in the Chamber. Specifically, a photo was tweeted at 3:55, which must have been tweeted during the Throne speech. I can't begin to imagine or comprehend why, after reading the procedural memo, any Member of this Assembly would make such a decision to be disrespectful, not to me but to the institution of this Assembly.

It is noted in the procedural memo, under the section entitled "Electronic Devices in the Chamber," on pages 8 and 9, that "the use of any recording device, camera or pager … is not permitted in the Chamber at any time."

I would also like to remind all Members that they should refrain from interacting on social media while participating in Assembly proceedings. In short, you or members of your team should not be tweeting from your accounts while you are present here in the Assembly.

Honourable Members, let us be mindful of order and decorum generally with respect to how we respect this storied institution and the decisions we make each day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

2. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that the following committees be established for the duration of the Legislature:

A. Five Select Standing Committees for the following purposes:

(1) Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing;
(2) Public Accounts;
(3) Private Bills;
(4) Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund;
(5) Legislative Offices;

B. A Special Standing Committee on Members' Services;

C. Three Legislative Policy Committees for the following purposes:

(1) Standing Committee on Families and Communities;
(2) Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future;
(3) Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

3. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly resolve into Committee of the Whole, when called, to consider certain Bills on the Order Paper.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

4. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly resolve into Committee of Supply, when called, to consider supply to be granted to His Majesty.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

5. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that the following Members be appointed to the Assembly's five Select Standing Committees, one Special Standing Committee, and three Legislative Policy Committees:

Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund (9 Members)

Yao (Chair)	Bouchard	Kasawski
Rowswell (Deputy Chair)	Brar	Kayande
Boitchenko	Hunter	Wiebe

Standing Committee on Legislative Offices (11 Members)

Getson (Chair)	Eremenko	Shepherd
van Dijken (Deputy Chair)	Hunter	Sinclair
Chapman	Long	Vacant
Dyck	Renaud	

Standing Committee on Private Bills (11 Members)

Pitt (Chair)	Deol	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Stephan (Deputy Chair)	Dyck	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Bouchard	Hayter	Vacant
Ceci	Petrovic	

Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing (12 Members)

Yao (Chair)	Cyr	Stephan
Armstrong-Homeniuk (Deputy Chair)	Dach	Wiebe
Arcand-Paul	Gray	Vacant
Ceci	Johnson	Vacant

Standing Committee on Public Accounts (12 Members)

Pancholi (Chair)	Ganley	McDougall
Rowswell (Deputy Chair)	Haji	Schmidt
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Lovely	Vacant
de Jonge	Lunty	Vacant

Special Standing Committee on Members' Services (11 Members)

Cooper (Chair)	Long	Singh
Getson (Deputy Chair)	Phillips	Yao
Eggen	Rowswell	Vacant

Gray	Sabir

Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future (12 Members)

Getson (Chair)	de Jonge	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Loyola (Deputy Chair)	Elmeligi	Yao
Boparai	Hoyle	Vacant
Cyr	Stephan	Vacant

Standing Committee on Families and Communities (12 Members)

Lovely (Chair)	Long	Singh
Goehring (Deputy Chair)	Lunty	Tejada
Batten	Metz	Vacant
Boitchenko	Petrovic	Vacant

Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship (12 Members)

Rowswell (Chair)	Calahoo Stonehouse	Sinclair
Schmidt (Deputy Chair)	Dyck	Sweet
Al-Guneid	Hunter	Vacant
Armstrong-Homeniuk	McDougall	Vacant

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

6. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

A. Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, effective November 30, 2022, be amended as follows:

(a) in Standing Order 7

(i) in suborder (3) by striking out "not exceeding 4 minutes" and substituting "not exceeding 6 minutes", and

(ii) in suborder (4) by striking out "up to 7 Members" and substituting "up to 6 Members";

(b) in Standing Order 52

(i) in suborder (1) by striking out clauses (a) to (e) and substituting the following:

(a) Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing, consisting of 10 Members;

(b) Public Accounts, consisting of 10 Members;

(c) Private Bills, consisting of 10 Members;

(d) Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, consisting of 9 Members;

(e) Legislative Offices, consisting of 10 Members.

(ii) in suborder (2) by striking out "consisting of 11 Members" and substituting "consisting of 10 Members";

(c) in Standing Order 52.01(1)

(i) by striking out "consisting of 12 Members each" and substituting "consisting of 10 Members each", and

(ii) by striking out clauses (a) to (c) and substituting the following:

(a) the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future is mandated to consider areas related to Advanced Education; Agriculture and Irrigation; Arts, Culture and Status of Women; Immigration and Multiculturalism; Infrastructure; Jobs, Economy and Trade; Technology and Innovation; Tourism and Sport;

(b) the Standing Committee on Families and Communities is mandated to consider areas related to Children and Family Services; Education; Health; Justice; Mental Health and Addiction; Public Safety and Emergency Services; Seniors, Community and Social Services; Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction;

(c) the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship is mandated to consider areas related to Affordability and Utilities; Energy and Minerals; Environment and Protected Areas; Forestry and Parks; Indigenous Relations; Municipal Affairs; Transportation and Economic Corridors; Treasury Board and Finance.

B. And be it further resolved that the amendments set out in this motion come into force on passage.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

7. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that

(a) the Public Sector Compensation Transparency Act be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities and the Committee shall be deemed to be the special committee of the Assembly for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive review pursuant to section 14 of that Act,

(b) the Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued, and

(c) in accordance with section 14 of the Public Sector Compensation Transparency Act, the Committee must submit its report to the Assembly within six months after beginning its review and that report is to include any amendments recommended by the Committee.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

8. Moved by Hon. Ms Schulz on behalf of Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of Canada to

(a) acknowledge the negative impact of the federal consumer carbon tax on the cost of living,

(b) recognize that the recent exemption from the consumer carbon tax provided for home heating oil will create inequities amongst Canadians, particularly with respect to those in Alberta who use lower carbon-emitting heating sources for their homes, such as natural gas, and

(c) take all necessary steps required to end the federal consumer carbon tax.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 47

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

Against the motion: 26

Arcand-Paul	Elmeligi	Metz
Batten	Eremenko	Renaud
Brar	Goehring	Sabir
Calahoo Stonehouse	Gray	Schmidt
Ceci	Hayter	Shepherd
Chapman	Irwin	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Dach	Kasawski	Tejada
Eggen	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Ellingson	Loyola	

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Moved by Ms Lovely and seconded by Mr. Lunty:

> That an humble address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:
>
> To Her Honour, the Honourable Salma Lakhani, AOE, B.Sc., LLD (hon), the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:
>
> We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

Dr. Elmeligi moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Williams, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:54 p.m. until Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Marie J. Laing, Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, 1986 to 1993, who passed away on March 24, 2023.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Petrovic, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding Bill 1, Alberta Taxpayer Protection Amendment Act, 2023.

Ms Wright, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding the Canada Pension Plan and a proposed Alberta pension plan.

Hon. Mr. Hunter, Hon. Member for Taber-Warner, made a statement and read a poem regarding the value of farmers.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting affordability.

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the economic and environmental value of propane.

MLA Boparai, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding the 1984 Sikh Genocide.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 4 Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Notice having been given:

Bill 5 Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Horner

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Getson, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Election Act, cE-1, s4(6):

> Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the March 15, 2022, By-election in Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, and the November 8, 2022, By-election in Brooks-Medicine Hat
>
> Sessional Paper 13/2023

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

> Oxford Languages definition of "contravene"
>
> Sessional Paper 14/2023

Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

> 2 pieces of correspondence, one addressed to Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services, and one addressed to Hon. Mr. Neudorf, Minister of Affordability and Utilities, both from Hon. Ms Phillips, concerning the affordability concerns of residents of The View at Lethbridge in the Lethbridge-West constituency
>
> Sessional Paper 15/2023

Report dated March 23, 2022, entitled "Your Pension Is Yours: Protecting Albertans' Retirement," prepared by the Alberta New Democratic Party

Sessional Paper 16/2023

Report dated October 17, 2023, entitled "The Alberta Pension Advantage? A Quantitative Analysis of a Separate Provincial Plan," prepared by Trevor Tombe, University of Calgary

Sessional Paper 17/2023

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 114:

Legislative Assembly Office Annual Report 2022-2023

Sessional Paper 18/2023

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Securities Act, cS-4, s20(2):

Alberta Securities Commission 2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 19/2023

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas, pursuant to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, cE-12, s34(2):

Environmental Protection Security Fund Annual Report, April 1, 2021, to March 31, 2022

Sessional Paper 20/2023

Environmental Protection Security Fund Annual Report, April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023

Sessional Paper 21/2023

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 1 Alberta Taxpayer Protection Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Ms Smith

Hon. Ms Smith moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech
(Day 1)

Moved by Ms Lovely and seconded by Mr. Lunty:

> That an humble address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:
>
> To Her Honour, the Honourable Salma Lakhani, AOE, B.Sc., LLD (hon), the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:
>
> We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

MLA Brar moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:56 p.m. until Thursday, November 2, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 2, 2023

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Frederick A. Stewart, Member for Calgary-North Hill, 1986 to 1993, who passed away on August 11, 2023, and Dr. W.J. David McNeil, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, 1987 to 2016, who passed away on October 20, 2023.

Members' Statements

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement regarding the effects of several Government policies on Albertans' quality of life.

Ms Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie-East, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Dr. W.J. David McNeil, former Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

MLA Brar, Hon. Member for Calgary-North East, made a statement regarding Bill 201, Alberta Health Care Insurance (Access Fees) Amendment Act, 2023.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding Diwali.

MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia, made a statement regarding a lack of Government action to support children.

Hon. MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the need for more Government support for arts and culture in Alberta.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 7 Engineering and Geoscience Professions Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mrs. Sawhney

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given October 31, 2023:

Bill 6 Public Health Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Notice having been given:

Bill 2 Alberta Pension Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 201 Alberta Health Care Insurance (Access Fees) Amendment Act, 2023 — MLA Brar

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

4 pieces of correspondence expressing concern regarding a proposed Alberta pension plan

Sessional Paper 22/2023

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

Calgary Herald article dated October 23, 2023, entitled "Alberta NDP says 30,000 have responded to pension survey, 90% against leaving CPP"

Sessional Paper 23/2023

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Amery, Minister of Justice, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s124(2):

Alberta Law Foundation Financial Statements for the Year Ended March 31, 2023

Sessional Paper 24/2023

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Jones, Minister of Jobs, Economy and Trade, pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act, cW-15, s93(5):

Workers' Compensation Board Alberta 2022 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 25/2023

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 3 Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Williams

A debate followed.

Hon. Ms Schulz moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 2)

Moved by Ms Lovely and seconded by Mr. Lunty:

> That an humble address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:
>
> To Her Honour, the Honourable Salma Lakhani, AOE, B.Sc., LLD (hon), the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:
>
> We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

Hon. Ms Gray moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 1 Alberta Taxpayer Protection Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Ms Smith

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 1 Alberta Taxpayer Protection Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Ms Smith

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Williams, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:02 p.m. until Monday, November 6, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 6, 2023

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Ken Lemke, Member for Stony Plain, 2012 to 2015, who passed away on July 14, 2023.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Ms Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas, made a statement regarding the federal carbon tax and recently announced exemptions on home heating oil.

Hon. Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(8), Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, provided notice to the Assembly that the Daily Routine shall continue beyond 3:00 p.m.

Members' Statements

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding heat pumps and the federal carbon tax.

Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding the Canada Pension Plan and a proposed Alberta pension plan.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement recognizing the achievements of Dr. Robert McKeon.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the recent United Conservative Party annual general meeting.

Mr. Boitchenko, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding Government support for local food banks.

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the opioid crisis.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given November 2, 2023:

Bill 7 Engineering and Geoscience Professions Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mrs. Sawhney

Notice having been given:

Bill 203 Foreign Credential Advisory Committee Act — Mr. Dyck

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Report dated September 29, 2021, entitled "The Process, Advantages and Risks of Heating with Oil," prepared by Enviro Urgence

Sessional Paper 26/2023

Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

E-mail message dated October 31, 2023, from Don and Debbie of Camrose to Hon. Ms Phillips, expressing concern regarding a proposed Alberta pension plan

Sessional Paper 27/2023

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Report, undated, entitled "Fighting Hunger in Edmonton, 2023 Beyond Food Revisited, Client Survey," prepared by Edmonton's Food Bank

Sessional Paper 28/2023

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Special Areas Act, cS-16, s19(2):

Special Areas Trust Account Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2022

Sessional Paper 29/2023

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Ellis, Deputy Premier, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services:

Law Enforcement Review Board 2022 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 30/2023

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 201 Alberta Health Care Insurance (Access Fees) Amendment Act, 2023 — MLA Brar

A debate followed.

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

> Bill 201, Alberta Health Care Insurance (Access Fees) Amendment Act, 2023, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that the Government already has the tools necessary to ensure compliance with the Canada Health Act and maintain a publicly funded healthcare system in Alberta.
>
> Sessional Paper 31/2023

A debate followed on the amendment.

Debate adjourned on the amendment, Mr. Getson speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

501. Moved by Ms Al-Guneid:

> Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to provide certainty to individuals and businesses investing in Alberta by introducing a Bill, the purpose of which is to prevent disruptions to investment as occurred when the Government imposed a moratorium on authorizations for renewable energy projects in August 2023, and that, if enacted, would prohibit the Government from suspending or pausing an application, assessment or approval for a proposed project on the basis that the Government is reviewing existing projects, applications, assessments or approval processes.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 36

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Loyola
Arcand-Paul	Ganley	Metz
Batten	Goehring	Pancholi
Boparai	Gray	Phillips
Brar	Haji	Renaud
Calahoo Stonehouse	Hayter	Sabir
Ceci	Hoffman	Schmidt
Chapman	Hoyle	Shepherd
Dach	Ip	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Deol	Irwin	Sweet
Eggen	Kasawski	Tejada
Ellingson	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

Against the motion: 45

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

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:17 p.m. until Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

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

Members' Statements

Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the impact of Government policies on seniors.

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding the need to remember atrocities of the Second World War.

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, made a statement regarding Bill 5, Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding the cause of forest fires in Alberta.

Mr. Ip, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement regarding the need for more schools to be built within the Edmonton-South West constituency.

MLA Boparai, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding the need for more Government support for local sport and community initiatives.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Wright, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 858 residents of Alberta urging the Government to introduce legislation to amend the Workers' Compensation Act to extend presumptive coverage for workplace injuries related to post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other traumatic mental health injuries to all nurses who hold a practice permit or are registered with a college of a regulated profession under the Health Professions Act.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

> E-mail message dated November 6, 2023, from Mr. Bouchard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, to Hon. Ms Phillips, regarding the United Conservative Party annual general meeting
>
> Sessional Paper 32/2023
>
> 6 pieces of correspondence expressing concern regarding a proposed Alberta pension plan
>
> Sessional Paper 33/2023

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Alberta Politics website article dated March 24, 2023, entitled "You can never believe anything until it's been officially denied: The UCP just denied it wants to privatize health care," relating to comments made by Ms Renaud during Second Reading debate on Bill 201, Alberta Health Care Insurance (Access Fees) Amendment Act, 2023

Sessional Paper 34/2023

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

Report, undated, entitled "Summary of Comments on Waste Management's Thorhild Landfill Re-Zoning Application Binder," prepared by G. Fred Lee

Sessional Paper 35/2023

Town and Country Today website article dated August 9, 2023, entitled "Highway 63 rescue funding extended for one more year"

Sessional Paper 36/2023

CBC News website article dated September 8, 2023, entitled "Alberta government urged to help sustain, restore rural bus service"

Sessional Paper 37/2023

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright:

Document dated October 6, 2023, entitled "National Fire Situation Report," relating to comments made by Mr. Rowswell during his Member's Statement on November 7, 2023

Sessional Paper 38/2023

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow:

CBC News website article dated May 17, 2015, entitled "Rachel Notley's government must review high salaries at agencies, critics say"

Sessional Paper 39/2023

Hon. Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader:

Photographs depicting a series of presentation slides pertaining to the Alberta healthcare system

Sessional Paper 40/2023

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 1 Alberta Taxpayer Protection Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Ms Smith

Third Reading

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

Bill 1 Alberta Taxpayer Protection Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Horner on behalf of Hon. Ms Smith

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 47

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

Against the motion: 35

Al-Guneid	Elmeligi	Loyola
Arcand-Paul	Eremenko	Metz
Batten	Ganley	Pancholi
Boparai	Goehring	Phillips
Brar	Gray	Sabir
Calahoo Stonehouse	Haji	Schmidt
Ceci	Hayter	Shepherd
Chapman	Hoffman	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Dach	Ip	Sweet
Deol	Irwin	Tejada
Eggen	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Ellingson	Kayande	

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 1 Alberta Taxpayer Protection Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Ms Smith

Second Reading

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

Bill 2 Alberta Pension Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

Hon. Mr. Horner moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 4 Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Hon. Mr. Horner moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 5 Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Horner

Hon. Mr. Horner moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 6 Public Health Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Hon. Mr. Amery moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 7 Engineering and Geoscience Professions Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mrs. Sawhney

Hon. Mrs. Sawhney moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 4 Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Hon. Ms Ganley speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

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

Members' Statements

Mr. McDougall, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding Government efforts to improve the healthcare system.

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement regarding National Indigenous Veterans Day.

Mr. Sinclair, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding National Indigenous Veterans Day.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding Government healthcare policies.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding the Canada Pension Plan and a proposed Alberta pension plan.

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, made a statement regarding Hindu Heritage Month.

Tabling Returns and Reports

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

> Canadian Journal of Public Health website article dated November 6, 2023, entitled "Flawed reports can harm: the case of supervised consumption services in Alberta"
>
> Sessional Paper 41/2023

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

Edmonton Journal website article dated November 8, 2023, entitled "Voice of Remembrance"

Sessional Paper 42/2023

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

Letter dated November 3, 2023, from G. Dawn Allan to the editor expressing concern regarding a proposed Alberta pension plan

Sessional Paper 43/2023

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Report dated April 10, 2023, entitled "The Canada Disability Benefit: Battling Ableism in Design and Implementation," prepared by Jennifer Robson and Lindsay M. Tedds

Sessional Paper 44/2023

Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

Letter dated June 30, 2023, from Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services, to Hon. Ms Phillips regarding shelter policies

Sessional Paper 45/2023

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

E-mail message dated November 1, 2023, from Kent Kirkland to Hon. Ms Hoffman expressing concern regarding a proposed Alberta pension plan

Sessional Paper 46/2023

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance:

Pursuant to the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cF-14.7, ss1(2) and 6(1):

Government of Alberta 2023-24 First Quarter Fiscal Update and Economic Statement

Sessional Paper 47/2023

Government of Alberta 2022-23 Final Results Year-end Report

Sessional Paper 48/2023

Pursuant to the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cF-14.7, ss1(2) and 8(1), Government of Alberta Annual Report 2022-2023

Sessional Paper 49/2023

Clerk of the Assembly, on behalf of the Ministers responsible, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cF-14.7, ss9(1) and (3):

On behalf of Hon. Mrs. Sawhney, Minister of Advanced Education, Advanced Education 2022-2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 50/2023

On behalf of Hon. Mr. Neudorf, Minister of Affordability and Utilities, Affordability and Utilities 2022-2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 51/2023

On behalf of Hon. Mr. Sigurdson, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, Agriculture and Irrigation 2022-2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 52/2023

On behalf of Hon. Mr. Turton, Minister of Children and Family Services, Children's Services 2022-2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 53/2023

On behalf of Hon. Ms Fir, Minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women, Culture 2022-2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 54/2023

On behalf of Hon. Mr. Nicolaides, Minister of Education, Education 2022-2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 55/2023

On behalf of Hon. Mr. Jean, Minister of Energy and Minerals, Energy 2022-2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 56/2023

On behalf of Hon. Ms Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas, Environment and Protected Areas 2022-2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 57/2023

On behalf of Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, Executive Council 2022-2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 58/2023

On behalf of Hon. Mr. Loewen, Minister of Forestry and Parks, Forestry, Parks and Tourism 2022-2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 59/2023

On behalf of Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Health, Health 2022-2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 60/2023

On behalf of Hon. Mr. Wilson, Minister of Indigenous Relations, Indigenous Relations 2022-2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 61/2023

On behalf of Hon. Mr. Guthrie, Minister of Infrastructure, Infrastructure 2022-2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 62/2023

On behalf of Hon. Mr. Jones, Minister of Jobs, Economy and Trade, Jobs, Economy and Northern Development 2022-2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 63/2023

On behalf of Hon. Mr. Amery, Minister of Justice, Justice 2022-2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 64/2023

On behalf of Hon. Mr. Williams, Minister of Mental Health and Addiction, Mental Health and Addiction 2022-2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 65/2023

On behalf of Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Municipal Affairs 2022-2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 66/2023

On behalf of Hon. Mr. Ellis, Deputy Premier, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services, Public Safety and Emergency Services 2022-2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 67/2023

On behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services, Seniors, Community and Social Services 2022-2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 68/2023

On behalf of Hon. Mr. Nally, Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction, Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction 2022-2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 69/2023

On behalf of Hon. Mrs. Sawhney, Minister of Advanced Education, Skilled Trades and Professions 2022-2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 70/2023

On behalf of Hon. Mr. Glubish, Minister of Technology and Innovation, Technology and Innovation 2022-2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 71/2023

On behalf of Hon. Mr. Yaseen, Minister of Immigration and Multiculturalism, Trade, Immigration and Multiculturalism 2022-2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 72/2023

On behalf of Hon. Mr. Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, Transportation and Economic Corridors 2022-2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 73/2023

On behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, Treasury Board and Finance 2022-2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 74/2023

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Turton, Minister of Children and Family Services, pursuant to the Protection Against Family Violence Act, cP-27, s19(2):

> Family Violence Death Review Committee 2021-2022 Annual Report
> Sessional Paper 75/2023

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Sigurdson, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation:

> Pursuant to the Farm Implement and Dealership Act, cF-7, sec. 42(2), Farmers' Advocate Office Annual Report 2022-2023
> Sessional Paper 76/2023

> Pursuant to the Agriculture Financial Services Act, cA-12, s15(2), Agriculture Financial Services Corporation 2022-2023 Annual Report
> Sessional Paper 77/2023

> Pursuant to the Livestock Identification and Commerce Act, cL-16.2, s90(3), Livestock Identification Services Limited Report to the Minister and Summary of Activities, April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023
> Sessional Paper 78/2023

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 5)

Moved by Ms Lovely and seconded by Mr. Lunty:

> That an humble address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:
>
> To Her Honour, the Honourable Salma Lakhani, AOE, B.Sc., LLD (hon), the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:
>
> We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

Ms Wright moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 3 Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Williams

A debate followed.

Mr. Singh moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 4 Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 5 Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. Schmidt speaking.

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

Bill 4 Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 9, 2023

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

Members' Statements

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding Remembrance Day.

Mr. Wright, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding Remembrance Day.

Hon. Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the need for families to be able to access life necessities.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to address the recent increase in antisemitism.

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding the healthcare accomplishments of the previous New Democratic Party Government.

MLA Brar, Hon. Member for Calgary-North East, made a statement regarding Diwali and Bandi Chhor Divas.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 8 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Bill 202 Education (Class Size and Composition) Amendment Act, 2023 — Ms Chapman

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Health:

Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta 2022 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 79/2023

Alberta College of Pharmacy 2022-2023 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 80/2023

Alberta Dental Association and College 2022 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 81/2023

Alberta College of Combined Laboratory and X-ray Technologists 2022 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 82/2023

College of Dietitians of Alberta 2022 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 83/2023

College of Physiotherapists of Alberta 2022 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 84/2023

Alberta College of Occupational Therapists 2022-2023 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 85/2023

Alberta College of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists 2022 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 86/2023

Alberta College of Optometrists 2022 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 87/2023

College of Acupuncturists of Alberta 2022-2023 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 88/2023

Pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3), Alberta Health Services 2022-2023 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 89/2023

Pursuant to the Public Health Act, cP-37, s7(2), Hospital Privileges Appeal Board Annual Report 2021 and 2022
Sessional Paper 90/2023

Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Social Workers 2022 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 91/2023

College of Alberta Denturists 2022 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 92/2023

College of Podiatric Physicians of Alberta 2022 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 93/2023

College of Naturopathic Doctors of Alberta 2022 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 94/2023

College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta 2022 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 95/2023

College of Medical Laboratory Technologists of Alberta 2022 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 96/2023

Alberta College of Medical Diagnostic and Therapeutic Technologists 2022 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 97/2023

College of Midwives of Alberta 2022 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 98/2023

College of Dental Technologists of Alberta 2022 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 99/2023

Pursuant to the Health Quality Council of Alberta Act, cH-7.2, s24(2), Health Quality Council of Alberta Annual Report 2022-23
Sessional Paper 100/2023

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington:

CBC News website article dated November 1, 2023, entitled "New bill could change compensation for Alberta public sector executives, non-union staff," relating to comments made by Ms Chapman during Second Reading debate on Bill 5, Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023, on November 8, 2023
Sessional Paper 101/2023

Edmonton Journal website article dated May 19, 2016, entitled "Province introduces legislation to regulate compensation of Alberta government CEOs," relating to comments made by Ms Chapman during Second Reading debate on Bill 5, Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023, on November 8, 2023

Sessional Paper 102/2023

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

Report, undated, entitled "Edmonton's Living Wage Report 2023," prepared by the Edmonton Social Planning Council

Sessional Paper 103/2023

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

3 pieces of correspondence, all addressed to MLA Eremenko, expressing concern regarding primary care physicians charging fees for services

Sessional Paper 104/2023

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 6)

Moved by Ms Lovely and seconded by Mr. Lunty:

That an humble address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To Her Honour, the Honourable Salma Lakhani, AOE, B.Sc., LLD (hon), the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

Mr. Ip moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(6), and on motion by Hon. Mr. Williams, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:11 p.m. until Monday, November 20, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 20, 2023

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Neville S. Roper, Member for Ponoka, 1967 to 1971, who passed away on August 28, 2023.

Members' Statements

Hon. Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement recognizing Women's Entrepreneurship Day.

Hon. Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement recognizing Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Mr. Wiebe, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement regarding a recent decision of the Supreme Court of Canada with respect to federal Bill C-69, the Impact Assessment Act.

MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia, made a statement recognizing National Child Day.

Mr. Lunty, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding Alberta's craft beer brewing industry.

Mr. Haji, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the need for federal and provincial governments to expand settlement and immigration services.

Speaker's Statement – Live Streaming of Oral Question Period

The Speaker made a statement recognizing November 18, 2023, as the 20th anniversary of the first Oral Question Period streamed live on the Internet.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Pitt, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following petition for a Private Bill:

> of Dr. Shawn Flynn, St. Joseph's College, for the St. Joseph's College Amendment Act, 2023

Tabling Returns and Reports

MLA Brar, Hon. Member for Calgary-North East:

Copy of a petition from over 1,000 Albertans expressing opposition to healthcare access fees

Sessional Paper 105/2023

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

CBC News website article dated November 10, 2023, entitled "Alberta considering whether to end photo radar freeze"

Sessional Paper 106/2023

Hon. MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

2 pieces of correspondence, both addressed to Hon. MLA Ceci, expressing concern regarding a proposed Alberta pension plan

Sessional Paper 107/2023

Hon. Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter dated November 8, 2023, from Alberta Seniors, Community and Social Services, to Carol Farquharson of Edmonton, advising that Ms Farquharson is no longer eligible for AISH

Sessional Paper 108/2023

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Sawhney, Minister of Advanced Education:

Pursuant to the Agrology Profession Act, cA-13.5, s4(2), Alberta Institute of Agrologists 2022 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 109/2023

Pursuant to the Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act, cE-11, s12(4), Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta 2022 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 110/2023

Pursuant to the Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act, cE-11, s87(4), Association of Science and Engineering Technology Professionals of Alberta 2022 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 111/2023

Apologies by Members

Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, made a statement apologizing for comments he made in the Chamber on November 20, 2023.

Hon. Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement apologizing for making an inappropriate gesture at the doorway of the Chamber on November 20, 2023.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 201 Alberta Health Care Insurance (Access Fees) Amendment Act, 2023 — MLA Brar

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, on November 6, 2023, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

> Bill 201, Alberta Health Care Insurance (Access Fees) Amendment Act, 2023, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that the Government already has the tools necessary to ensure compliance with the Canada Health Act and maintain a publicly funded healthcare system in Alberta.
>
> Sessional Paper 31/2023

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

For the amendment: 48

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

Against the amendment: 23

Al-Guneid	Haji	Metz
Arcand-Paul	Hayter	Notley
Brar	Hoyle	Pancholi
Calahoo Stonehouse	Ip	Renaud
Ceci	Irwin	Sabir
Chapman	Kasawski	Tejada
Eggen	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eremenko	Loyola	

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

Bill 202 Education (Class Size and Composition) Amendment Act, 2023 — Ms Chapman

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Long speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

502. Moved by MLA Calahoo Stonehouse:

Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, effective November 30, 2022, be amended in Standing Order 6 by adding ", followed by an Indigenous Land Acknowledgement," immediately after "The Speaker shall offer prayers".

A debate followed.

Mr. Sinclair, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, moved that the motion be amended as follows:

(a) by striking out "effective November 30, 2022" and substituting "effective October 31, 2023";

(b) by striking out "Standing Order 6" and substituting "Standing Order 7(1)";

(c) by striking out ", followed by an";

(d) by striking out "Acknowledgement," and substituting "Acknowledgement (First sitting day of each week)";

(e) by striking out "The Speaker shall offer prayers" and substituting "O Canada (First sitting day of each week)".

Sessional Paper 112/2023

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

Debate continued on the motion as amended.

The question being put, the motion as amended was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:55 p.m. until Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Hon. J.A. Denis Herard, Member for Calgary-Egmont, 1993 to 2008, who passed away on September 6, 2023.

Members' Statements

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding healthcare accomplishments of the previous New Democratic Party Government.

Hon. Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement recognizing Holodomor Memorial Day.

Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding the Sherwood Park constituency.

Mr. Bouchard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding Alberta's real estate sector.

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont, made a statement recognizing Family Violence Prevention Month.

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement recognizing National Addictions Awareness Week.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Ms Pitt, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

> In accordance with Standing Order 99, the Standing Committee on Private Bills has reviewed the petition that was presented to the Assembly on November 20, 2023, and I can advise the Assembly that the petition complies with Standing Orders 90 to 94.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill Pr1 St. Joseph's College Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Ms Sigurdson

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

> Report dated 2023, entitled "A Look at Food Security in Edmonton," prepared by Vital Signs and the Edmonton Community Foundation
>
> Sessional Paper 113/2023

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 8)

Moved by Ms Lovely and seconded by Mr. Lunty:

> That an humble address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:
>
> To Her Honour, the Honourable Salma Lakhani, AOE, B.Sc., LLD (hon), the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:
>
> We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

MLA Boparai moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 5 Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

MLA Arcand-Paul moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 3 Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Williams

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 7 Engineering and Geoscience Professions Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mrs. Sawhney

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 2 Alberta Pension Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Ms Hayter speaking.

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 3 Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Williams

Bill 7 Engineering and Geoscience Professions Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mrs. Sawhney

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Wednesday, November 22, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

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

Members' Statements

Ms Al-Guneid, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding Government actions affecting the renewable energy sector.

Ms de Jonge, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore, made a statement regarding a recent federal court ruling respecting Canadian environmental protection legislation.

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement recognizing National Housing Day.

Mr. Dyck, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement regarding the chiropractic health discipline.

Dr. Metz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the recent appointment of Hon. Dr. Lyle Oberg as Executive Board Chair of Alberta Health Services.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given November 21, 2023:

Bill Pr1 St. Joseph's College Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Ms Sigurdson

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Members' Statements.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Johnson, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding the Broncs World Tour Cenotaph Project.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. van Dijken, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Election Act, cE-1, s4(7), and the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, cE-2, s4(2):

Chief Electoral Officer Annual Report 2022-2023

Sessional Paper 114/2023

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

> Calgary Herald website article dated November 21, 2023, entitled "Braid: Manning's email blooper shows growing use of public money for partisan gain"
>
> Sessional Paper 115/2023

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont:

> 2 pieces of correspondence, both addressed to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding a proposed Alberta pension plan, relating to comments made by Ms Hayter during Second Reading debate on Bill 2, Alberta Pension Protection Act, on November 21, 2023
>
> Sessional Paper 116/2023

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 8 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Amery

A debate followed.

Hon. Ms Ganley moved adjournment of the debate, which was defeated.

Debate resumed.

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 28 in order to allow a second motion to adjourn debate to be moved.

Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 3 Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Williams

Bill 4 Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Second Reading

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

Bill 6 Public Health Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Amery

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Ms Chapman speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Thursday, November 23, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 23, 2023

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Ms Fir, Minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women, made a statement regarding the Israel-Hamas war and the need for Albertans to stand against all forms of hate.

Hon. MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to focus on issues facing Albertans.

Mr. Dyck, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement regarding the federal government's 2023 Fall Economic Statement.

Dr. Elmeligi, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, made a statement regarding the need for sustainable environmental management of the eastern slopes.

Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the need for Government to support parental rights.

MLA Tejada, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding the Canada Pension Plan and a proposed Alberta pension plan.

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington, made a statement regarding the priorities of Albertans in the Calgary-Beddington constituency.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 204 Municipal Government (National Urban Parks) Amendment Act, 2023 — Mr. Lunty

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park:

Letter, undated, unaddressed, expressing concern regarding difficulties accessing addiction treatment

Sessional Paper 117/2023

Dr. Elmeligi, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis:

3 maps depicting Alberta's eastern slopes

Sessional Paper 118/2023

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

Document, undated, entitled "the leap manifesto, A Call for Canada Based on Caring for the Earth and One Another"

Sessional Paper 119/2023

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act, cP-39.5, s33(2):

Office of the Public Interest Commissioner 2022-2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 120/2023

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s16(5), and the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s37(4):

Report of Selected Payments to the Members and Former Members of the Legislative Assembly and Persons Directly Associated with Members of the Legislative Assembly for the Year Ended March 31, 2023

Sessional Paper 121/2023

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Wilson, Minister of Indigenous Relations, pursuant to the Metis Settlements Act, cM-14, s211(2):

Metis Settlements Appeal Tribunal Annual Report 2022
Sessional Paper 122/2023

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Jones, Minister of Jobs, Economy and Trade, pursuant to the Northern Alberta Development Council Act, cN-4, s8:

Northern Alberta Development Council 2022-2023 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 123/2023

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech
(Day 10)

Moved by Ms Lovely and seconded by Mr. Lunty:

That an humble address be presented to Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To Her Honour the Honourable Salma Lakhani, AOE, B.Sc., LLD (hon), the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Motions

11. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow on behalf of Hon. Ms Smith:

Be it resolved that the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be engrossed and presented to Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor by such Members of the Assembly as are members of Executive Council.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 4 Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 3 Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Williams

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 3 Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Williams

Bill 4 Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Second Reading

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

Bill 2 Alberta Pension Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Ms Wright speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, November 27, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 27, 2023

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

Members' Statements

Hon. Mr. Hunter, Hon. Member for Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding AgKnow and mental health support for farmers and ranchers.

MLA Calahoo Stonehouse, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the addition of an Indigenous Land Acknowledgement in the Daily Routine.

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement regarding the lack of Government action to address pollution in the Athabasca Delta.

Ms Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie-East, made a statement regarding several volunteer organizations in Airdrie.

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, made a statement regarding inconsistencies in the application of the federal carbon tax.

MLA Brar, Hon. Member for Calgary-North East, made a statement recognizing Gurpurab, the birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, gave oral notice of the following motion:

16. 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 92A of *The Constitution Act, 1867,* the Alberta Legislature has exclusive legislative jurisdiction over, *inter alia,* the development, conservation and management of sites and facilities in Alberta for the generation and production of electrical energy,

   (b) the Government of Canada has proposed the *Clean Electricity Regulations* (the "Federal Initiative") with the intent of bringing them into force in the near future, and may consider amendments before that time,

   (c) the Federal Initiative, by its pith and substance, seeks to regulate the development, conservation and management of electricity sites and facilities in the province for the generation and production of electrical energy,

   (d) the Federal Initiative mandates a set of emissions standards and timelines that are unattainable within the context of Alberta's electricity industry and available energy resources,

   (e) the Federal Initiative is already having an extreme chilling effect on investment in Alberta's electricity generation industry, and further, is slowing investments in emissions reducing technology and projects,

(f) the Supreme Court of Canada recently issued a reference opinion that the *Impact Assessment Act* (Canada) is largely unconstitutional as it is *ultra vires* the federal legislative jurisdiction under section 91 of *The Constitution Act, 1867*, due to the legislative scheme intruding into areas of exclusive provincial legislative jurisdiction outlined in section 92A, which includes, *inter alia,* the development, conservation and management of sites and facilities in Alberta for the generation and production of electrical energy, and

(g) the Government is actively implementing its Emissions Reduction and Energy Development Plan to achieve a carbon neutral power grid and economy by 2050, which is in line with Canada's international commitments, but does not align with the Government of Canada's arbitrary 2035 net-zero electricity grid targets.

2. The Legislative Assembly is of the opinion that

(a) the Federal Initiative is unconstitutional on the basis that it is not directed at a matter falling within section 91 of *The Constitution Act, 1867*, and impermissibly intrudes into an area of exclusive provincial jurisdiction, namely the development, conservation and management of facilities in the province for the generation of electrical energy as set out in section 92A of *The Constitution Act, 1867*,

(b) the Federal Initiative will cause or is anticipated to cause harm as follows:

(i) the Federal Initiative is already having an extreme chilling effect on investment in Alberta's electricity generation industry, and further, is slowing investments in emissions reducing technology and projects;

(ii) the Federal Initiative proposes to mandate a set of emissions standards and timelines that are unattainable within the context of Alberta's electricity market and available energy resources, and as such the implementation of the Federal Initiative in Alberta presents a substantial and material risk to the health and safety of Albertans by

(A) jeopardizing the safety and reliability of the provincial electricity grid and availability of sufficient electrical energy supply which dramatically increases the likelihood of widespread blackouts and brownouts during severe cold and hot weather events stemming from a lack of reliable and dispatchable base load electricity, and

(B) jeopardizing the affordable access to electrical energy, and

(c) the Federal Initiative threatens the economic well-being of Albertans and the economic viability of the Alberta economy by dramatically increasing the cost of access to electrical energy through mandating hundreds of billions of dollars of public and private monies to be spent within an approximate 10-year period in technologies still under development and yet unproven for the required commercial application and grid infrastructure and services.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Lieutenant Governor in Council to consider the following responses to the Federal Initiative:

(a) ensure that the Government and any provincial entity defined in the *Alberta Sovereignty Within a United Canada Act,* to the extent legally permissible, refrain from recognizing the constitutional validity of the Federal Initiative, from enforcing or aiding in the enforcement of the Federal Initiative, or co-operating with the implementation of the Federal Initiative within Alberta in any manner;

(b) in consultation and collaboration with the Alberta Electric System Operator, the Alberta Utilities Commission, the Market Surveillance Administrator, consumers, industry, Indigenous communities, and other relevant stakeholders, develop electrical system reforms necessary to

(i) ensure a safe and reliable provincial electricity grid to guarantee Albertans and Alberta businesses access to reliable electricity at all times,

(ii) ensure access to affordable electricity for Albertans and Alberta businesses,

(iii) work towards a carbon neutral provincial electricity grid in alignment with the Government's Emissions Reduction and Energy Development Plan through incentivizing the advancement of emission reducing technologies and legitimate carbon offsets,

(iv) ensure Alberta's electrical generation, transmission, and distribution systems will accommodate the expected high population and economic growth in Alberta over the coming decades, and

(v) preserve the interests and value of the capital investments made in Alberta's electricity system by private generators, transmitters, and distributors, enabling continued competition for generation, and attracting continued private investment in Alberta's electricity sector

(collectively, the "Provincial Electrical System Objectives");

(c) in consultation and collaboration with the Alberta Electric System Operator, the Alberta Utilities Commission, the Market Surveillance Administrator, consumers, industry, Indigenous communities, and other relevant stakeholders, explore the feasibility and effectiveness of the potential establishment of a provincial Crown corporation for the purpose of achieving and securing the Provincial Electrical System Objectives.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to use all legal means necessary to oppose the implementation and enforcement of the Federal Initiative in Alberta, including launching a legal challenge in the Alberta Courts and to otherwise advance the objectives and initiatives described in this motion.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Getson, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, ss19(1) and 19(5):

Office of the Auditor General of Alberta Results Report for the year ended March 31, 2023

Sessional Paper 124/2023

Hon. MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

E-mail message dated November 22, 2023, from Anne Landry to Calgary City Council, expressing concern regarding housing affordability in Calgary

Sessional Paper 125/2023

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(8), Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, provided notice to the Assembly that the Daily Routine shall continue beyond 3:00 p.m.

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

Calgary Herald website article dated November 4, 2023, entitled "Yedlin: Clean Energy Regulations would carry huge consequences for Alberta"

Sessional Paper 126/2023

Dr. Metz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

E-mail message dated November 8, 2023, from Chad Milroy to Dr. Metz, expressing concern regarding recent Government announcements of changes to be implemented in the healthcare system

Sessional Paper 127/2023

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

> Pursuant to the Child and Youth Advocate Act, cC-11.5, s9.1(5), Office of the Child and Youth Advocate Alberta Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Mandatory Reviews of Child Deaths, for the period dated October 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023
>
> Sessional Paper 128/2023

> Pursuant to the Child and Youth Advocate Act, cC-11.5, s21(2), Office of the Child and Youth Advocate Alberta 2022-2023 Annual Report
>
> Sessional Paper 129/2023

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Fir, Minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women, pursuant to the Alberta Foundation for the Arts Act, cA-19, s14(2):

> Alberta Foundation for the Arts 2022-23 Annual Report
>
> Sessional Paper 130/2023

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 202 Education (Class Size and Composition) Amendment Act, 2023 — Ms Chapman

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 19

Arcand-Paul	Eremenko	Pancholi
Batten	Haji	Schmidt
Boparai	Hayter	Shepherd
Chapman	Ip	Sweet
Eggen	Kasawski	Tejada
Ellingson	Metz	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Elmeligi		

Against the motion: 44

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

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

Bill 203 Foreign Credential Advisory Committee Act — Mr. Dyck

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Hon. Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

503. Moved by Ms Hayter:

> Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider taking the necessary steps to provide universal access to free prescription contraception, including oral hormone pills, contraceptive injections, copper and hormonal intrauterine devices, subdermal implants, and emergency contraception known as Plan B.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 17

Arcand-Paul	Elmeligi	Metz
Batten	Eremenko	Pancholi
Boparai	Haji	Schmidt
Calahoo Stonehouse	Hayter	Sweet
Dach	Hoffman	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eggen	Kasawski	

Against the motion: 46

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:56 p.m. until Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Members Hon. Peter Elzinga, Member for Sherwood Park, 1986 to 1993, who passed away on November 8, 2023, and Donald A. Tannas, Member for Highwood, 1989 to 2004, who passed away on November 26, 2023.

Members' Statements

Mr. Ellingson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement regarding the lack of Government funding for new schools in the Calgary-Foothills constituency.

Ms de Jonge, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore, made a statement regarding the proposed federal clean electricity regulations.

Hon. Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding Bill 5, Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023.

Mr. Sinclair, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding Government actions to improve policing in northern Alberta.

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont, made a statement regarding Motion Other Than a Government Motion 503.

Hon. Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement regarding the Mill Woods Resource Fair.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

> E-mail message dated November 1, 2023, from Sean Kidd to the Edmonton-Glenora constituency office, expressing concern regarding the cost of automobile insurance in Alberta
>
> Sessional Paper 131/2023

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont:

> Report dated June 2015, entitled "Birth Control Has Expanded Opportunity for Women – In Economic Advancement, Educational Attainment, and Health Outcomes," prepared by the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, relating to comments made by Ms Hayter during debate on Motion Other Than a Government Motion 503 on November 27, 2023
>
> Sessional Paper 132/2023

> The New York Times website article dated October 9, 2023, entitled "Claudia Goldin Wins Nobel in Economics for Studying Women in the Work Force," relating to comments made by Ms Hayter during debate on Motion Other Than a Government Motion 503 on November 27, 2023
>
> Sessional Paper 133/2023

> CBC News website article dated November 22, 2023, entitled "Women's health advocates applaud Manitoba's plan to subsidize prescription birth control," relating to comments made by Ms Hayter during debate on Motion Other Than a Government Motion 503 on November 27, 2023
>
> Sessional Paper 134/2023

> Global News website article dated March 8, 2023, entitled "Alberta NDP promise free birth control if elected," relating to comments made by Ms Hayter during debate on Motion Other Than a Government Motion 503 on November 27, 2023
>
> Sessional Paper 135/2023

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

> CBC News website article, undated, entitled "Tidal power turbine owned by bankrupt company washes ashore on Brier Island"
>
> Sessional Paper 136/2023

Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

Letter dated November 7, 2023, from Hon. Ms Phillips to Hon. Mr. Nally, Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction, expressing concern regarding life leases

Sessional Paper 137/2023

2 pieces of correspondence, one dated January 14, 2021, from Chris Spearman, Mayor of Lethbridge, to Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services, and one dated October 11, 2023, from Blaine Hyggen, Mayor of Lethbridge, to Hon. Ms Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas, both expressing concern regarding the impacts of coal mining around the headwaters of the Oldman River

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E-mail message dated November 23, 2023, from Jarom Scott announcing that Tourism Lethbridge has won the Tourism Industry Association of Canada 2023 Culinary Tourism Experience Award

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Hon. Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Report, undated, entitled "AER Third-Party Sampling 2023," prepared by the Alberta Energy Regulator

Sessional Paper 140/2023

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-25, s63(2); the Health Information Act, cH-5, s95(2); and the Personal Information Protection Act, cP-6.5, s44(2):

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Alberta 2022-23 Annual Report

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

16. Oral notice having been given November 27, 2023, moved by Hon. Ms Smith:

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 92A of *The Constitution Act, 1867,* the Alberta Legislature has exclusive legislative jurisdiction over, *inter alia,* the development, conservation and management of sites and facilities in Alberta for the generation and production of electrical energy,

(b) the Government of Canada has proposed the *Clean Electricity Regulations* (the "Federal Initiative") with the intent of bringing them into force in the near future, and may consider amendments before that time,

(c) the Federal Initiative, by its pith and substance, seeks to regulate the development, conservation and management of electricity sites and facilities in the province for the generation and production of electrical energy,

(d) the Federal Initiative mandates a set of emissions standards and timelines that are unattainable within the context of Alberta's electricity industry and available energy resources,

(e) the Federal Initiative is already having an extreme chilling effect on investment in Alberta's electricity generation industry, and further, is slowing investments in emissions reducing technology and projects,

(f) the Supreme Court of Canada recently issued a reference opinion that the *Impact Assessment Act* (Canada) is largely unconstitutional as it is *ultra vires* the federal legislative jurisdiction under section 91 of *The Constitution Act, 1867*, due to the legislative scheme intruding into areas of exclusive provincial legislative jurisdiction outlined in section 92A, which includes, *inter alia,* the development, conservation and management of sites and facilities in Alberta for the generation and production of electrical energy, and

(g) the Government is actively implementing its Emissions Reduction and Energy Development Plan to achieve a carbon neutral power grid and economy by 2050, which is in line with Canada's international commitments, but does not align with the Government of Canada's arbitrary 2035 net-zero electricity grid targets.

2. The Legislative Assembly is of the opinion that

(a) the Federal Initiative is unconstitutional on the basis that it is not directed at a matter falling within section 91 of *The Constitution Act, 1867*, and impermissibly intrudes into an area of exclusive provincial jurisdiction, namely the development, conservation and management of facilities in the province for the generation of electrical energy as set out in section 92A of *The Constitution Act, 1867*,

(b) the Federal Initiative will cause or is anticipated to cause harm as follows:

(i) the Federal Initiative is already having an extreme chilling effect on investment in Alberta's electricity generation industry, and further, is slowing investments in emissions reducing technology and projects;

(ii) the Federal Initiative proposes to mandate a set of emissions standards and timelines that are unattainable within the context of Alberta's electricity market and available energy resources, and as such the implementation of the Federal Initiative in Alberta presents a substantial and material risk to the health and safety of Albertans by

(A) jeopardizing the safety and reliability of the provincial electricity grid and availability of sufficient electrical energy supply which dramatically increases the likelihood of widespread blackouts and brownouts during severe cold and hot weather events stemming from a lack of reliable and dispatchable base load electricity, and

(B) jeopardizing the affordable access to electrical energy, and

(c) the Federal Initiative threatens the economic well-being of Albertans and the economic viability of the Alberta economy by dramatically increasing the cost of access to electrical energy through mandating hundreds of billions of dollars of public and private monies to be spent within an approximate 10-year period in technologies still under development and yet unproven for the required commercial application and grid infrastructure and services.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Lieutenant Governor in Council to consider the following responses to the Federal Initiative:

(a) ensure that the Government and any provincial entity defined in the *Alberta Sovereignty Within a United Canada Act,* to the extent legally permissible, refrain from recognizing the constitutional validity of the Federal Initiative, from enforcing or aiding in the enforcement of the Federal Initiative, or co-operating with the implementation of the Federal Initiative within Alberta in any manner;

(b) in consultation and collaboration with the Alberta Electric System Operator, the Alberta Utilities Commission, the Market Surveillance Administrator, consumers, industry, Indigenous communities, and other relevant stakeholders, develop electrical system reforms necessary to

(i) ensure a safe and reliable provincial electricity grid to guarantee Albertans and Alberta businesses access to reliable electricity at all times,

(ii) ensure access to affordable electricity for Albertans and Alberta businesses,

(iii) work towards a carbon neutral provincial electricity grid in alignment with the Government's Emissions Reduction and Energy Development Plan through incentivizing the advancement of emission reducing technologies and legitimate carbon offsets,

(iv) ensure Alberta's electrical generation, transmission, and distribution systems will accommodate the expected high population and economic growth in Alberta over the coming decades, and

(v) preserve the interests and value of the capital investments made in Alberta's electricity system by private generators, transmitters, and distributors, enabling continued competition for generation, and attracting continued private investment in Alberta's electricity sector

(collectively, the "Provincial Electrical System Objectives");

(c) in consultation and collaboration with the Alberta Electric System Operator, the Alberta Utilities Commission, the Market Surveillance Administrator, consumers, industry, Indigenous communities, and other relevant stakeholders, explore the feasibility and effectiveness of the potential establishment of a provincial Crown corporation for the purpose of achieving and securing the Provincial Electrical System Objectives.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to use all legal means necessary to oppose the implementation and enforcement of the Federal Initiative in Alberta, including launching a legal challenge in the Alberta Courts and to otherwise advance the objectives and initiatives described in this motion.

Hon. Ms Smith moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 2 Alberta Pension Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 2, Alberta Pension Protection Act, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that the Bill, if enacted, would not adequately protect Albertans' pensions.

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A debate followed on the amendment.

Ms Al-Guneid moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

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)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 7 Engineering and Geoscience Professions Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mrs. Sawhney

Mr. Lunty, Acting 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 7 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore) — Adjourned

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Second Reading

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

Bill 5 Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, MLA Eremenko speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Wednesday, November 29, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member A. Stephen Stiles, Member for Olds-Didsbury, 1982 to 1986, who passed away on April 10, 2023.

Members' Statements

Hon. Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding the Dow Canada Path2Zero Project in Fort Saskatchewan.

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the effects of several Government policies on Albertans' quality of life.

Mr. Cyr, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, made a statement regarding Government action to restore a natural gas connection in Riverview.

Ms Al-Guneid, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement recognizing Lebanese Heritage Month.

Mr. Wright, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding collegiate career-training partnerships in the Cypress-Medicine Hat constituency.

Ms Wright, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Cheremosh Ukrainian Dance Company.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Ms Pitt, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

> Standing Committee on Private Bills Final Report, Bill Pr1, St. Joseph's College Amendment Act, 2023, Thirty-First Legislature, First Session, November 2023
> Sessional Paper 144/2023

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to the report.

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations:

> Report dated November 29, 2023, entitled "Drinking water safety: Office of the Chief Scientist," prepared by Jonathan Thompson, Chief Scientist of Alberta
>
> Sessional Paper 145/2023

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

> True North website article dated November 24, 2023, entitled "Alberta's 44 wind farms operated at 0.3% capacity on Wednesday"
>
> Sessional Paper 146/2023

Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park:

> E-mail message dated November 20, 2023, from Peter Strickland to Mr. Kasawski and MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, expressing concern regarding Bill 7, Engineering and Geoscience Professions Amendment Act, 2023
>
> Sessional Paper 147/2023

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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 7 Engineering and Geoscience Professions Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mrs. Sawhney

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Haji, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, on November 28, 2023, that the Bill be amended in section 3, in the proposed section 3.1, by adding the following immediately after subsection (2):

> (3) For greater certainty, an individual, corporation, partnership or other entity referred to in subsection (1) may not engage in the practice of engineering unless they are authorized to do so under this Act.

(4) The Council may request information from an individual, corporation, partnership or other entity referred to in subsection (1) for the purpose of confirming whether they are engaged in the practice of engineering.

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: 12

Ceci	Haji	Metz
Chapman	Hoyle	Phillips
Ellingson	Kasawski	Sabir
Ganley	Kayande	Tejada

Against the amendment: 44

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

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 7 Engineering and Geoscience Professions Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mrs. Sawhney

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 7 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore on November 28, 2023) — Defeated on division

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Second Reading

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

Bill 2 Alberta Pension Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, on November 28, 2023, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

> Bill 2, Alberta Pension Protection Act, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that the Bill, if enacted, would not adequately protect Albertans' pensions.
>
> Sessional Paper 142/2023

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question being put on the motion for Second Reading, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 5 Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, on behalf of Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

> Bill 5, Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.
>
> Sessional Paper 148/2023

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question being immediately put on the motion for Second Reading, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 6 Public Health Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Amery

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 8 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Amery

A debate followed.

Dr. Metz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, on behalf of Hon. Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

> Bill 8, Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.
>
> Sessional Paper 149/2023

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question being immediately put on the motion for Second Reading, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 2 Alberta Pension Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 5 Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 6 Public Health Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Bill 8 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Thursday, November 30, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 30, 2023

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Hon. Peter Elzinga, Member for Sherwood Park, 1986 to 1993, who passed away on November 8, 2023.

Members' Statements

MLA Hoyle, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, made a statement regarding the Government's lack of financial assistance for post-secondary students.

Mr. Dyck, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement regarding the Government's mid-year fiscal update and economic statement.

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to address concerns relating to arrests at a recent protest in support of Palestine.

Mrs. Petrovic, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the current Government's policies affecting rural Albertans in contrast to those of the previous New Democratic Party Government.

Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of former Member Hon. Peter Elzinga.

Dr. Elmeligi, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, made a statement regarding a lack of Government action to reduce wildfire risk in the Banff-Kananaskis constituency.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

> Red Deer Advocate website article, undated, entitled "Rural municipalities call for bigger role in energy project approvals"
>
> Sessional Paper 150/2023

Hon. Mrs. Sawhney, Minister of Advanced Education:

> E-mail message, undated, from the Council of Canadian Innovators to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing support for the recognition of the software engineer professional designation in Alberta
>
> Sessional Paper 151/2023

Hon. Mr. Loewen, Minister of Forestry and Parks:

> Supplemental responses to questions regarding wildfire prevention and mitigation efforts raised by Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, during Oral Question Period on November 29, 2023
>
> Sessional Paper 152/2023

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

> E-mail message dated November 20, 2023, from Linda Lindsay to Mr. Haji, expressing concern regarding a proposed Alberta pension plan
>
> Sessional Paper 153/2023

Dr. Elmeligi, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis:

> 3 pieces of correspondence expressing concern regarding the lack of Government funding for education, relating to comments made by Dr. Elmeligi during Second Reading debate on Bill 202, Education (Class Size and Composition) Amendment Act, 2023, on November 27, 2023
>
> Sessional Paper 154/2023

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows:

> CBC News website article dated December 26, 2022, entitled "Alberta no longer using P3 approach as preferred way to build schools," relating to comments made by Mr. Deol during Oral Question Period on November 29, 2023
>
> Sessional Paper 155/2023

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Amery, Minister of Justice, pursuant to the Public's Right to Know Act, cP-47, s6(1):

> Report on Crime and Justice Statistics 2018/19 to 2022/23
>
> Sessional Paper 156/2023

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nally, Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction, pursuant to the Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act, cG-1, s30(2):

> Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Commission 2022-2023 Annual Report
>
> Sessional Paper 157/2023

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Government Motions

14. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

> Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1) and for the duration of the 2023 Fall Sitting of the First Session of the 31st Legislature, the Assembly shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings for consideration of Government business, unless the Government House Leader notifies the Assembly that there shall be no evening sitting that day by providing notice under Notices of Motions in the Daily Routine or at any time prior to 6 p.m.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Private Bills

Second Reading

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

Bill Pr1 St. Joseph's College Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Ms Sigurdson

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 Pr1 St. Joseph's College Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Ms Sigurdson

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for Committee of Whole this afternoon, including for the first division.

Government Bills and Orders

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 6 Public Health Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, moved that the Bill be amended by striking out section 3.

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

For the amendment: 11

Al-Guneid	Goehring	Shepherd
Brar	Hoffman	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Dach	Ip	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Ellingson	Sabir	

Against the amendment: 43

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

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, moved that the Bill be amended in section 2 as follows:

(a) in the proposed section 29(2.14) by adding “, and a copy of any advice provided to the Lieutenant Governor in Council by the Chief Medical Officer in respect of the making of that order or exemption,” immediately after “the Lieutenant Governor in Council shall provide a copy of the order or exemption”;

(b) by adding the following immediately after the proposed section 29(2.15):

(2.16) If the Minister receives a copy of an order, exemption or advice of the Chief Medical Officer under subsection (2.14), the Minister must immediately publish a copy of that order, exemption or advice of the Chief Medical Officer on the Department's publicly accessible website.

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

For the amendment: 10

Brar	Hoffman	Shepherd
Dach	Ip	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ellingson	Sabir	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Goehring		

Against the amendment: 43

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

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 5 Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 6 Public Health Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Mr. van Dijken, Deputy 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 6 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre) — Defeated on division

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Amendment to Bill 6 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 159/2023

Third Reading

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

Bill 6 Public Health Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Amery

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 6 Public Health Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:29 p.m. until Monday, December 4, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, December 4, 2023

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member David J. Russell, Member for Calgary-Victoria Park, 1967 to 1971, and Member for Calgary-Elbow, 1971 to 1989, who passed away on August 17, 2023, and Quill, service dog to former Member Hon. Mrs. Forsyth and the first service dog to accompany an elected official in the Legislative Assembly.

Members' Statements

Mr. McDougall, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding recent achievements resulting from the Government's economic policies.

Hon. Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement regarding the Canada Pension Plan and a proposed Alberta pension plan.

Ms de Jonge, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore, made a statement regarding federal energy policies affecting Albertans.

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

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding recent achievements as a result of the Government's economic policies.

Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the need for Government to address staffing issues in the continuing care system.

Notices of Motions

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 205 Housing Statutes (Housing Security) Amendment Act, 2023 — MLA Irwin

Pursuant to Government Motion 14, agreed to on November 30, 2023, Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no evening sitting today.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 9 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Schow

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Getson, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act, cP-39.5, s44.1(3):

Records Retention Schedule (Public Interest Commissioner) Order, SCLO No. 01/2023

Sessional Paper 160/2023

Dr. Metz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

6 pieces of correspondence expressing concern regarding healthcare wait times

Sessional Paper 161/2023

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cF-14.7, ss 1(2) and 6(1):

Government of Alberta 2023-24 Mid-Year Fiscal Update and Economic Statement

Sessional Paper 162/2023

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

College of Alberta School Superintendents 2022-2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 163/2023

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 203 Foreign Credential Advisory Committee Act — Mr. Dyck

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 204 Municipal Government (National Urban Parks) Amendment Act, 2023 — Mr. Lunty

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Sinclair speaking.

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

Bill 203 Foreign Credential Advisory Committee Act — Mr. Dyck

Motions Other Than Government Motions

504. Moved by Mr. Deol:

> Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce a Bill that would prohibit the use of public-private partnerships, otherwise known as P3 models, for school construction in Alberta.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:58 p.m. until Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Members Donald A. Tannas, Member for Highwood, 1989 to 2004, who passed away on November 26, 2023, and Peter Knaak, Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, 1979 to 1982, who passed away on September 19, 2023.

Members' Statements

Hon. Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the need for Government to support Albertans struggling financially.

Ms de Jonge, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore, made a statement regarding Government action to support Alberta's education system.

Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding a lack of Government focus on the priorities of Lethbridge residents.

Hon. Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding the value of carrying epinephrine on school buses.

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting seniors.

Mr. Haji, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the Multicultural Health Brokers Cooperative.

Presenting Petitions

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from 1,443 Albertans urging the Government to proclaim in force section 29 of the Mental Health Services Protection Act, which would establish the College of Counselling Therapy of Alberta under the Health Professions Act.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Government Motion 14, agreed to on November 30, 2023, Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no evening sitting today.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given December 4, 2023:

Bill 205 Housing Statutes (Housing Security) Amendment Act, 2023 — MLA Irwin

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

> E-mail message dated October 26, 2023, from Robert Large to Hon. Ms Hoffman, expressing concern regarding a proposed Alberta pension plan
>
> Sessional Paper 164/2023

> E-mail message dated June 22, 2023, from Sadie Fenger to Hon. Ms Hoffman, expressing concern regarding the kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum
>
> Sessional Paper 165/2023

Hon. Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville:

E-mail message dated November 29, 2023, from Alf Conradi, MD, FRCPC, to Hon. Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, expressing support for carrying epinephrine on school buses, relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk during her Member's Statement on December 5, 2023

Sessional Paper 166/2023

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow:

3 pieces of correspondence, all to MLA Kayande, expressing concern regarding a proposed Alberta pension plan

Sessional Paper 167/2023

3 pieces of correspondence, all to MLA Kayande, expressing concern regarding housing affordability

Sessional Paper 168/2023

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

CBC website article dated September 8, 2023, entitled "Alberta government urged to help sustain, restore rural bus service," relating to comments made by Mr. Dach during Oral Question Period on December 5, 2023

Sessional Paper 169/2023

Report, undated, entitled "Alberta Bus Service," prepared by 511 Alberta

Sessional Paper 170/2023

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the duration of the afternoon, including the first division in Committee of the Whole.

Government Motions

9. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that

a) the Personal Information Protection Act be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship and the Committee shall be deemed to be the special committee of the Assembly for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive review pursuant to section 63 of that Act;

b) the Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued; and

c) in accordance with section 63(2) of the Personal Information Protection Act, the Committee must submit its report to the Assembly within 18 months after beginning its review and that report is to include any amendments recommended by the Committee.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

10. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that

(a) a Select Special Conflicts of Interest Act Review Committee of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be appointed to review the Conflicts of Interest Act as provided in section 48 of that Act;

(b) the Committee consists of the following Members:

Getson (Chair)	Ellingson	Ip	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Long (Deputy Chair)	Ganley	Lovely	
Arcand-Paul	Hunter	Rowswell	

(c) the Committee continues despite a prorogation of a session and may, without leave of the Assembly, meet during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued;

(d) reasonable disbursements by the Committee for advertising, staff assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel, and other expenditures necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities shall be paid, subject to the approval of the Chair;

(e) in carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee may utilize the services of employees of the Legislative Assembly Office or, with the concurrence of the head of a department or an Officer of the Legislature, utilize the services of employees of the public service employed in that department or office;

(f) the Committee must submit its report to the Assembly, including any amendments to the Act recommended by the Committee, one year after commencing its review;

(g) if the Assembly is not sitting at the time the report of the Committee is completed, the Chair of the Committee may release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk in accordance with Standing Order 38.1 and forwarding a copy to each Member of the Legislative Assembly.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

12. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly approve the continuation of the following enactments:

(a) Section 2 of the Rural Electrification Long-term Financing Act;
(b) Sections 3 and 36 of the Rural Electrification Loan Act; and
(c) Sections 32 and 33 of the Rural Utilities Act.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

13. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that pursuant to section 3 of the Statutes Repeal Act, SA 2013, cS 19.3, the following statutes, appearing on the list of statutes to be repealed, which was tabled in the Assembly by the Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of the Minister of Justice on March 8, 2023 (Sessional Paper 96/2022-23), not be repealed:

1. An Act to Strengthen Municipal Government (2017 c13) s.1(4), (39) to (41);
2. Missing Persons (Silver Alert) Amendment Act, 2017 (2017 c23).

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

15. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that:

(a) a Select Special Ethics Commissioner and Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee of the Legislative Assembly be appointed for the purpose of inviting applications for the positions of Ethics Commissioner and Chief Electoral Officer, and to recommend to the Assembly the applicants it considers most suitable to each position;

(b) the Committee consists of the following Members:

Yao (Chair)	Irwin	Stephan
van Dijken (Deputy Chair)	Petrovic	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Dach	Pitt	
Dyck	Sabir	

(c) reasonable disbursements by the Committee for advertising, staff assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel, and other expenditures necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities shall be paid, subject to the approval of the Chair;

(d) in carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee may, with the concurrence of the head of the department, utilize the services of members of the public service employed in that department, and of the staff employed by the Assembly;

(e) the Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued;

(f) when its work has been completed, the Committee shall report to the Assembly if it is sitting; during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued, the Committee may release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk and forwarding a copy to each Member of the Assembly.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

17. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the 2023 Fall Sitting of the Assembly shall stand adjourned upon the Government House Leader advising the Assembly that the business for the Sitting is concluded.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

18. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that

(a) the 2022-2023 Annual Report of the Child and Youth Advocate be referred to the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices for review;

(b) the Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued;

(c) in accordance with section 21(4) of the Child and Youth Advocate Act, the Committee shall report back to the Assembly within 90 days of the report being referred to it if the Assembly is then sitting or, if it is not then sitting, within 15 days after the commencement of the next sitting.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders / Private Bills

Second Reading

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

Bill 9 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Schow

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 9 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Schow

Third Reading

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

Bill 7 Engineering and Geoscience Professions Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mrs. Sawhney

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 5 Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Hon. Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

> Bill 5, Public Sector Employers Amendment Act. 2023, be not now read a Third time but that it be recommitted to the Committee of the Whole for the purpose of reconsidering sections 2 and 5.
>
> Sessional Paper 171/2023

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 7 Engineering and Geoscience Professions Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mrs. Sawhney

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 8 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, moved that the Bill be amended in section 1 by striking out subsections (2), (3), (6), (7) and (8).

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

For the amendment: 29

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Metz
Batten	Ganley	Pancholi
Boparai	Goehring	Phillips
Brar	Gray	Renaud
Chapman	Haji	Sabir
Dach	Hayter	Schmidt
Deol	Hoffman	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eggen	Ip	Tejada
Ellingson	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Elmeligi	Kayande	

Against the amendment: 44

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

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, moved that the Bill be amended in section 1(2), in the proposed section 7(3), by striking out clause (b) and substituting the following:

(b) in the case of a ticket or invitation to an event, if the ticket or invitation

(i) is accepted by the Member or the Member's spouse or adult interdependent partner or minor child in accordance with the regulations, and

(ii) is not one of the following:

(A) a ticket or invitation to attend a game of the National Hockey League or the Canadian Football League;

(B) a ticket or invitation to a concert with a maximum attendance that exceeds 10,000 persons.

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

For the amendment: 29

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Metz
Batten	Ganley	Pancholi
Boparai	Goehring	Phillips
Brar	Gray	Renaud
Chapman	Haji	Sabir
Dach	Hayter	Schmidt
Deol	Hoffman	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eggen	Ip	Tejada
Ellingson	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Elmeligi	Kayande	

Against the amendment: 44

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

Sections 2 and 5 of the following recommitted Bill were taken under consideration:

Bill 5 Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Horner

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, moved that the Bill be amended in section 5

(a) in the proposed section 3.3, by striking out subsection (4), and

(b) in the proposed section 3.4, by striking out subsection (9).

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: 29

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Metz
Batten	Ganley	Pancholi
Boparai	Goehring	Phillips
Brar	Gray	Renaud
Chapman	Haji	Sabir
Dach	Hayter	Schmidt
Deol	Hoffman	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eggen	Ip	Tejada
Ellingson	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Elmeligi	Kayande	

Against the amendment: 44

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

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 2 Alberta Pension Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

(a) in section 2

(i) in subsection (1) by adding "Subject to subsection (1.1)," immediately before "The Lieutenant Governor in Council may order";

(ii) by adding the following immediately after subsection (1):

(1.1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may not make an order under subsection (1) with respect to the establishment and operation of a provincial pension plan unless the following conditions are first met:

(a) the Minister of Finance conducts an actuarial study of the proposed provincial plan;

(b) the Minister of Finance prepares a report that includes

(i) a detailed description of the proposed provincial plan,

(ii) a summary of all information and studies the Government has conducted and received in respect of that proposed plan, and

(iii) a copy of the results of the actuarial study conducted under clause (a);

(c) the information set out in clauses (b)(ii) and (iii) demonstrates that the provincial pension plan will provide benefits that are the same as or better than the benefits provided under the Canada Pension Plan (Canada) for a period of at least 78 years from the date the provincial pension plan is established;

(d) the Minister of Finance lays a copy of the report prepared under clause (b) before the Legislative Assembly if it is sitting or, if it is not sitting, within 15 days after the commencement of the next sitting.

(b) by striking out section 5;

(c) by striking out section 8 and substituting the following:

Same or better benefits
8 The provincial pension plan shall provide benefits that are the same as or better than the benefits provided under the Canada Pension Plan (Canada).

(d) by striking out section 9 and substituting the following:

Same contributions rates
9 Contribution rates under the provincial pension plan shall be the same or lower than the contribution rates under the Canada Pension Plan (Canada).

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: 29

Al-Guneid	Elmeligi	Metz
Batten	Eremenko	Pancholi
Boparai	Goehring	Phillips
Brar	Gray	Renaud
Ceci	Haji	Sabir
Chapman	Hayter	Schmidt
Dach	Ip	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Deol	Irwin	Tejada
Eggen	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Ellingson	Kayande	

Against the amendment: 43

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

Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, moved that the Bill be amended in section 2, as follows:

(a) in subsection (3) by striking out clause (a) and substituting the following:

(a) the question or questions, determined in accordance with subsection (4), that are to put to the electors,

(b) by adding the following immediately after subsection (3):

(4) The question or questions to be put to the electors at a referendum ordered under subsection (1) must be determined by a resolution of the Legislative Assembly on the motion of a member of the Executive Council.

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: 29

Al-Guneid	Elmeligi	Metz
Batten	Eremenko	Pancholi
Boparai	Goehring	Phillips
Brar	Gray	Renaud
Ceci	Haji	Sabir
Chapman	Hayter	Schmidt
Dach	Ip	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Deol	Irwin	Tejada
Eggen	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Ellingson	Kayande	

Against the amendment: 43

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

Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

(a) by striking out section 1 and substituting the following:

Definitions

1 In this Act,

(a) "Chief Electoral Officer" means the Chief Electoral Officer appointed under section 3 of the Election Act;

(b) "provincial pension plan" has the same meaning as in subsection 3(1) of the Canada Pension Plan (Canada).

(b) by adding the following immediately after section 4:

Duties of Chief Electoral Officer

4.1(1) If a referendum is ordered under section 2, the Chief Electoral Officer must provide the public with impartial information in respect of the referendum and the referendum procedure, including the following:

(a) information about the referendum question or questions that are to be put to the electors;

(b) information about the potential impacts if the majority of ballots are validly cast at the referendum vote the same way on a question stated;

(c) whether the results of the referendum are binding;

(d) information about the referendum procedure.

(2) In providing information under subsection (1), the Chief Electoral Officer must provide information in a manner that ensures the accessibility of that information to

(a) those persons and groups most likely to experience difficulties in exercising their democratic rights, and

(b) students who have reached voting age or will soon do so, by making the information available to the board of school divisions and to persons responsible for the operation of a private school or operators of a charter school for distribution to their students, including how to participate in the referendum vote.

(3) For the purpose of subsection (2)(b), "charter school", "private school" and "board" have the same meaning as in the Education Act.

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

For the amendment: 29

Al-Guneid	Elmeligi	Metz
Batten	Eremenko	Pancholi
Boparai	Goehring	Phillips
Brar	Gray	Renaud
Ceci	Haji	Sabir
Chapman	Hayter	Schmidt
Dach	Ip	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Deol	Irwin	Tejada
Eggen	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Ellingson	Kayande	

Against the amendment: 43

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

Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

(a) by striking out section 1 and substituting the following:

Definitions

1 In this Act,

(a) "Auditor General" has the same meaning as in the Auditor General Act;

(b) "department" has the same meaning as in the Financial Administration Act;

(c) "provincial pension plan" has the same meaning as in subsection 3(1) of the Canada Pension Plan (Canada);

(d) "'public money" has the same meaning as in the Financial Administration Act.

(b) by adding the following immediately after section 4:

Audit before referendum vote

4.1(1) The Auditor General must report to the Legislative Assembly with respect to the amount and nature of the expenditure of public money by a department in connection with each referendum ordered under section 2.

(2) The Auditor General must provide the report under subsection (1) to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly within 60 days after the date of the referendum vote, and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly must table a copy of the report in the Legislative Assembly as soon as possible after receiving it if the Legislative Assembly is then sitting or, if it is not, within 15 days after the start of the next sitting.

(3) If the Legislative Assembly is not sitting when the Auditor General provides a report to the Speaker under subsection (2), the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly must make copies of the report available to the public.

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

For the amendment: 30

Al-Guneid	Elmeligi	Kayande
Batten	Eremenko	Metz
Boparai	Ganley	Pancholi
Brar	Goehring	Phillips
Ceci	Gray	Renaud
Chapman	Haji	Sabir
Dach	Hayter	Schmidt
Deol	Ip	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eggen	Irwin	Tejada
Ellingson	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

Against the amendment: 43

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

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill Pr1 St. Joseph's College Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Ms Sigurdson

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 2 Alberta Pension Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 8 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Progress was reported on sections 2 and 5 of the following recommitted Bill:

Bill 5 Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Horner

Mr. van Dijken, Deputy 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 Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) — Defeated on division

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Amendment to Bill 8 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) — Defeated on division

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Amendment to Bill 5 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 174/2023

Amendment to Bill 5 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 175/2023

Amendment to Bill 2 (A1) (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 176/2023

Amendment to Bill 2 (A2) (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 177/2023

Amendment to Bill 2 (A3) (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 178/2023

Amendment to Bill 2 (A4) (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 179/2023

Third Reading

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

Bill Pr1 St. Joseph's College Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Ms Sigurdson

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill Pr1 St. Joseph's College Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Ms Sigurdson

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Williams, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:57 p.m. until Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Hon. Greg Stevens, Member for Banff-Cochrane, 1979 to 1989, who passed away on October 24, 2023.

Members' Statements

Ms Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie-East, made a statement regarding the anniversary of the École Polytechnique massacre and gender-based violence.

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding Government priorities during the 2023 Fall Sitting in contrast to those of the New Democratic Party.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement and read a poem regarding Government accomplishments during the past year.

MLA Tejada, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting front-line healthcare workers.

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Irma Gray.

Hon. MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the need for more Government support for arts and culture in Alberta.

Presenting Petitions

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 101 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation to amend the Workers' Compensation Act to extend presumptive coverage for workplace injuries related to post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other traumatic mental health injuries to all nurses who hold a practice permit or are registered with a college of a regulated profession under the Health Professions Act.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Sigurdson, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, pursuant to the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, cM-4, s14(2):

Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council Annual Report 2022-2023
Sessional Paper 180/2023

Hon. Mr. Williams, Minister of Mental Health and Addiction:

3 website articles containing the phrase "suck and blow"
Sessional Paper 181/2023

6 social media posts containing the phrase "suck and blow"
Sessional Paper 182/2023

Edmonton Journal website article dated June 11, 2021, entitled "NDP calls for safe supply of drugs, other actions to curb Alberta's overdose crisis"
Sessional Paper 183/2023

15 social media posts containing the phrase "safe supply"
Sessional Paper 184/2023

Hon. Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader:

National Post website article dated March 13, 2014, entitled " 'Suck and blow every day': Appalled by Alberta's 'disrespectful' MLAs, school swears off legislature visits," relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Gray in the Assembly on December 5, 2023

Sessional Paper 185/2023

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

Lyrics to the song "Let's Call the Whole Thing Off"

Sessional Paper 186/2023

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud:

5 pieces of correspondence from Rick Pollard expressing concern regarding a proposed Alberta pension plan, relating to comments made by Ms Pancholi during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 2, Alberta Pension Protection Act, on December 5, 2023

Sessional Paper 187/2023

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

Letter dated May 24, 2016, from Hon. Margaret McCuaig-Boyd, Minister of Energy, to Jim Ellis, President and Chief Executive Officer of Alberta Energy Regulator, regarding surface coal mine applications on coal category 2 land

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Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Wilson, Minister of Indigenous Relations:

Premier's Council on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two Spirit Plus People 2022-2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 189/2023

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services, pursuant to the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Act, cP-21, s7(2):

Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities 2022-2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 190/2023

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the duration of the afternoon, including the first division in Committee of the Whole.

Government Motions

19. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

> Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 2, Alberta Pension Protection Act, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Schow and Hon. Mr. Sabir commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 43

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

Against the motion: 20

Batten	Elmeligi	Metz
Boparai	Eremenko	Phillips
Brar	Hayter	Renaud
Ceci	Hoyle	Sabir
Chapman	Ip	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Deol	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Ellingson	Loyola	

20. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

> Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 8, Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Schow and Hon. Mr. Sabir commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 45

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

Against the motion: 19

Batten	Elmeligi	Metz
Boparai	Hayter	Phillips
Brar	Hoyle	Renaud
Ceci	Ip	Sabir
Chapman	Kayande	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Deol	Loyola	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Ellingson		

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 8 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, moved that the Bill be amended in section 1 as follows:

(a) by striking out subsection (3) and substituting the following:

(3) Section 12(e) is amended by striking out "having a value greater than $100";

(b) in subsection (7), in the proposed section 47.1, by striking out clause (e).

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

For the amendment: 20

Batten	Elmeligi	Metz
Boparai	Hayter	Phillips
Brar	Hoyle	Renaud
Ceci	Ip	Sabir
Chapman	Kasawski	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Deol	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Ellingson	Loyola	

Against the amendment: 44

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

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, moved that the Bill be amended in section 1 by striking out subsection (7) and substituting the following:

(7) The following is added after the heading to Part 8:

Regulations
47.1 Subject to section 47.2, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations

(a) defining any term or phrase used in section 7 but not defined in section 1;

(b) prescribing the amount referred to in section 7(3)(a);

(c) respecting the acceptance of tickets and invitations to events referred to in section 7(3)(b);

(d) respecting the acceptance of waivers, payments and reimbursements referred to in section 7(3)(c);

(e) prescribing the amount referred to in section 12(e).

Report on regulations
47.2(1) Within 3 months of the coming into force of this section and every 5 years after that, the Ethics Commissioner shall provide a report to the Speaker with recommendations in respect of the making or amending of regulations under section 47.1(b) to (e).

(2) The Speaker shall lay the report before the Legislative Assembly if it is then sitting or, if it is not then sitting, within 15 days after the commencement of the next sitting.

Pursuant to Government Motion 20, agreed to on December 6, 2023, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:22 p.m. the question was immediately put on amendment A4 to Bill 8, Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023, which was defeated on the voice vote. With Ms. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 21

Batten	Elmeligi	Loyola
Boparai	Eremenko	Metz
Brar	Hayter	Phillips
Ceci	Hoyle	Renaud
Chapman	Ip	Sabir
Deol	Kasawski	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ellingson	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

Against the amendment: 44

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

Pursuant to Government Motion 20, agreed to on December 6, 2023, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:27 p.m. the question was immediately put on the clauses of Bill 8, Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 20, agreed to on December 6, 2023, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:27 p.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble of Bill 8, Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 20, agreed to on December 6, 2023, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:27 p.m. the question was immediately put that Bill 8, Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023, be reported, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 2 Alberta Pension Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

(a) by striking out section 1 and substituting the following:

Definitions
1 In this Act,

(a) "Canada Pension Plan" means the comprehensive program of benefits payable to, and in respect of, contributors under the Canada Pension Plan (Canada);

(b) "provincial pension plan" has the same meaning as in subsection 3(1) of the Canada Pension Plan (Canada).

(b) in section 2

(i) by striking out subsection (2) and substituting the following:

(2) A member of the Executive Council must not. on behalf of the Government of Alberta, provide the written notice referred to in subsection 3(1)(b) of the Canada Pension Plan (Canada) with respect to the establishment and operation of a provincial pension plan unless the following conditions have been met:

(a) a referendum is first ordered under subsection (1) and held in accordance with this Act with respect to the establishment and operation of a provincial pension plan;

(b) the question or questions specified in the order must clearly ask the electors whether they support Alberta's withdrawal from the Canada Pension Plan;

(c) a majority of the ballots validly cast at the referendum must vote in support of Alberta's withdrawal from the Canada Pension Plan.

(2.1) For the purpose of subsection (2)(c), a majority of ballots cannot result from a question or questions that envisage other possibilities in addition to Alberta's withdrawal from the Canada Pension Plan that obscures the direct expression of the will of Albertans.

(ii) in subsection (3) by striking out clause (c) and substituting the following:

(c) that the results of the referendum are to be binding, and

(c) by striking out section 3 and substituting the following:

Referendum binding

3 If a majority of the ballots validly cast at a referendum ordered under section 2 vote the same way on a question stated, the result is binding on the government that initiated the referendum and that government must take, as soon as practicable. any steps within the competence of the Government of Alberta that it considers necessary or advisable to implement the result.

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

For the amendment: 31

Batten	Goehring	Metz
Boparai	Gray	Notley
Brar	Haji	Pancholi
Ceci	Hayter	Phillips
Chapman	Hoffman	Renaud
Dach	Hoyle	Sabir
Deol	Ip	Shepherd
Eggen	Kasawski	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ellingson	Kayande	Tejada
Elmeligi	Loyola	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eremenko		

Against the amendment: 44

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

Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, moved that the Bill be amended

(a) by renumbering section 7 as section 7(1), and

(b) by adding the following immediately after subsection (1):

(2) No amount or assets held by the provincial pension plan, including an amount or asset acquired in respect of contributions made by a member of the provincial pension plan, shall be used for any purpose other than the operation of the provincial pension plan.

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

For the amendment: 32

Batten	Goehring	Metz
Boparai	Gray	Notley
Brar	Haji	Pancholi
Ceci	Hayter	Phillips
Chapman	Hoffman	Renaud
Dach	Hoyle	Sabir
Deol	Ip	Shepherd
Eggen	Irwin	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ellingson	Kasawski	Tejada
Elmeligi	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eremenko	Loyola	

Against the amendment: 44

Amery	Jean	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Johnson	Schow
Boitchenko	Jones	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Bouchard	LaGrange	Sinclair
Cyr	Loewen	Singh
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Dreeshen	Lovely	Turton
Dyck	Lunty	van Dijken
Ellis	McDougall	Wiebe
Fir	McIver	Williams
Getson	Nally	Wilson
Glubish	Neudorf	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Guthrie	Nicolaides	Yao
Horner	Petrovic	Yaseen
Hunter	Rowswell	

Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, moved that the Bill be amended in section 4 by adding the following immediately after subsection (3):

> (4) For greater certainty, the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act applies to every referendum held under this Act, irrespective of whether the referendum is held in conjunction with a general election under the Election Act, separately on the date provided for in an order made under section 2 or in conjunction with the general elections under the Local Authorities Act.
>
> (5) If a third party applies under section 9.1 of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act to be registered in connection with a referendum for a provincial pension plan, the third party must advise the Chief Electoral Officer, with respect to each question put to the electors, whether
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> (a) they are in support,

(b) they are not in support, or

(c) they take no position.

(6) The Chief Electoral Officer must publish a list of each third party registered in connection with a referendum for a provincial pension plan, and the information required to be provided under subsection (5) in respect of the third party, on the Chief Electoral Officer's public website.

Pursuant to Government Motion 19, agreed to on December 6, 2023, and Standing Order 21(1), at 5:28 p.m. the question was immediately put on amendment A7 to Bill 2, Alberta Pension Protection Act, which was defeated on the voice vote. With Ms. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 29

Batten	Goehring	Metz
Boparai	Gray	Notley
Brar	Haji	Pancholi
Ceci	Hayter	Renaud
Dach	Hoffman	Sabir
Deol	Hoyle	Shepherd
Eggen	Ip	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ellingson	Irwin	Tejada
Elmeligi	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eremenko	Loyola	

Against the amendment: 44

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

Pursuant to Government Motion 19, agreed to on December 6, 2023, and Standing Order 21(1), at 5:33 p.m. the question was immediately put on the clauses of Bill 2, Alberta Pension Protection Act, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 19, agreed to on December 6, 2023, and Standing Order 21(1), at 5:33 p.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble of Bill 2, Alberta Pension Protection Act, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 19, agreed to on December 6, 2023, and Standing Order 21(1), at 5:33 p.m. the question was immediately put that Bill 2, Alberta Pension Protection Act, be reported, which was agreed to.

Sections 2 and 5 of the following recommitted Bill were taken under consideration:

Bill 5 Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Horner

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, moved that the Bill be amended in section 5, as follows:

(a) in the proposed section 3.1, by adding the following immediately after subsection (4):

(5) An order made by the Minister to establish public sector compensation policies under subsection (1) is not considered to be a directive issued by the Minister for the purpose of section 4.

(6) On making an order under subsection (1), the Minister must, as soon as practicable, make the order publicly available.

(b) in the proposed section 3.2, by adding the following immediately after subsection (6):

(7) A compensation plan approved under this section is not considered to be information provided to the Minister for the purpose of section 4(2).

(8) On approving a compensation plan under this section, the Minister must, as soon as practicable, make the compensation plan publicly available.

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

For the amendment: 28

Batten	Goehring	Loyola
Boparai	Gray	Metz
Brar	Haji	Notley
Ceci	Hayter	Renaud
Dach	Hoffman	Sabir
Deol	Hoyle	Shepherd
Eggen	Ip	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ellingson	Irwin	Tejada
Elmeligi	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eremenko		

Against the amendment: 43

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

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(4), the Committee recessed at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 2 Alberta Pension Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 8 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Bill 9 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Schow

Progress was reported on sections 2 and 5 of the following recommitted Bill:

Bill 5 Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Horner

Mr. van Dijken, Deputy 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 (A3) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) — Defeated on division

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Amendment to Bill 8 (A4) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) — Defeated on division

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Amendment to Bill 2 (A5) (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West) — Defeated on division

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Amendment to Bill 2 (A6) (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 194/2023

Amendment to Bill 2 (A7) (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 195/2023

Amendment to Bill 5 (A3) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 196/2023

Amendment to Bill 5 (A4) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 197/2023

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the duration of the evening, including the first division in Committee of the Whole.

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)

Sections 2 and 5 of the following recommitted Bill were taken under consideration:

Bill 5 Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Horner

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, on December 6, 2023, that the Bill be amended in section 5 as follows:

(a) in the proposed sections 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5 by striking out "the Minister, by order, may" wherever it occurs and substituting "Subject to section 3.51, the Minister, by order, may";

(b) by adding the following immediately after section 3.5:

Consultation on proposed terms of order
3.51(1) The Minister may make an order under section 3.3, 3.4 or 3.5 only if the Minister conducts a public consultation in accordance with subsection (2).

(2) The Minister must, before making an order, do the following:

(a) for a period of at least 30 days

(i) publish on the website of the Department administered by the Minister a description of the order's proposed terms, and

(ii) provide a reasonable opportunity for members of the public to make written submissions to the Minister on the order's proposed terms;

(b) within 30 days of the last day of the period referred to in clause (a), publish on the website referred to in that clause a document summarizing the submissions received from members of the public on the order's proposed terms;

(c) consider the submissions received from members of the public on the order's proposed terms.

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

For the amendment: 32

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Kayande
Batten	Ganley	Loyola
Boparai	Goehring	Metz
Brar	Gray	Pancholi
Ceci	Haji	Phillips
Chapman	Hayter	Renaud
Dach	Hoffman	Shepherd
Deol	Hoyle	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eggen	Ip	Tejada
Ellingson	Irwin	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Elmeligi	Kasawski	

Against the amendment: 44

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

The question was put on the recommitted sections 2 and 5 of Bill 5, Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023, which was agreed to on the voice vote. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 44

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

Against the motion: 33

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Kayande
Batten	Ganley	Loyola
Boparai	Goehring	Metz
Brar	Gray	Pancholi
Ceci	Haji	Phillips
Chapman	Hayter	Renaud
Dach	Hoffman	Sabir
Deol	Hoyle	Shepherd
Eggen	Ip	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ellingson	Irwin	Tejada
Elmeligi	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Sections 2 and 5 of the following recommitted Bill were reported with some amendments:

Bill 5 Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Horner

Mr. van Dijken, Deputy 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 5 (A4) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow on December 6, 2023) — Defeated on division

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Third Reading

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

Bill 8 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Hon. Mr. Amery moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 5 Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Horner

Hon. Mr. Horner moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 2 Alberta Pension Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

Hon. Mr. Horner moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Motions

21. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

> Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 2, Alberta Pension Protection Act, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Schow and Hon. Ms Gray commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 45

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

Against the motion: 32

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Loyola
Batten	Ganley	Metz
Boparai	Goehring	Pancholi
Brar	Gray	Phillips
Ceci	Haji	Renaud
Chapman	Hoffman	Sabir
Dach	Hoyle	Shepherd
Deol	Ip	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eggen	Irwin	Tejada
Ellingson	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Elmeligi	Kayande	

22. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 5, Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Schow and Hon. Mr. Eggen commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 45

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

Against the motion: 31

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Metz
Batten	Goehring	Notley
Boparai	Haji	Pancholi
Brar	Hoffman	Phillips
Ceci	Hoyle	Renaud
Chapman	Ip	Sabir
Dach	Irwin	Shepherd
Deol	Kasawski	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eggen	Kayande	Tejada
Ellingson	Loyola	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Elmeligi		

23. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

> Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 8, Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Schow and Hon. Mr. Sabir commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 45

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

Against the motion: 31

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Metz
Batten	Goehring	Notley
Boparai	Haji	Pancholi
Brar	Hoffman	Phillips
Ceci	Hoyle	Renaud
Chapman	Ip	Sabir
Dach	Irwin	Shepherd
Deol	Kasawski	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eggen	Kayande	Tejada
Ellingson	Loyola	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Elmeligi		

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 8 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Amery

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

> Bill 8, Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023, be not now read a Third time because the Assembly is of the view that it is not in the public interest to permit the Lieutenant Governor in Council to increase the value below which gifts accepted by Members of the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council do not need to be included in a disclosure statement filed with the Ethics Commissioner.
>
> Sessional Paper 198/2023

A debate followed on the amendment.

Pursuant to Government Motion 23, agreed to on December 6, 2023, and Standing Order 21(1), at 9:29 p.m. the question was immediately put on the amendment to the motion for Third Reading of Bill 8, Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023, which was defeated on the voice vote. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 33

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Kayande
Batten	Ganley	Loyola
Boparai	Goehring	Metz
Brar	Gray	Pancholi
Ceci	Haji	Phillips
Chapman	Hayter	Renaud
Dach	Hoffman	Sabir
Deol	Hoyle	Shepherd
Eggen	Ip	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ellingson	Irwin	Tejada
Elmeligi	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

Against the amendment: 45

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

Pursuant to Government Motion 23, agreed to on December 6, 2023, and Standing Order 21(1), at 9:34 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 8, Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023, which was agreed to on the voice vote. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 45

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

Against the motion: 33

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Kayande
Batten	Ganley	Loyola
Boparai	Goehring	Metz
Brar	Gray	Pancholi
Ceci	Haji	Phillips
Chapman	Hayter	Renaud
Dach	Hoffman	Sabir
Deol	Hoyle	Shepherd
Eggen	Ip	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ellingson	Irwin	Tejada
Elmeligi	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

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

Bill 5 Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

> Bill 5, Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023, be not now read a Third time because the Assembly is of the view that the Bill does not sufficiently protect the collective bargaining rights of public sector employees.
>
> Sessional Paper 199/2023

A debate followed on the amendment.

Pursuant to Government Motion 22, agreed to on December 6, 2023, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:40 p.m. the question was immediately put on the amendment to the motion for Third Reading of Bill 5, Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023, which was defeated on the voice vote. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 34

Al-Guneid	Ganley	Loyola
Batten	Goehring	Metz
Boparai	Gray	Notley
Brar	Haji	Pancholi
Ceci	Hayter	Phillips
Chapman	Hoffman	Renaud
Dach	Hoyle	Sabir
Deol	Ip	Shepherd
Eggen	Irwin	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ellingson	Kasawski	Tejada
Elmeligi	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eremenko		

Against the amendment: 45

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

Pursuant to Government Motion 22, agreed to on December 6, 2023, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:45 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 5, Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023, which was agreed to on the voice vote. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 45

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

Against the motion: 34

Al-Guneid	Ganley	Loyola
Batten	Goehring	Metz
Boparai	Gray	Notley
Brar	Haji	Pancholi
Ceci	Hayter	Phillips
Chapman	Hoffman	Renaud
Dach	Hoyle	Sabir
Deol	Ip	Shepherd
Eggen	Irwin	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ellingson	Kasawski	Tejada
Elmeligi	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eremenko		

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

Bill 2 Alberta Pension Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Hon. Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

> Bill 2, Alberta Pension Protection Act, be not now read a Third time because the Assembly is of the view that the provisions respecting referendum procedures would not establish the necessary conditions for a fair and impartial referendum process.
>
> Sessional Paper 200/2023

A debate followed on the amendment.

Pursuant to Government Motion 21, agreed to on December 6, 2023, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:51 p.m. the question was immediately put on the amendment to the motion for Third Reading of Bill 2, Alberta Pension Protection Act, which was defeated on the voice vote. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 32

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Metz
Batten	Ganley	Notley
Boparai	Goehring	Pancholi
Brar	Gray	Phillips
Ceci	Hayter	Renaud
Chapman	Hoffman	Sabir
Dach	Hoyle	Shepherd
Deol	Ip	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eggen	Irwin	Tejada
Ellingson	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Elmeligi	Kayande	

Against the amendment: 45

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

Pursuant to Government Motion 21, agreed to on December 6, 2023, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:58 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 2, Alberta Pension Protection Act, which was agreed to on the voice vote. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 45

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

Against the motion: 32

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Metz
Batten	Ganley	Notley
Boparai	Goehring	Pancholi
Brar	Gray	Phillips
Ceci	Hayter	Renaud
Chapman	Hoffman	Sabir
Dach	Hoyle	Shepherd
Deol	Ip	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eggen	Irwin	Tejada
Ellingson	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Elmeligi	Kayande	

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

Bill 9 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Schow

Privilege – Threatening a Member

Hon. Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, allegedly making threatening remarks concerning Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud.

The Speaker heard from Hon. Ms Gray.

The Speaker then advised that, as requested by Hon. Ms Gray and Hon. Mr. Schow, he would hear additional arguments at a later date.

A debate followed on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 9, Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2023.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 2 Alberta Pension Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 5 Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 8 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Bill 9 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Schow

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 17, agreed to on December 5, 2023, and on advice from Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, to the Assembly that the business for the Fall Sitting is concluded, the Assembly adjourned at 12:15 a.m., December 7, 2023, until February 2024.

SECOND SITTING

FEBRUARY 28, 2024, TO MAY 29, 2024

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding proposed Government investments to construct a stand-alone Stollery Children's Hospital.

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont, made a statement regarding Pink Shirt Day.

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, made a statement regarding Government action to address wildfire risk in Alberta.

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement regarding the Government's stance on transgender youth.

Mrs. Johnson, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding the loss of agricultural land to solar energy installations.

MLA Boparai, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding the recent farmers' protests in India.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motions:

26. Be it resolved that the membership of the Assembly's committees be replaced as follows:

a) on the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, that MLA Irwin replace Ms Pancholi as Chair, and Ms Renaud replace Hon. Ms Ganley;

b) on the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, that Hon. Mr. Eggen replace MLA Calahoo Stonehouse;

c) on the Select Special Conflicts of Interest Act Review Committee, that Hon. Mr. Sabir replace Hon. Ms Ganley.

27. Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the business plans and fiscal policies of the Government.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, gave oral notice of the intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

1. recognize that due to climate change, and water and land conditions, an unprecedented number of 58 wildfires are currently burning in Alberta, being 10 times more than the regular number of active wildfires for this time of year and indicating the possibility of an unprecedented fire season, creating significant health and safety risks to Albertans, and
2. urge the Government to
   a. support a holistic and coordinated approach to wildfire management and emergency services in Alberta through the establishment of a multi-ministry Provincial Fire Service Advisory Committee as requested by the Alberta Fire Chiefs Association,
   b. ensure that the membership of this advisory committee includes representatives from the Rural Municipalities of Alberta, Alberta Fire Chiefs Association, Alberta municipalities, Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations, Stoney Nakoda-Tsuut'ina Nation, Blackfoot Confederacy, Metis Nation of Alberta, private industry contractors and subject-matter experts, and
   c. establish, maintain and publish a public awareness and evacuation safety campaign to protect Albertans during these times of emergency.

Privilege – Threatening a Member

The Speaker invited Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, to speak to the purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 raised by Hon. Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, on December 6, 2023, regarding Hon. Mr. Schow allegedly making threatening remarks concerning Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud.

Apology by Member

Hon. Mr. Schow made a statement apologizing for his conduct in the Chamber on December 6, 2023.

The Speaker accepted the apology and declared the matter concluded.

Motions Under Standing Order 42

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

1. recognize that due to climate change, and water and land conditions, an unprecedented number of 58 wildfires are currently burning in Alberta, being 10 times more than the regular number of active wildfires for this time of year and indicating the possibility of an unprecedented fire season, creating significant health and safety risks to Albertans, and

2. urge the Government to

   a. support a holistic and coordinated approach to wildfire management and emergency services in Alberta through the establishment of a multi-ministry Provincial Fire Service Advisory Committee as requested by the Alberta Fire Chiefs Association,

   b. ensure that the membership of this advisory committee includes representatives from the Rural Municipalities of Alberta, Alberta Fire Chiefs Association, Alberta municipalities, Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations, Stoney Nakoda-Tsuut'ina Nation, Blackfoot Confederacy, Metis Nation of Alberta, private industry contractors and subject-matter experts, and

   c. establish, maintain and publish a public awareness and evacuation safety campaign to protect Albertans during these times of emergency.

Pursuant to Standing Order 42(1.1) and (1.2), Ms Sweet and Hon. Mr. Loewen commented on the request for unanimous consent.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

24. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Assembly shall meet in the evening on Monday, March 25, 2024, for consideration of Government business, unless the Government House Leader notifies the Assembly that there shall be no evening sitting that day by providing notice under Notices of Motions in the Daily Routine or at any time prior to 6 p.m.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

25. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that the Select Special Ethics Commissioner and Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee be authorized to meet during the consideration of the 2024-25 main estimates.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 39(1)(a) in order to proceed to Government Motion 26.

26. Oral notice having been given February 28, 2024, moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that the membership of the Assembly's committees be replaced as follows:

a) on the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, that MLA Irwin replace Ms Pancholi as Chair, and Ms Renaud replace Hon. Ms Ganley;

b) on the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, that Hon. Mr. Eggen replace MLA Calahoo Stonehouse;

c) on the Select Special Conflicts of Interest Act Review Committee, that Hon. Mr. Sabir replace Hon. Ms Ganley.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

16. Oral notice having been given November 27, 2023, moved by Hon. Ms Smith:

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 92A of *The Constitution Act, 1867,* the Alberta Legislature has exclusive legislative jurisdiction over, *inter alia,* the development, conservation and management of sites and facilities in Alberta for the generation and production of electrical energy,

(b) the Government of Canada has proposed the *Clean Electricity Regulations* (the "Federal Initiative") with the intent of bringing them into force in the near future, and may consider amendments before that time,

(c) the Federal Initiative, by its pith and substance, seeks to regulate the development, conservation and management of electricity sites and facilities in the province for the generation and production of electrical energy,

(d) the Federal Initiative mandates a set of emissions standards and timelines that are unattainable within the context of Alberta's electricity industry and available energy resources,

(e) the Federal Initiative is already having an extreme chilling effect on investment in Alberta's electricity generation industry, and further, is slowing investments in emissions reducing technology and projects,

(f) the Supreme Court of Canada recently issued a reference opinion that the *Impact Assessment Act* (Canada) is largely unconstitutional as it is *ultra vires* the federal legislative jurisdiction under section 91 of *The Constitution Act, 1867*, due to the legislative scheme intruding into areas of exclusive provincial legislative jurisdiction outlined in section 92A, which includes, *inter alia,* the development, conservation and management of sites and facilities in Alberta for the generation and production of electrical energy, and

(g) the Government is actively implementing its Emissions Reduction and Energy Development Plan to achieve a carbon neutral power grid and economy by 2050, which is in line with Canada's international commitments, but does not align with the Government of Canada's arbitrary 2035 net-zero electricity grid targets.

2. The Legislative Assembly is of the opinion that

(a) the Federal Initiative is unconstitutional on the basis that it is not directed at a matter falling within section 91 of *The Constitution Act, 1867*, and impermissibly intrudes into an area of exclusive provincial jurisdiction, namely the development, conservation and management of facilities in the province for the generation of electrical energy as set out in section 92A of *The Constitution Act, 1867*,

(b) the Federal Initiative will cause or is anticipated to cause harm as follows:

(i) the Federal Initiative is already having an extreme chilling effect on investment in Alberta's electricity generation industry, and further, is slowing investments in emissions reducing technology and projects;

(ii) the Federal Initiative proposes to mandate a set of emissions standards and timelines that are unattainable within the context of Alberta's electricity market and available energy resources, and as such the implementation of the Federal Initiative in Alberta presents a substantial and material risk to the health and safety of Albertans by

(A) jeopardizing the safety and reliability of the provincial electricity grid and availability of sufficient electrical energy supply which dramatically increases the likelihood of widespread blackouts and brownouts during severe cold and hot weather events stemming from a lack of reliable and dispatchable base load electricity, and

(B) jeopardizing the affordable access to electrical energy, and

(c) the Federal Initiative threatens the economic well-being of Albertans and the economic viability of the Alberta economy by dramatically increasing the cost of access to electrical energy through mandating hundreds of billions of dollars of public and private monies to be spent within an approximate 10-year period in technologies still under development and yet unproven for the required commercial application and grid infrastructure and services.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Lieutenant Governor in Council to consider the following responses to the Federal Initiative:

(a) ensure that the Government and any provincial entity defined in the *Alberta Sovereignty Within a United Canada Act,* to the extent legally permissible, refrain from recognizing the constitutional validity of the Federal Initiative, from enforcing or aiding in the enforcement of the Federal Initiative, or co-operating with the implementation of the Federal Initiative within Alberta in any manner;

(b) in consultation and collaboration with the Alberta Electric System Operator, the Alberta Utilities Commission, the Market Surveillance Administrator, consumers, industry, Indigenous communities, and other relevant stakeholders, develop electrical system reforms necessary to

(i) ensure a safe and reliable provincial electricity grid to guarantee Albertans and Alberta businesses access to reliable electricity at all times,

(ii) ensure access to affordable electricity for Albertans and Alberta businesses,

(iii) work towards a carbon neutral provincial electricity grid in alignment with the Government's Emissions Reduction and Energy Development Plan through incentivizing the advancement of emission reducing technologies and legitimate carbon offsets,

(iv) ensure Alberta's electrical generation, transmission, and distribution systems will accommodate the expected high population and economic growth in Alberta over the coming decades, and

(v) preserve the interests and value of the capital investments made in Alberta's electricity system by private generators, transmitters, and distributors, enabling continued competition for generation, and attracting continued private investment in Alberta's electricity sector

(collectively, the "Provincial Electrical System Objectives");

(c) in consultation and collaboration with the Alberta Electric System Operator, the Alberta Utilities Commission, the Market Surveillance Administrator, consumers, industry, Indigenous communities, and other relevant stakeholders, explore the feasibility and effectiveness of the potential establishment of a provincial Crown corporation for the purpose of achieving and securing the Provincial Electrical System Objectives.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to use all legal means necessary to oppose the implementation and enforcement of the Federal Initiative in Alberta, including launching a legal challenge in the Alberta Courts and to otherwise advance the objectives and initiatives described in this motion.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 46

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

Against the motion: 28

Al-Guneid	Elmeligi	Loyola
Arcand-Paul	Goehring	Metz
Batten	Haji	Phillips
Boparai	Hayter	Renaud
Brar	Hoyle	Sabir
Ceci	Ip	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Chapman	Irwin	Sweet
Deol	Kasawski	Tejada
Eggen	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Ellingson		

Intersessional Deposits

Pursuant to Standing Order 38.1(3), the following documents were deposited with the Clerk of the Assembly and are deemed to have been laid before the Assembly:

Mr. Getson, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices:

> Pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s20(2), Report of the Auditor General, December 2023, deposited on December 14, 2023
>
> Sessional Paper 201/2023

> Pursuant to the Child and Youth Advocate Act, cC-11.5, s21(4), Standing Committee on Legislative Offices Report on the Review of the Offices of the Child and Youth Advocate 2022-2023 Annual Report, deposited on January 16, 2024
>
> Sessional Paper 202/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

> Pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s39(3), Special Standing Committee on Members' Services Miscellaneous (Automobile Travel Allowance and Meal Per Diem) Amendment Order, 2024, MSC Order No. 01/24, deposited on January 29, 2024
>
> Sessional Paper 203/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Nally, Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction:

> Pursuant to the Red Tape Reduction Act, cR-8.2, s2(2), Red Tape Reduction Annual Report 2022-23, deposited on February 2, 2024
>
> Sessional Paper 204/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

> Pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s19(5), Special Standing Committee on Members' Services Constituency Services Amendment Order, 2024, MSC Order No. 02/24, deposited on February 6, 2024
>
> Sessional Paper 205/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance:

> Pursuant to the Insurance Act, cI-3, s601(2), Automobile Insurance Rate Board 2023 Annual Report, deposited on February 21, 2024
>
> Sessional Paper 206/2023-24

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:05 p.m. until Thursday, February 29, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 29, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Haji, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding Black History Month.

Mr. Lunty, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding the Government's recently announced renewable energy development guidelines.

Mr. Ip, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement regarding Lunar New Year (some remarks made in Chinese).

Ms de Jonge, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore, made a statement regarding International Women's Day.

Mr. Ellingson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to prioritize provincial matters over federal disputes.

Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the impact of Government policies on seniors.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 10 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader:

2024-25 Main Estimates Schedule, First Session, 31st Legislature
Sessional Paper 207/2023-24

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

Report, undated, entitled "Beyond Capacity: Large Class Sizes and Complex Needs in Alberta Schools," prepared by the Alberta Teachers' Association
Sessional Paper 208/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Temporary Recess

The Speaker recessed the Assembly at 2:47 p.m. until 3:15 p.m.

Budget Address / Messages From Her Honour the Administrator

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, delivered certain Messages from Her Honour the Administrator.

The Speaker read the Messages to the Assembly (the Members standing).

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related documents, pursuant to the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cS-29, s4.1(1):

2024-25 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, General Revenue Fund
Sessional Paper 209/2023-24

2024-25 Government Estimates, General Revenue Fund
Sessional Paper 210/2023-24

Government Motions

Prior to moving Government Motion 27, Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related document, pursuant to the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cS-29, s1(2), s4(4):

Budget 2024, Fiscal Plan 2024-27
Sessional Paper 211/2023-24

27. Oral notice having been given February 28, 2024, moved by Hon. Mr. Horner:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the business plans and fiscal policies of the Government.

A debate followed.

Hon. Ms Gray moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(6) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:42 p.m. until Monday, March 11, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 11, 2024

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Hon. Guy C. Boutilier, Member for Fort McMurray, 1997 to 2004, and Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, 2004 to 2012, who passed away on March 8, 2024.

Speaker's Statement – Commonwealth Day

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of Commonwealth Day 2024.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Petrovic, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding a recent increase in new jobs in Alberta.

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont, made a statement regarding the achievements of women in the New Democratic Party caucus.

Mr. Wiebe, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement recognizing the importance of rural Alberta.

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, made a statement regarding Ramadan and the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

Hon. Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Kassandra Gartner.

MLA Hoyle, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, made a statement regarding the Government's proposed policies with respect to transgender youth.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader:

Edmonton Journal website article dated March 8, 2024, entitled "Opinion: Shelving south Edmonton hospital means more hallway medicine," relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Gray during Oral Question Period on March 11, 2024

Sessional Paper 212/2023-24

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

Letter dated February 26, 2024, from the Canadian Centre for Housing Rights to MLA Irwin, expressing support for Bill 205, Housing Statutes (Housing Security) Amendment Act, 2023

Sessional Paper 213/2023-24

Hon. MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

2 pieces of correspondence, both dated February 13, 2024, between Rachel Hamilton and Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, regarding the Government's proposed policies with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 214/2023-24

Letter, undated, from Janice to Hon. MLA Ceci, expressing concern regarding an increase in rent

Sessional Paper 215/2023-24

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cS-29, ss1(2) and 5(4):

Budget 2024, Ministry Business Plans

Sessional Paper 216/2023-24

Budget 2024, Government of Alberta 2024-27 Strategic Plan

Sessional Paper 217/2023-24

Speaker's Statement – Electronic Devices and Props in the Chamber

Honourable Members, I would like to bring to your attention the memo from the Hon. Speaker dated February 21, 2024. If you've been a Member of the Assembly for any period of time, you've received numerous memos, and I'm sure that every time it comes you drop it on the ground because of your care and consideration for it; you read it with bated breath. I would like to draw attention to page 8 of the memo, specifically section 20, about the use of electronic devices in the Chamber: "Except as listed below, the use of a Member's computer [or] tablet (e.g., laptop, Surface, iPad) or a Member's smartphone (data only) is permitted in the Chamber at any time during [the] morning, afternoon, or evening sittings, except during Oral Question Period."

The memo does go on to provide a small clarification that says, "[a Member] may use their mobile devices during Oral Question Period but [may] only use them as reading devices." My sense is that unless you're providing a question or a Member's Statement during the Daily Routine, there is no need for the use of an electronic device in the Chamber, as per the longstanding tradition of the Assembly.

I would also like to provide some further caution to Members who may like to decorate their individual laptops or otherwise, as it's reasonable for the Speaker to assume that that would be the use of a prop, which would be wildly unparliamentary. I encourage Members who may have stickers on their laptops – I can see none of the content other than I see many Members in the Assembly with stickers on those laptops – to govern themselves accordingly in the future.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 204 Municipal Government (National Urban Parks) Amendment Act, 2023 — Mr. Lunty

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 45

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

Against the motion: 15

Arcand-Paul	Ellingson	Hoyle
Batten	Elmeligi	Irwin
Brar	Eremenko	Kasawski
Ceci	Gray	Tejada
Eggen	Haji	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

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

Bill 205 Housing Statutes (Housing Security) Amendment Act, 2023 — MLA Irwin

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Lunty speaking.

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

Bill 204 Municipal Government (National Urban Parks) Amendment Act, 2023 — Mr. Lunty

Motions Other Than Government Motions

505. Moved by Mr. Getson:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to

(a) recognize the significant health, economic and environmental impacts on Albertans resulting from Alberta wildfires, and

(b) introduce a Bill to amend the Forest and Prairie Protection Act to increase the penalties for committing an offence under that Act.

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, on behalf of Hon. Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, moved that the motion be amended

(a) by striking out "and" at the end of clause (a), and

(b) by adding the following immediately after clause (b):

(c) implement a comprehensive long-term strategy for managing forest and prairie fires outside of forest protection areas, as defined in the Forest and Prairie Protection Act, and

(d) acknowledge that climate change is causing a significant increase in the frequency and intensity of forest and prairie fires.

Sessional Paper 218/2023-24

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

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

Members' Statements

MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia, made a statement regarding insufficient funding for new school construction in the proposed Budget 2024.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding the proposed Budget 2024.

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement regarding Government healthcare policies.

Ms Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie-East, made a statement regarding Government work to build and improve schools in rural communities.

Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement recognizing Social Work Month 2024.

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the Sarcee Meadows Housing Co-operative.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and oral notice having been given February 29, 2024:

Bill 10 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

> 2 pieces of correspondence to MLA Irwin expressing support for Bill 205, Housing Statutes (Housing Security) Amendment Act, 2023
>
> Sessional Paper 219/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services:

> Report, undated, entitled "Rent Control," prepared by Walter Block
>
> Sessional Paper 220/2023-24

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(5)(b), the Assembly adjourned at 2:45 p.m. until Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Boitchenko, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding Government work to modernize Alberta's electricity grid.

Ms Al-Guneid, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding insufficient funding for new low-carbon technology in the proposed Budget 2024 (some remarks made in French).

Mr. Bouchard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the challenges faced by small businesses.

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, made a statement regarding insufficient funding for new school construction in the proposed Budget 2024.

Mr. Cyr, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, made a statement regarding Government support for parental rights.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding housing insecurity in Alberta.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 11 Public Safety Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services:

> Report dated September 2023, entitled "The Redistribution of Housing Wealth Caused by Rent Control," prepared by Kenneth R. Ahern and Marco Giacoletti
> Sessional Paper 221/2023-24

Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park:

> Page from Google website, entitled "How our business works"
> Sessional Paper 222/2023-24

Ms Wright, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

> CBC News website article dated September 14, 2021, entitled "Loss of affordable rents forces growing number onto waitlist for subsidized housing," relating to comments made by Ms Wright during Second Reading debate on Bill 205, Housing Statutes (Housing Security) Amendment Act, 2023, on March 11, 2024
> Sessional Paper 223/2023-24

> CBC News website article dated January 29, 2024, entitled "N.B. tenants facing large rent increases lose automatic right to get them phased in," relating to comments made by Ms Wright during Second Reading debate on Bill 205, Housing Statutes (Housing Security) Amendment Act, 2023, on March 11, 2024
> Sessional Paper 224/2023-24

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

> 2 pieces of correspondence to MLA Irwin expressing support for Bill 205, Housing Statutes (Housing Security) Amendment Act, 2023
> Sessional Paper 225/2023-24

Document, undated, entitled "Avenue Living: Glenmore & Elata resident impact statements"

Sessional Paper 226/2023-24

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nally, Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-25, s86:

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Annual Report 2022-2023

Sessional Paper 227/2023-24

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Amery, Minister of Justice:

Alberta Human Rights Commission 2022-23 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 228/2023-24

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nicolaides, Minister of Education, pursuant to the Education Act, cE-0.3, s225.7(3):

Alberta Teaching Profession Commission Annual Report 2022-23

Sessional Paper 229/2023-24

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Government Organization Act, cG-10, sch10, s10(3):

Alberta Boilers Safety Association Annual Report 2023

Sessional Paper 230/2023-24

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(5)(b), the Assembly adjourned at 2:46 p.m. until Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 14, 2024

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

Members' Statements

MLA Calahoo Stonehouse, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding insufficient support for water management in the proposed Budget 2024.

Mr. Sinclair, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding Government action to expand rural access to high-speed Internet.

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding Ramadan and the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

Mr. Lunty, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding Government investments in affordable housing.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the proposed Budget 2024.

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington, made a statement regarding the Government's priorities.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 12 Consumer Protection (Life Leases) Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nally

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

E-mail message dated March 11, 2024, from Bronwyn to Hon. MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing support for Bill 205, Housing Statutes (Housing Security) Amendment Act, 2023

Sessional Paper 231/2023-24

Report dated November 2020, entitled "Rent Controls, Rental Prices and Rental Supply," prepared by the Government of Canada and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

Sessional Paper 232/2023-24

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

Edmonton Journal article dated March 14, 2024, entitled "Edmontonians Are Right to Be Sick about How They're Being Treated"

Sessional Paper 233/2023-24

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Sawhney, Minister of Advanced Education:

Pursuant to the Land Surveyors Act, cL-3, s9(4), Alberta Land Surveyors' Association Report of Proceedings of the One Hundred and Fourteenth Annual General Meeting, April 13 to 15, 2023

Sessional Paper 234/2023-24

Pursuant to the Architects Act, cA-44, s6(4), Alberta Association of Architects 2022 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 235/2023-24

Pursuant to the Regulated Forest Management Profession Act, cR-13, s4(2), Association of Alberta Forest Management Professionals 2022 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 236/2023-24

Pursuant to the Chartered Professional Accountants Act, cC-10.2, s28(2), Chartered Professional Accountants of Alberta Annual Report 2021-2022

Sessional Paper 237/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 10 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Dr. Metz speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, March 18, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 18, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. Petrovic, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding funding for the arts in the proposed Budget 2024.

Mr. Ellingson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement regarding work of the previous New Democratic Party government to phase out coal-generated electricity in Alberta.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding Holi.

MLA Tejada, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding the Government's proposed policies with respect to transgender youth.

Mr. Dyck, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement regarding Northwestern Polytechnic.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding several Government policies affecting affordability.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

28. Be it resolved that the membership of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be replaced as follows: that Hon. Mr. Sabir replace MLA Irwin as Chair and that Hon. Mr. Sabir replace MLA Irwin.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given March 14, 2024:

Bill 12 Consumer Protection (Life Leases) Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nally

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie-East:

Report, undated, entitled "When other Doors Were Closed, Ours Were Open," prepared by the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters

Sessional Paper 238/2023-24

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

Toronto Star website article dated March 12, 2024, entitled "Rent controls work: They don't reduce housing supply but they do limit profit"

Sessional Paper 239/2023-24

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

Calgary Herald website article dated March 12, 2024, entitled "Breakenridge: Bill 205's rent caps not the answer; just ask B.C. and Ontario"

Sessional Paper 240/2023-24

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan Act, cM-12, s4:

Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2023
Sessional Paper 241/2023-24

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Alberta Annual Report 2022-2023
Sessional Paper 242/2023-24

College of Hearing Aid Practitioners of Alberta 2022-2023 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 243/2023-24

College of Opticians of Alberta Annual Report 2022
Sessional Paper 244/2023-24

College of Registered Dental Hygienists of Alberta 2022 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 245/2023-24

College of Chiropractors of Alberta 2022-2023 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 246/2023-24

College of Alberta Dental Assistants Annual Report 2022-23
Sessional Paper 247/2023-24

College of Alberta Psychologists 2022-23 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 248/2023-24

College of Respiratory Therapists of Alberta Annual Report 2022-2023
Sessional Paper 249/2023-24

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Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(1) in order to proceed to Government Business.

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 39(1)(a) in order to proceed to consideration of Government Motion 28.

Government Motions

28. Oral notice having been given March 18, 2024, moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that the membership of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be replaced as follows: that Hon. Mr. Sabir replace MLA Irwin as Chair and that Hon. Mr. Sabir replace MLA Irwin.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than 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)

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 203 Foreign Credential Advisory Committee Act — Mr. Dyck

Motions Other Than Government Motions

506. Moved by Ms Sweet (replaced):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

(a) recognize the value, importance and history of collective bargaining and unionization in Alberta, including the role of unions in helping workers exercise and increase their collective power to

(i) negotiate advances in workplace conditions, good wages and pensions, and better health and safety standards, and

(ii) resolve workplace issues, including grievances and arbitration, with respect to individual workers; and

(b) affirm that

(i) the defining feature of a union is a robust system of internal democracy that enables members to engage in setting policy direction and making operational decisions, and

(ii) organizations that lack this system are detrimental to workers.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 14

Boparai	Haji	Schmidt
Chapman	Irwin	Shepherd
Eggen	Kasawski	Sweet
Elmeligi	Metz	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Goehring	Sabir	

Against the motion: 42

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

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:03 p.m. until Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Dr. Elmeligi, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, made a statement regarding the need for Government to undertake meaningful Indigenous consultation before proceeding with development projects.

Mr. Cyr, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, made a statement regarding investments in the continuing care system in the proposed Budget 2024.

Hon. MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the need for more Government support for the arts.

Hon. Mr. Hunter, Hon. Member for Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the benefits of AIMCo's management of the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Hon. Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement regarding insufficient funding to address affordability in the proposed Budget 2024.

MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia, made a statement regarding Government policies concerning health care.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Pitt, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following petitions for Private Bills:

> of Kyle Pudwell, Chair of the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Community Foundation of Medicine Hat and Southeastern Alberta, for the Community Foundation of Medicine Hat and Southeastern Alberta Amendment Act, 2024
>
> of Sister Gloria Keylor, SP, Provincial Leader, on behalf of Providence Renewal Centre, for the Providence Renewal Centre Amendment Act, 2024
>
> of Paul Muir, Executive Director, and Jordan Cutbill, Board Governor, on behalf of Rosebud School of the Arts, for the Rosebud School of the Arts Amendment Act, 2024

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Getson, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s20(2):

> Report of the Auditor General, March 2024
>
> Sessional Paper 250/2023-24

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

> Vancouver Sun website article dated July 17, 2023, entitled "Federal government eyes RCMP's future as a national force, may drop contract policing for small communities"
>
> Sessional Paper 251/2023-24

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

> 6 pieces of correspondence regarding Bill 205, Housing Statutes (Housing Security) Amendment Act, 2023
>
> Sessional Paper 252/2023-24

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(5)(b), the Assembly adjourned at 2:46 p.m. until Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

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

Speaker's Statement – Alberta Francophonie Month

The Speaker made a statement recognizing March as Alberta Francophonie Month.

Members' Statements

Mr. Wright, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding Alberta's participation in NATO's Defence Innovation Accelerator for the North Atlantic program.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement recognizing March as Alberta Francophonie Month (remarks made in French).

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding Government work to support small businesses.

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding her proposal to address climate change.

Hon. Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding Government work to increase investment in the Industrial Heartland.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding Government policies concerning homelessness.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

> Copy of a petition from 106 residents of The View at Lethbridge urging the Government to establish caps on service fee adjustments for private senior retirement homes
>
> Sessional Paper 253/2023-24

Hon. MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

> The Gateway website article dated January 11, 2024, entitled "Concerns with the state of the arts in Alberta"
>
> Sessional Paper 254/2023-24

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

> Report dated July 2023, entitled "Can't afford the rent: Rental wages in Canada 2022," prepared by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives
>
> Sessional Paper 255/2023-24

Hon. Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader:

> Letter, date redacted, from the Intake Coordinator, Contentment Social Services Foundation, regarding an applicant's eligibility for the foundation's housing support program
>
> Sessional Paper 256/2023-24

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Williams, Minister of Mental Health and Addiction, pursuant to the Mental Health Act, cM-13, s47(2):

> Office of the Alberta Health Advocates, Mental Health Patient Advocate, 2022-2023 Annual Report
>
> Sessional Paper 257/2023-24

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(5)(b), the Assembly adjourned at 2:53 p.m. until Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 21, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding Government policies concerning health care.

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement recognizing March 21, 2024, as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement recognizing March 21, 2024, as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding the Government's approach to homelessness in contrast to that of the Official Opposition.

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, made a statement regarding Government policies concerning health care.

Ms Wright, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding the work of teachers.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 13 Real Property Governance Act — Hon. Mr. Guthrie

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

> Report, dated July 16, 2018, entitled "Actually, Rent Control Is Great: Revisiting Ontario's Experience, the Supply of Housing, and Security of Tenure," prepared by Phillip Mendonça-Vieira
>
> Sessional Paper 258/2023-24

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

> Copy of a petition signed by 61 Albertans urging the Government to assume caretaking of the Minnie Lake Municipal District Campground from the Municipal District of Bonnyville
>
> Sessional Paper 259/2023-24

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

> CBC News website article dated March 21, 2024, entitled "Homeless people in Edmonton are dying at 8 times the rate as pre-pandemic," relating to comments made by MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, during her Member's Statement on March 20, 2024
>
> Sessional Paper 260/2023-24

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

> Metro Cinema listing for the film Stolen Time
>
> Sessional Paper 261/2023-24

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Jones, Minister of Jobs, Economy and Trade:

> Responses to questions raised on March 18, 2024, Ministry of Jobs, Economy and Trade, 2024-25 Main Estimates debate
>
> Sessional Paper 262/2023-24

Speaker's Statement – Order for Consideration of Private Members' Public Bills

Honourable Members, I would like to take a moment to outline the order of precedence for Private Members' Bills on Monday, March 25. As Members will note, the long Order Paper for today, which includes private Members' business, indicates that both Bill 203, Foreign Credential Advisory Committee Act, and Bill 204, Municipal Government (National Urban Parks) Amendment Act, 2023, are due on Day 30 of the projected sitting days calendar. Monday, March 25, will be Day 30, so the question arises: which Bill will receive precedence and, therefore, be dealt with first on Monday afternoon?

The authority for this is Standing Order 9(1), which provides that "all items standing on the Order Paper, except Government Bills and Orders, shall be taken up according to the precedence assigned to each on the Order Paper." And Standing Order 8(7) provides that a Private Member's Bill must be called in Committee of the Whole within eight sitting days of receiving Second Reading and within four sitting days after being reported by Committee of the Whole.

While rare, this situation has arisen a number of times in the past. On March 20, 2003, former Speaker Kowalski faced a similar situation, in which Bill 203 was at Committee of the Whole, Bill 202 was at Third Reading, and both Bills were due on the next Private Members' Day. Speaker Kowalski held that in such instances "the order of precedence is determined by the date and the time that the Assembly or the Committee of the Whole has made its decisions in respect of the Bills." He concluded that because Bill 203 received Second Reading before Bill 202 was reported out of Committee of the Whole, Bill 203 would be considered in Committee of the Whole before Bill 202 would be considered at Third Reading. Members, I'm sure you will be interested to find Speaker Kowalski's ruling on pages 650 and 651 of the March 20, 2003, Alberta Hansard.

In our situation, Bill 204 received Second Reading on March 11, 2024, while Bill 203 was reported out of Committee of the Whole on March 18, 2024. Therefore, the Assembly completed consideration of Bill 204 before it completed consideration of Bill 203. The Assembly shall deal with Bill 204, Municipal Government (National Urban Parks) Amendment Act, 2023, first on Monday afternoon despite both Bills sharing the same due date.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Message From Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, delivered a Message from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker read the Message to the Assembly (the Members standing).

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following document pursuant to the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cS-29, s4(5):

> 2023-24 Supplementary Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund, including the 2023-24 Fiscal Plan Update
>
> Sessional Paper 263/2023-24

Government Motions

29. Moved by Hon. Mr. Horner:

> Be it resolved that the Message from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2023-24 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the duration of the afternoon, including the first division in Committee of Supply.

30. Moved by Hon. Mr. Horner:

> Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 61(2), the Committee of Supply shall be called to consider the 2023-24 Supplementary Supply Estimates for three hours on Monday, March 25, 2024.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Mr. Getson, Chair, Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future, presented the following report:

> Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(10), the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future has reviewed the 2024-25 proposed estimates and business plans for the Ministries of Advanced Education; Agriculture and Irrigation; Arts, Culture and Status of Women; Executive Council; Immigration and Multiculturalism; Infrastructure; Jobs, Economy and Trade; Technology and Innovation; and Tourism and Sport.

Ms Lovely, Chair, Standing Committee on Families and Communities, presented the following report:

> Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(10), the Standing Committee on Families and Communities has reviewed the 2024-25 proposed estimates and business plans for the Ministries of Children and Family Services; Education; Health; Justice; Mental Health and Addiction; Public Safety and Emergency Services; Seniors, Community and Social Services; and Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction.

Mr. Rowswell, Chair, Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, presented the following report:

> Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(10), the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship has reviewed the 2024-25 proposed estimates and business plans for the Ministries of Affordability and Utilities; Energy and Minerals; Environment and Protected Areas; Forestry and Parks; Indigenous Relations; Municipal Affairs; Transportation and Economic Corridors; and Treasury Board and Finance.

The question being put on the resolutions for the 2024-25 Government Estimates for the General Revenue Fund for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025, the motion was agreed to on the voice vote. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 44

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

Against the motion: 15

Al-Guneid	Gray	Pancholi
Arcand-Paul	Haji	Schmidt
Chapman	Ip	Shepherd
Dach	Irwin	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eremenko	Kasawski	Tejada

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair and Ms Pitt reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2024-25 Offices of the Legislative Assembly, General Revenue Fund, and the 2024-25 Government Estimates, General Revenue Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to His Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025:

Support to the Legislative Assembly	$84,854,000
Office of the Auditor General	$29,620,000
Office of the Ombudsman	$4,574,000
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	$11,150,000
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	$1,021,000
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	$8,714,000
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	$16,545,000
Office of the Public Interest Commissioner	$1,440,000
Advanced Education	
Expense	$2,749,475,000
Capital Investment	$50,000
Financial Transactions	$1,240,200,000
Affordability and Utilities	
Expense	$41,286,000
Capital Investment	$25,000
Financial Transactions	$96,970,000
Agriculture and Irrigation	
Expense	$779,230,000
Capital Investment	$5,189,000
Arts, Culture and Status of Women	
Expense	$253,197,000

Capital Investment	$2,331,000
Financial Transactions	$2,325,000

Children and Family Services

Expense	$1,147,670,000
Capital Investment	$2,597,000

Education

Expense	$5,757,668,000
Capital Investment	$565,000
Financial Transactions	$22,179,000

Energy and Minerals

Expense	$622,438,000
Capital Investment	$1,478,000

Environment and Protected Areas

Expense	$559,211,000
Capital Investment	$65,550,000
Financial Transactions	$100,000

Executive Council

Expense	$56,255,000
Capital Investment	$25,000

Forestry and Parks

Expense	$364,842,000
Capital Investment	$128,145,000
Financial Transactions	$21,310,000

Health

Expense	$25,672,555,000
Capital Investment	$29,815,000
Financial Transactions	$159,196,000

Immigration and Multiculturalism

Expense	$41,823,000
Capital Investment	$25,000

Indigenous Relations

Expense	$215,063,000
Capital Investment	$25,000

Infrastructure

Expense	$495,444,000
Capital Investment	$1,849,050,000
Financial Transactions	$19,652,000

Jobs, Economy and Trade

Expense	$1,763,502,000
Capital Investment	$14,650,000

Justice

Expense	$674,152,000
Capital Investment	$14,119,000

Mental Health and Addiction

Expense	$1,554,712,000
Capital Investment	$5,025,000

Municipal Affairs

Expense	$1,267,242,000
Capital Investment	$550,000

Public Safety and Emergency Services

Expense	$1,179,216,000
Capital Investment	$12,275,000
Financial Transactions	$51,440,000

Seniors, Community and Social Services

Expense	$5,316,342,000
Capital Investment	$4,072,000
Financial Transactions	$19,700,000

Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction

Expense	$211,573,000
Capital Investment	$64,447,000
Financial Transactions	$5,500,000

Technology and Innovation

Expense	$865,916,000
Capital Investment	$115,649,000

Tourism and Sport

Expense	$135,916,000
Capital Investment	$25,000

Transportation and Economic Corridors

Expense	$1,910,459,000
Capital Investment	$1,351,142,000
Financial Transactions	$155,139,000

Treasury Board and Finance

Expense	$199,594,000
Capital Investment	$75,000
Contingency	$2,000,000,000

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 14 Appropriation Act, 2024 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:12 p.m. until Monday, March 25, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 25, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding recent investments in Hinton's forestry sector by Mondi Group.

Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding Government polices concerning health care.

Mrs. Petrovic, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the importance of supporting front-line healthcare workers.

MLA Boparai, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding the need for Government to support preventative healthcare programs in the Calgary-Falconridge constituency.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding the Council of State Governments.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Victoria Torrie.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Lunty, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, presented a petition from approximately 1,000 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to (a) express its opposition to the Government of Canada's proposed national urban parks policy and the potential designation of national urban parks in Alberta, and (b) urge the Government to take any steps that may be necessary to stop the City of Edmonton's National Urban Park Initiative for Edmonton's River Valley from proceeding, including introducing legislation that, if enacted, would prohibit Alberta's municipalities from entering into an agreement for the designation of a national urban park.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

> Alberta Politics website article dated March 25, 2024, entitled "Tegan and Sara call out Smith Government for UCP's anti-trans policies at Junos"
>
> Sessional Paper 264/2023-24

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington, on behalf of Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

> St. Albert Gazette website article, undated, entitled "St. Albert to pay 5.7 per cent more in education property tax"
>
> Sessional Paper 265/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Mr. Dyck, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 9(1) in order to proceed immediately to Third Reading on Bill 203, Foreign Credential Advisory Committee Act.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 203 Foreign Credential Advisory Committee Act — Mr. Dyck

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 57

Amery	Hunter	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jean	Schow
Batten	Johnson	Schulz
Boitchenko	Jones	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Bouchard	Kayande	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Brar	LaGrange	Sinclair
Ceci	Loewen	Singh
Cyr	Long	Stephan
de Jonge	Lovely	Sweet
Dyck	Lunty	Tejada
Ellingson	McIver	Turton
Elmeligi	Nally	van Dijken
Fir	Neudorf	Wiebe
Getson	Nicolaides	Williams
Glubish	Nixon	Wilson
Guthrie	Petrovic	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Haji	Phillips	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Hayter	Pitt	Yao
Hoyle	Rowswell	Yaseen

Against the motion: 0

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 203 Foreign Credential Advisory Committee Act — Mr. Dyck

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)

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 204 Municipal Government (National Urban Parks) Amendment Act, 2023 — Mr. Lunty

Motions Other Than Government Motions

507. Moved by Hon. Ms Sigurdson:

> Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider introducing a Bill to create incentives and supports aimed at reducing financial barriers to participation by seniors in senior wellness activities and exercise programs delivered by municipalities and private organizations.

A debate followed.

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive the notice requirements in Standing Order 41(5.2) in order to allow an amendment to Motion Other Than a Government Motion 507 to be moved.

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont, moved that the motion be amended by striking out "introducing a Bill to create" and substituting "establishing".

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A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

Debate continued on the motion as amended.

The question being put, the motion as amended was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:41 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024 — 7:30 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Supplementary Supply Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker assumed the Chair and Ms Pitt reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2023-24 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to His Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024, for the purposes indicated:

Advanced Education	
Financial Transactions	$278,767,000
Agriculture and Irrigation	
Expense	$109,249,000
Capital Investment	$293,000
Arts, Culture and Status of Women	
Financial Transactions	$335,000
Children and Family Services	
Expense	$1,550,000
Energy and Minerals	
Expense	$7,044,000
Forestry and Parks	
Expense	$22,776,000
Health	
Expense	$133,100,000
Justice	
Expense	$9,855,000
Mental Health and Addiction	
Expense	$45,900,000
Capital Investment	$3,000,000
Municipal Affairs	
Expense	$1,197,000
Public Safety and Emergency Services	
Expense	$81,471,000
Capital Investment	$1,170,000

Seniors, Community and Social Services	
Expense	$525,000
Technology and Innovation	
Financial Transactions	$25,000,000

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 15 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2024 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:45 p.m. until Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont, made a statement regarding Government priorities and policies since the 2023 Provincial General Election.

Mr. Sinclair, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the recent renaming of two Edmonton bridges in memory of Constable Travis Jordan and Constable Brett Ryan.

Hon. MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the need for more Government support for Alberta's theatre community.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding the work of The Salvation Army.

Dr. Metz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the need for more Government funding for mental health supports for paramedics.

Hon. Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding Government policies concerning health care.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

2 pieces of correspondence, one addressed to Dr. Kirsten Jones, Alberta Health Services, and one addressed to Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Health, both from Dr. Kirstin Derdall, Head of the Department of Anesthesia, Chinook Regional Hospital, concerning a shortage of anesthesiologists at Chinook Regional Hospital

Sessional Paper 267/2023-24

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

Report dated March 19, 2024, entitled "Calgary Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) Inflation Review February 2024," prepared by Hotaka Kobori and Mark Angelo Uy

Sessional Paper 268/2023-24

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

3 pieces of correspondence regarding life leases

Sessional Paper 269/2023-24

Chart, undated, entitled "Christenson Group of Companies – Queue Information Updated December 31, 2023," prepared by the Alberta Life Lease Protection Society

Sessional Paper 270/2023-24

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

National Post website article dated March 26, 2024, entitled "First Reading: Canada brushes off yet another country begging it for LNG"

Sessional Paper 271/2023-24

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

Edmonton Journal article, undated, entitled "Tegan and Sara decry Alberta's 'attack' on LGBTQ+ youth"

Sessional Paper 272/2023-24

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

Report dated March 13, 2024, entitled "Background information for March 14, 2024, meeting with Minister Nally & Minister Nixon's office – provided in advance," prepared by the Alberta Life Lease Protection Society

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Edmonton Journal website article dated March 18, 2024, entitled "Alberta introduces bill to better protect those signing life lease housing contracts"

Sessional Paper 274/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 14 Appropriation Act, 2024 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Amery moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 15 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2024 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Williams moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 10 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 64(3), at 5:45 p.m., the Speaker interrupted the proceedings and debate adjourned, MLA Brar speaking. The question was immediately put on the Appropriation Bills standing on the Order Paper for Second Reading.

The question being put on Bill 14, Appropriation Act, 2024 ($), the motion was agreed to.

The question being put on Bill 15, Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2024 ($), the motion was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 14 Appropriation Act, 2024 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 15 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2024 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Williams, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:47 p.m. until Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Wiebe, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement regarding a new model for class 1 driver training and licensing in Alberta.

MLA Tejada, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding the International Transgender Day of Visibility.

Hon. Mr. Hunter, Hon. Member for Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding cultural diversity in Alberta.

Hon. Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding her position on several issues facing Albertans.

Mrs. Johnson, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding several organizations working to address food insecurity in the Lacombe-Ponoka constituency.

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement regarding the International Transgender Day of Visibility.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Ms Pitt, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

> In accordance with Standing Order 99, the Standing Committee on Private Bills has reviewed the petitions that were presented to the Assembly on March 19, 2024, and I can advise the Assembly that the petitions comply with Standing Orders 90 to 94.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Wright, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill Pr2 Community Foundation of Medicine Hat and Southeastern Alberta Amendment Act, 2024 — Mr. Wright

MLA Calahoo Stonehouse, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill Pr3 Providence Renewal Centre Amendment Act, 2024 — MLA Calahoo Stonehouse

Mrs. Petrovic, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill Pr4 Rosebud School of the Arts Amendment Act, 2024 — Mrs. Petrovic

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

> Correspondence between Jim Carey and Julie Matthews, Senior Investigator, Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction, regarding life leases, relating to comments made by Ms Renaud during Oral Question Period on March 27, 2024
>
> Sessional Paper 275/2023-24

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

> E-mail message dated February 2, 2024, from Taramay Curtis to MLA Irwin, expressing concern regarding rent increases
>
> Sessional Paper 276/2023-24

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(8), Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, provided notice to the Assembly that the Daily Routine shall continue beyond 3:00 p.m.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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)

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 14 Appropriation Act, 2024 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 15 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2024 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Second Reading

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

Bill 10 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Mr. Shepherd moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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)

Pursuant to Standing Order 64(4), at 5:45 p.m. the Deputy Chair immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bills standing on the Order Paper referred to Committee of the Whole.

The question was put on the approval of Bill 14, Appropriation Act, 2024 ($), and Bill 15, Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2024 ($), which was agreed to.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 14 Appropriation Act, 2024 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 15 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2024 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, moved adjournment of the Assembly, which was defeated.

Second Reading

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

Bill 10 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. Eggen speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 28, 2024

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

Members' Statements

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding 50 years of French immersion programming provided by the Calgary Board of Education (some remarks made in French).

Mr. Wiebe, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement regarding a recently announced discount on personal registry services for seniors in Alberta.

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington, made a statement regarding the wide range of programming choice in Alberta's public education system.

Mr. Wright, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the Royal Canadian Air Force 2024 Centennial.

Mr. Haji, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the need for more Government support for new immigrants to Alberta.

MLA Tejada, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding the International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims (some remarks made in Spanish).

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 206 Child and Youth Advocate (Parent and Guardian Advisor) Amendment Act, 2024 — Mr. Cyr

Oral notice having been given March 27, 2024:

Bill Pr2 Community Foundation of Medicine Hat and Southeastern Alberta Amendment Act, 2024 — Mr. Wright

Bill Pr3 Providence Renewal Centre Amendment Act, 2024 — MLA Calahoo Stonehouse

Bill Pr4 Rosebud School of the Arts Amendment Act, 2024 — Mrs. Petrovic

Tabling Returns and Reports

MLA Boparai, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge:

Correspondence between Ron and Karin Dowling and Hon. Mr. Nally, Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction, regarding life leases
Sessional Paper 277/2023-24

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

Calgary Herald website article dated March 28, 2024, entitled "Opinion: False equivalencies are hurting the housing conversation"
Sessional Paper 278/2023-24

Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Copy of an electronic petition from 33,071 individuals urging the Government to prioritize home-care funding
Sessional Paper 279/2023-24

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

Lakeland Today website article dated March 11, 2024, entitled "Cold Lake mayor speaks out about Highway 28 funding concerns"
Sessional Paper 280/2023-24

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

2 pieces of correspondence regarding life leases
Sessional Paper 281/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 15 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2024 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Hon. Mr. Horner moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 14 Appropriation Act, 2024 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 15 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2024 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 14 Appropriation Act, 2024 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 15 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2024 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(6) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:41 p.m. until Monday, April 8, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 8, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Bouchard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the Government's recent announcement of the establishment of Recovery Alberta.

Mr. Haji, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding Eid al-Fitr (some remarks made in Arabic and Somali).

Mr. Boitchenko, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding Cancer Awareness Month.

Mr. Ip, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement regarding the lack of Government support for research and development initiatives.

Mr. Sinclair, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of the Humbolt Broncos head coach, Darcy Hogan.

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement about the Government's recent announcement of the establishment of Recovery Alberta.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 17 Canadian Centre of Recovery Excellence Act — Hon. Mr. Williams

Dr. Metz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, gave oral notice of the intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

(a) acknowledge Alberta Health Services' commitment in 2023 that by March 2024 no patient in Alberta would face unacceptable delays in access to surgical care,

(b) accept the Canadian Institute of Health Information's findings in its report dated April 2024 that surgical wait times for knee replacement, hip replacement and hip fracture repair in Alberta continue to significantly fail to meet established benchmarks for the delivery of surgical care to Albertans,

(c) call on the Government to table, within 7 days of the passage of this motion, evidence showing Alberta Health Services' commitment in 2023 has been upheld.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 16 Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nally

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Lyrics to the song "Cowboys Are Frequently Secretly Fond of Each Other"
Sessional Paper 282/2023-24

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

Calgary Herald website article dated April 4, 2024, entitled "Apartment rents are so high in Calgary, they're approaching Toronto numbers: CMHC"
Sessional Paper 283/2023-24

MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia:

AUPE website article dated April 2, 2024, entitled "Closure of youth-treatment centre a double whammy for High Prairie"
Sessional Paper 284/2023-24

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Chart, undated, entitled "Christenson Group of Companies – Simplified Queue Information Updated March 31, 2024," prepared by the Alberta Life Lease Protection Society
Sessional Paper 285/2023-24

Alberta Views website article dated May 2024, entitled "Our Lobbyist Premier, Danielle Smith: once and always working for oil and gas"

Sessional Paper 286/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Child and Youth Advocate Act, cC-11.5, s9.1(5):

Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Mandatory Reviews of Child Deaths, for the period dated April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024

Sessional Paper 287/2023-24

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Amery, Minister of Justice, pursuant to the Statutes Repeal Act, cS-19.3, s2(1):

Report, undated, entitled "Statutes Repeal Act – 2024 List"

Sessional Paper 288/2023-24

Motions Under Standing Order 42

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, on behalf of Dr. Metz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

(a) acknowledge Alberta Health Services' commitment in 2023 that by March 2024 no patient in Alberta would face unacceptable delays in access to surgical care,

(b) accept the Canadian Institute of Health Information's findings in its report dated April 2024 that surgical wait times for knee replacement, hip replacement and hip fracture repair in Alberta continue to significantly fail to meet established benchmarks for the delivery of surgical care to Albertans,

(c) call on the Government to table, within 7 days of the passage of this motion, evidence showing Alberta Health Services' commitment in 2023 has been upheld.

Pursuant to Standing Order 42(1.1) and (1.2), Mr. Shepherd and Hon. Min. LaGrange commented on the request for unanimous consent.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than 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 204 Municipal Government (National Urban Parks) Amendment Act, 2023 — Mr. Lunty

The question being put on the clauses of Bill 204, Municipal Government (National Urban Parks) Amendment Act, 2023, the motion was agreed to on the voice vote. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 44

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

Against the motion: 15

Chapman	Hoffman	Metz
Dach	Ip	Pancholi
Eggen	Irwin	Renaud
Elmeligi	Kasawski	Shepherd
Haji	Loyola	Sweet

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 204 Municipal Government (National Urban Parks) Amendment Act, 2023 — Mr. Lunty

Second Reading

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

Bill 205 Housing Statutes (Housing Security) Amendment Act, 2023 — MLA Irwin

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. McIver speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

508. Moved by Dr. Elmeligi:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

(a) recognize the importance of tourism on Alberta's economy and the need to balance visitor experiences and resident affordability, and

(b) urge the Government to work with municipalities in Alberta's Rocky Mountains with tourism-based economies to establish funding and support programs that ensure municipal taxpayers do not bear the financial responsibility for the additional infrastructure requirements and operational demands on those municipalities due to tourism.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 13

Chapman	Irwin	Pancholi
Dach	Kasawski	Renaud
Eggen	Loyola	Shepherd
Elmeligi	Metz	Sweet
Ip		

Against the motion: 42

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

Apology by Member

Hon. Mr. Schow made a statement apologizing for a remark he made regarding the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud in the Chamber on April 8, 2024.

Privilege – Incident Between Members

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, regarding an incident between Members that is alleged to have occurred in the South Members' Lounge on April 8, 2024.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:08 p.m. until Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

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

Members' Statements

MLA Boparai, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding Vaisakhi (some remarks made in Punjabi).

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the Government's recently announced funding for regional airports.

Mr. Haji, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the lack of Government support for Black entrepreneurs in Alberta.

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, made a statement regarding Government plans to address potential drought conditions in Alberta.

Ms Al-Guneid, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding recent rolling blackouts in Alberta and the need for Government to diversify the electricity grid.

MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia, made a statement regarding the recent closure of two youth treatment centres in northern Alberta.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 18 Provincial Priorities Act — Hon. Ms Smith

Privilege – Incident Between Members

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding an incident which occurred on April 8, 2024, outside the Chamber, in which the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar allegedly intimidated and obstructed the Hon. Member for Camrose in the performance of her parliamentary duties.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given April 8, 2024:

Bill 17 Canadian Centre of Recovery Excellence Act — Hon. Mr. Williams

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

> E-mail message dated March 14, 2024, sender's name redacted, to Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services, expressing support for Bill 205, Housing Statutes (Housing Security) Amendment Act, 2023
> Sessional Paper 289/2023-24

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

> Letter dated March 26, 2024, from the Alberta Life Lease Protection Society to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, and Hon. Mr. Nally, Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction, expressing concern regarding Bill 12, Consumer Protection (Life Leases) Amendment Act, 2024
>
> Sessional Paper 290/2023-24

Privilege – Incident Between Members

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding an incident which occurred on April 8, 2024, outside the Chamber, in which the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar allegedly intimidated and obstructed the Hon. Member for Camrose in the performance of her parliamentary duties.

The Speaker heard from Hon. Mr. Schow.

Apology by Member

Hon. Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement apologizing for his conduct outside the Chamber on April 8, 2024.

Speaker's Statement – Civility in the Workplace

Honourable Members, the apology from the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, typically speaking with respect to points of privilege, concludes the matter, and the matter is considered dealt with. I think it is imperative to provide some additional remarks with respect to conduct of Members, especially with respect to their interactions with one another.

I have received information that confirms some of the behaviour of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, and I do believe that his conduct was inappropriate. I value his apology, but I also want to reiterate that I believe it is important that Members feel safe and unimpeded to conduct their parliamentary business.

I also think it is very important to note that there is a significant difference between conduct inside this Assembly, in these four Chamber walls, in which there are a number of protections – whether we agree with the level of those protections at any given time with respect to the presence of Presiding Officers, Members of the Table, the Sergeant-at-Arms, or otherwise, interactions that take place inside this Chamber have some level of those protections, and it is very, very concerning to the Speaker that Members of the Assembly or, in this case, a Member of the Assembly felt significantly threatened outside of this Chamber. And while I appreciate that those two things can be similar, there is a significant and tangible difference between a Member feeling threatened or being threatened by a Member of this Assembly outside of the protections of the four walls of this Chamber, and so I am gravely concerned about the actions of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar. I am particularly concerned and have expressed my concern that this incident took place outside of the Chamber.

This, unfortunately, is not the first offence of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar. And while there have been other points of privilege raised in this Assembly about the conduct of Members, on each of those occasions the conduct took place inside the Assembly, where, as I just mentioned, there are other protections in place. This is certainly the most concerning point of privilege that has been raised during my Speakership. I am deeply concerned about the impacts that this interaction and this behaviour by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar will have and could have on other Members and their ability to conduct their business.

I am going to have a personal conversation in a meeting with the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar. I will accept his apology as it is presented, and I will communicate directly to the Hon. Government House Leader and the Leader of the Opposition on issues impacting Members, in particular with how Members interact outside this Chamber.

I consider this matter dealt with and concluded.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 10 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Hon. MLA Ceci moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 11 Public Safety Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Haji speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

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

Speaker's Statement – Hon. John Allen Fraser

The Speaker paid tribute to Hon. John Allen Fraser, Member of Parliament for Vancouver South, 1972 to 1993, and Speaker of the House of Commons, 1986 to 1993, who passed away on April 7, 2024.

Members' Statements

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding recently announced Government funding for two rural medical education training centres.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding Government healthcare policies.

Mr. McDougall, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the federal carbon tax.

Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the Government's lack of support for home-care services.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding Vaisakhi and Eid al-Fitr.

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont, made a statement regarding Eid al-Fitr and the need for humanitarian aid in Gaza.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given April 9, 2024:

Bill 18 Provincial Priorities Act — Hon. Ms Smith

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

> Letter dated April 2, 2024, from Marilyn Buehning to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations; Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance; Hon. Jim Dinning, Chair of the Alberta Pension Plan Engagement Panel; and Moin A. Yahya, Engagement Panel Member, expressing concern regarding a proposed Alberta pension plan
>
> Sessional Paper 291/2023-24

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

> 3 pieces of correspondence expressing support for Bill 205, Housing Statutes (Housing Security) Amendment Act, 2023
>
> Sessional Paper 292/2023-24

Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations:

> National Post website article dated April 9, 2024, entitled "Adam Zivo: 'We've absolutely lost control' to drug users, desperate B.C. hospital nurses say," relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Smith during Oral Question Period on April 10, 2024
>
> Sessional Paper 293/2023-24

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Wilson, Minister of Indigenous Relations, pursuant to the Metis Settlements Act, cM-14, s211(2):

> Metis Settlements Appeal Tribunal Annual Report 2023
>
> Sessional Paper 294/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 10 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 ($) — 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 10 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 ($) — 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)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 10 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Second Reading

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

Bill 11 Public Safety Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

A debate followed.

Mr. McDougall moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 12 Consumer Protection (Life Leases) Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nally

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Dr. Metz speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 11, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Dr. Elmeligi, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, made a statement regarding the effects of increased development on the eastern slopes.

Mr. Bouchard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding Government action to ensure federal spending in Alberta is fair and respects Albertans' priorities.

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding the need for Government to prioritize provincial matters over federal disputes.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding several federal government policies affecting Canadians.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding Bill 12, Consumer Protection (Life Leases) Amendment Act, 2024.

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, made a statement regarding the Jallianwala Bagh massacre.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

> Transcript of a speech dated December 18, 2023, given by MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, regarding the removal of encampments
>
> Sessional Paper 295/2023-24

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

> Social media post dated December 30, 2023, from the account of MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, expressing support for employees of the Bissell Centre
>
> Sessional Paper 296/2023-24

Mr. Lunty, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont:

> Social media post dated December 30, 2023, from the account of MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, regarding the removal of encampments near the Herb Jamieson Centre
>
> Sessional Paper 297/2023-24

Mr. Dyck, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie:

Social media post dated January 9, 2024, from the account of the Coalition for Justice and Human Rights regarding the removal of an encampment at 95th Avenue and Rowland Road in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 298/2023-24

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

3 pieces of correspondence regarding Bill 205, Housing Statutes (Housing Security) Amendment Act, 2023

Sessional Paper 299/2023-24

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

International Journal of Drug Policy website article dated April 9, 2024, entitled " 'Everybody is impacted. Everybody's hurting': Grief, loss and the emotional impacts of overdose on harm reduction workers"

Sessional Paper 300/2023-24

Mr. McDougall, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek:

Social media post dated December 15, 2023, from the account of MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, depicting a statement from Hon. Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, and MLA Irwin regarding the removal of encampments

Sessional Paper 301/2023-24

Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park:

Letter dated March 23, 2024, from L. Schick to Mr. Kasawski regarding Bill 12, Consumer Protection (Life Leases) Amendment Act, 2024

Sessional Paper 302/2023-24

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

Social media post dated January 3, 2024, from the account of MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, expressing support for housing as a human right

Sessional Paper 303/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Amery, Minister of Justice:

Social media post dated December 18, 2023, from the account of MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, regarding a legal injunction filed against the removal of encampments

Sessional Paper 304/2023-24

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland:

> Edmonton Journal website article dated January 3, 2024, entitled "Advocates demand Edmonton stop homeless camp removals, call for emergency city council meeting"
>
> Sessional Paper 305/2023-24

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors:

> Supplemental response to questions raised by Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, on March 19, 2024, Ministry of Transportation and Economic Corridors, 2024-25 Main Estimates debate
>
> Sessional Paper 306/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 12 Consumer Protection (Life Leases) Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nally

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Amery moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Third Reading

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

Bill 10 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 10 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:25 p.m. until Monday, April 15, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 15, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the recently announced expansion of the Family Justice Strategy into Red Deer.

Hon. Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement regarding the need for Government to prioritize struggling Albertan families over federal disputes.

Mr. Sinclair, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding comments concerning him made by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia.

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting affordability.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding Pohela Boishakh.

Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding a proposed Alberta pension plan.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations:

> Edmonton Journal article dated April 12, 2024, entitled "David Staples: 'Mega-intellectual PR machine': Professor blasts gigantic funding of Trudeau Liberals climate narrative," relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Smith during Oral Question Period on April 15, 2024
>
> Sessional Paper 307/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

> E-mail message dated March 15, 2024, from Margaret Brown, MSW, to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, and Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Health, expressing concern regarding a shortage of family doctors in Alberta
>
> Sessional Paper 308/2023-24

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

> Page from Alberta New Democratic Party website entitled "Support Affordable Housing in Alberta," containing the text of a proposed petition concerning affordable housing
>
> Sessional Paper 309/2023-24

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

> 11 pieces of correspondence between Herbert W. Sacks and the Premier's Correspondence Unit, Community and Public Engagement, Government of Alberta, regarding discrimination and prejudice experienced at the University of Alberta
>
> Sessional Paper 310/2023-24

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow:

> Report dated May 2015, entitled "British Columbia's Revenue-Neutral Carbon Tax: A Review of the Latest 'Grand Experiment' in Environmental Policy," prepared by Brian C. Murray and Nicholas Rivers
>
> Sessional Paper 311/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 204 Municipal Government (National Urban Parks) Amendment Act, 2023 — Mr. Lunty

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 45

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

Against the motion: 17

Al-Guneid	Haji	Phillips
Arcand-Paul	Hayter	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Batten	Hoyle	Sweet
Ceci	Ip	Tejada
Ellingson	Irwin	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eremenko	Kayande	

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 204 Municipal Government (National Urban Parks) Amendment Act, 2023 — Mr. Lunty

Second Reading

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

Bill 205 Housing Statutes (Housing Security) Amendment Act, 2023 — MLA Irwin

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

509. Moved by Ms Pitt (replaced):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Lieutenant Governor in Council to, in accordance with section 26 of the Judicature Act, refer to the Court of Appeal of Alberta the question of whether the federal Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act remains constitutional in light of the federal Governor in Council's recent exemption of only one type of carbon-based fuel, home heating oil, from the legislation's application resulting in an inequitable and disproportionate application of the legislation in different regions of the country, making indefensible the argument that it is a law made to address a national concern as a valid exercise of Parliament's peace, order and good government law making power under section 91 of the Constitution Act, 1867.

A debate followed.

Ms Al-Guneid, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, on behalf of Hon. Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, moved that the motion be amended by adding "and only after the Attorney General presents to the Assembly an opinion on the likelihood of success in relitigating the constitutionality of the federal Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act" immediately after "Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Lieutenant Governor in Council to, in accordance with section 26 of the Judicature Act".

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A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

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

For the motion: 43

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

Against the motion: 13

Al-Guneid	Haji	Phillips
Arcand-Paul	Hayter	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Batten	Hoyle	Tejada
Ellingson	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eremenko		

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:13 p.m. until Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the need for Government to show leadership in wildland fire management.

Hon. Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding recently announced Government funding for community housing providers.

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement regarding Bill 18, Provincial Priorities Act.

Mr. Boitchenko, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding the potential for nuclear power in the Government's plan for carbon neutrality.

MLA Boparai, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding the need for Government to address challenges facing newcomers to Alberta.

Ms Al-Guneid, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the Government's plan to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Excerpt of a book entitled "Western Separatism: The Myths, Realities & Dangers"
Sessional Paper 313/2023-24

Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

Letter dated March 2, 2024, from Drew Adamick, CFP, to Ross Nairne, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic, Support and Integrated Initiative Division, Public Safety and Emergency Services, expressing concern over a lack of funding for the Lethbridge Elder Abuse Response Network
Sessional Paper 314/2023-24

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

Calgary Herald website article dated April 15, 2024, entitled " 'Ambition…not more red tape': Ottawa assessing impact of Alberta's Bill 18 on housing"
Sessional Paper 315/2023-24

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow:

Canadian Public Policy article dated March 2023, entitled "Carbon Pricing Costs for Households and the Progressivity of Revenue Recycling Options in Canada"
Sessional Paper 316/2023-24

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

E-mail message, undated, from Ralph Annicchiarico to whom it may concern, expressing concern regarding Bill 12, Consumer Protection (Life Leases) Amendment Act, 2024
Sessional Paper 317/2023-24

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre:

Report dated April 1, 2024, entitled "Weekly EconMinute – Physicians Per Capita in Alberta," prepared by the Business Council of Alberta
Sessional Paper 318/2023-24

Report dated April 15, 2024, entitled "Weekly EconMinute – Number of Physicians Per Capita Across Canada," prepared by the Business Council of Alberta

Sessional Paper 319/2023-24

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday:

Globe and Mail website article dated April 10, 2024, entitled "Alberta fails to move needle on emissions reduction plan," relating to comments made by MLA Arcand-Paul during Oral Question Period on April 16, 2024

Sessional Paper 320/2023-24

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations:

Responses to questions raised by Hon. Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, March 13, 2024, Executive Council, 2024-25 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 321/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 11 Public Safety Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 12 Consumer Protection (Life Leases) Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nally

A debate followed.

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

> Bill 12, Consumer Protection (Life Leases) Amendment Act, 2024, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.
>
> Sessional Paper 322/2023-24

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

Hon. Mr. Williams moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 13 Real Property Governance Act — Hon. Mr. Guthrie

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

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

Bill 11 Public Safety Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Williams, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:50 p.m. until Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, made a statement regarding Government action to support physicians in Alberta.

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington, made a statement regarding several Government policies affecting young Albertans.

Mr. Cyr, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, made a statement regarding anticipated upgrades to highway 28.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the recently released draft kindergarten to grade 6 social studies curriculum.

Mr. Wright, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding recent investments in Alberta's aerospace and aviation sectors.

MLA Boparai, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding Bill 18, Provincial Priorities Act.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

> Report dated April 16, 2024, entitled "Calgary Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) Inflation Review March 2024," prepared by Hotaka Kobori and Mark Angelo Uy
>
> Sessional Paper 323/2023-24

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday:

> E-mail message dated April 8, 2024, from Sandi, expressing concern regarding rent increases, relating to comments made by MLA Arcand-Paul during Second Reading debate on Bill 205, Housing Statutes (Housing Security) Amendment Act, 2023, on April 15, 2024
>
> Sessional Paper 324/2023-24

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

> The Globe and Mail article, accessed through PressReader, dated April 15, 2024, entitled "Jagmeet Singh and Wab Kinew helping kill carbon tax," relating to comments made by Mr. Wright during Second Reading debate on Bill 205, Housing Statutes (Housing Security) Amendment Act, 2023, on April 15, 2024
>
> Sessional Paper 325/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 18 Provincial Priorities Act — Hon. Ms Smith

Hon. Ms Smith moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 16 Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nally

Hon. Mr. Nally moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to on the voice vote. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 0

Against the motion: 44

Arcand-Paul	Hunter	Sabir
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Ip	Sawhney
Boparai	Jean	Schmidt
Bouchard	Johnson	Shepherd
Chapman	Kasawski	Sinclair
Cyr	Loewen	Singh
Dach	Lovely	Stephan
Dreeshen	Loyola	Turton
Dyck	Lunty	van Dijken
Eggen	McDougall	Wiebe
Elmeligi	McIver	Williams
Fir	Metz	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Getson	Petrovic	Yao
Glubish	Renaud	Yaseen
Goehring	Rowswell	

Debate resumed.

Ms Goehring moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 13 Real Property Governance Act — Hon. Mr. Guthrie

A debate followed.

Mr. Dach moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 12 Consumer Protection (Life Leases) Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nally

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 45

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

Against the motion: 13

Arcand-Paul	Elmeligi	Metz
Boparai	Ip	Sabir
Chapman	Kasawski	Schmidt
Dach	Loyola	Shepherd
Eggen		

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

Bill 12 Consumer Protection (Life Leases) Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nally

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 18, 2024

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Moe Amery, Member for Calgary-East, 1993 to 2015, who passed away on October 19, 2023.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Amery, Minister of Justice, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of former Member Moe Amery.

Hon. Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia, made a statement regarding the need for more Government support for Alberta's neonatal intensive care system.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of former Member Moe Amery.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding Bill 18, Provincial Priorities Act.

Mr. McDougall, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding Government action to support Alberta's education system.

MLA Hoyle, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, made a statement regarding the need for Government to fund construction of a new hospital in south Edmonton.

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the importance of focusing on drug-use prevention, especially with respect to young people.

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(8), Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, provided notice to the Assembly that the Daily Routine shall continue beyond 3:00 p.m.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 19 Utilities Affordability Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Neudorf

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 207 Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Education (Valuing Skilled Workers) Amendment Act, 2024 — MLA Hoyle

Tabling Returns and Reports

Dr. Elmeligi, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis:

Copy of a presentation slide entitled "Letters of Support," pertaining to coal development in Alberta, prepared by Valory Resources Inc.

Sessional Paper 326/2023-24

MLA Hoyle, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South:

CTV News website article dated March 1, 2024, entitled "Alberta government mothballing south Edmonton hospital 'senseless': health advocates"

Sessional Paper 327/2023-24

Edmonton Journal website article dated April 12, 2024, entitled " 'The cost has gone up substantially': What's behind the pause on south Edmonton hospital"

Sessional Paper 328/2023-24

Mr. Wiebe, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Ellis, Deputy Premier, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services:

Page from Government of Canada website entitled "Contract Policing," relating to comments made by Hon. Mr. Ellis during Oral Question Period on April 18, 2024

Sessional Paper 329/2023-24

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington:

Edmonton Examiner website article dated April 18, 2024, entitled "Edmonton Public Schools faces financial shortfall from inflation and provincial funding formula"

Sessional Paper 330/2023-24

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

Document, undated, entitled "Tenant Experiences"

Sessional Paper 331/2023-24

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Ellis, Deputy Premier, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, Mr. Boitchenko, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, and Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, March 14, 2024, Ministry of Public Safety and Emergency Services, 2024-25 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 332/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

31. Moved by Hon. Mr. Horner:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta approve the arrangement between the Government of Alberta and the Government of Canada, outlined on page 126 of the 2024-27 Fiscal Plan, presented by the President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on February 29, 2024 (Sessional Paper 211/2023-24), with respect to the implementation by the Government of Canada of a duty on vaping substances to be imposed under the Excise Act (Canada) in respect of Alberta.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 17 Canadian Centre of Recovery Excellence Act — Hon. Mr. Williams

A debate followed.

Mrs. Petrovic moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 13 Real Property Governance Act — Hon. Mr. Guthrie

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 13 Real Property Governance Act — Hon. Mr. Guthrie

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Williams, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:22 p.m. until Monday, April 22, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 22, 2024

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, made a statement regarding the visit to Alberta of His Excellency Andrzej Duda, President, Republic of Poland, and the economic and cultural relationship between the Republic of Poland and Alberta.

Hon. Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding Passover and the recent increase in antisemitism.

Mr. Ellingson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement regarding Bill 205, Housing Statutes (Housing Security) Amendment Act, 2023.

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding Canadian Fertility Awareness Week.

Mr. Haji, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding National Volunteer Week.

Mr. Lunty, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding the proposed 2024-25 federal budget.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding a proposed Alberta pension plan.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Yao, Chair, Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, presented the following report pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, cA-23, s6(4)(c):

> Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Annual Report 2023-2024
>
> Sessional Paper 333/2023-24

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given April 18, 2024:

Bill 19 Utilities Affordability Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Neudorf

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

CBC News website article dated April 3, 2024, entitled "FlixBus to start Alberta bus routes connecting Edmonton, Calgary and Lethbridge"

Sessional Paper 334/2023-24

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

Report dated April 11, 2024, entitled "Arguments against rent control don't hold up to scrutiny," prepared by Ricardo Tranjan and Paulina Vargatoth

Sessional Paper 335/2023-24

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday:

Apihtawikosisan website article dated October 24, 2011, entitled "Cree kinship terms"

Sessional Paper 336/2023-24

Mr. McDougall, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek:

The Globe and Mail website article dated April 17, 2024, entitled "A budget that's in the best interests of Canada's Youth? Give me a break"

Sessional Paper 337/2023-24

MLA Tejada, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein:

The Globe and Mail website article dated April 19, 2024, entitled "Calgary tenants shocked by heavy rent hikes: 'Insane' increases lead some to move back in with parents"

Sessional Paper 338/2023-24

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

E-mail dated April 14, 2024, from Tiffany Rae to Ms Renaud, expressing concern regarding a recent rent increase

Sessional Paper 339/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 205 Housing Statutes (Housing Security) Amendment Act, 2023 — MLA Irwin

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 24

Arcand-Paul	Elmeligi	Metz
Batten	Eremenko	Notley
Boparai	Goehring	Pancholi
Ceci	Gray	Renaud
Chapman	Ip	Sabir
Dach	Irwin	Schmidt
Deol	Kasawski	Shepherd
Eggen	Loyola	Tejada

Against the motion: 42

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

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

Bill 206 Child and Youth Advocate (Parent and Guardian Advisor) Amendment Act, 2024 — Mr. Cyr

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. Sabir speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

510. Moved by Mr. Dyck (replaced):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to recognize

(a) the importance of the family unit in building a resilient, vibrant and healthy society, and

(b) the rights of parents and guardians to have the primary responsibility for the upbringing, development, education, health care and well-being of their children and, except in cases of child abuse or neglect, these duties should not be assumed by any other individuals or institutions within our society.

A debated followed.

MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia, moved that the motion be amended as follows:

(a) in clause (a), by adding “, and extended family or community as per local custom,” immediately after “the importance of the family unit”;

(b) in clause (b), by adding “, in the best interest of the child,” immediately after “the rights of parents and guardians to”.

Sessional Paper 340/2023-24

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:53 p.m. until Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Dr. Metz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the need for more Government support for Alberta's neonatal intensive care system.

Hon. Mr. Hunter, Hon. Member for Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the Government's recently announced funding for Alberta's hydrogen industry.

Hon. Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding several Government policies affecting young Albertans.

Hon. Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding language interpretation services offered at Rexall pharmacies.

MLA Tejada, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding the need for more Government support for affordable housing.

MLA Brar, Hon. Member for Calgary-North East, made a statement regarding several Government policies affecting professional drivers.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Ellingson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills:

> Report dated April 19, 2023, entitled "Economic Impact Study, University of Alberta," prepared by R.A. Malatest & Associates Ltd.
>
> Sessional Paper 341/2023-24

> Report dated December 2020, entitled "Economic Impact Analysis Prepared for The University of Calgary," prepared by Hanover Research
>
> Sessional Paper 342/2023-24

Ms Al-Guneid, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore:

> Communications Earth & Environment website article dated November 15, 2023, entitled "A measurement-based upstream oil and gas methane inventory for Alberta, Canada reveals higher emissions and different sources than official estimates"
>
> Sessional Paper 343/2023-24

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

Sample page from a petition expressing support for rent control in Alberta, prepared by ACORN Canada

Sessional Paper 344/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 18 Provincial Priorities Act — Hon. Ms Smith

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Hunter moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 11 Public Safety Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

Bill 12 Consumer Protection (Life Leases) Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nally

Bill 13 Real Property Governance Act — Hon. Mr. Guthrie

Mr. Wiebe, Acting 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 12 (A1) (Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 345/2023-24

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Williams, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:56 p.m. until Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Mr. McDougall, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding Government action to increase the supply of housing.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the 50th anniversary of the Canadian Armed Forces Women's Corps 7415.

Mr. Wright, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding several recent community mental health summits in Medicine Hat.

MLA Calahoo Stonehouse, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding several Government policies affecting young Albertans.

Mrs. Johnson, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding the Centennial Centre for Mental Health and Brain Injury in Ponoka.

Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding a proposed Alberta pension plan.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 20 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. McIver

Tabling Returns and Reports

MLA Hoyle, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South:

> Canadian Association of University Teachers website article dated April 17, 2024, entitled "CAUT calls on the Alberta government to scrap Bill 18"
>
> Sessional Paper 346/2023-24

Edmonton Journal website article dated April 15, 2024, entitled "Keith Gerein: Alberta takes its fight with Ottawa to petty extremes, and cities will wear the scars"

Sessional Paper 347/2023-24

Confederation of Alberta Faculty Associations media release dated April 12, 2024, entitled "Bill 18: Turning Albertans into Second-Class Citizens"

Sessional Paper 348/2023-24

Hon. MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

E-mail message dated April 20, 2024, from James Jodoin to Hon. MLA Ceci, expressing concern regarding Bill 18, Provincial Priorities Act

Sessional Paper 349/2023-24

Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Letter dated April 24, 2024, from Jack Van Rijn, Mayor, Town of Coaldale, to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing support for Bill 18, Provincial Priorities Act

Sessional Paper 350/2023-24

The Owl article dated April 23, 2024, entitled "Living together, Multi-family housing starts in Alberta"

Sessional Paper 351/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the afternoon, including for the first division in Committee of the Whole.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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 12 Consumer Protection (Life Leases) Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nally

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, moved that amendment A1 to the Bill be amended in Part A as follows:

(a) in clause (a) by striking out "by adding 'and (4)' after 'section 41.4(3)'" and substituting "by striking out 'Subject to section 41.4(3)' and substituting 'Subject to section 41.4(3) and (4) and section 41.41'";

(b) by adding the following immediately after clause (b):

(c) by adding the following immediately after the proposed section 41.4:

Previously terminated life leases
41.41(1) In this section,

(a) "former leaseholder" means an individual who, under a previously terminated life lease, was granted the exclusive right to occupy a residential dwelling and, if applicable, the right to use areas intended for the common use of occupants of a building, or the estate of a deceased former leaseholder;

(b) "previously terminated life lease" means a life lease or lease substantially similar to a life lease that was terminated before the coming into force of this Part;

(c) "unreturned entrance fee amount" means the sum of the following:

(i) the portion of the amount, other than occupancy fees, paid by a former leaseholder to a lease operator or trustee which is owing and has not been returned to the former leaseholder on the date that this Part comes into force;

(ii) an amount in lieu of accumulated interest due to the delay in return of the amount in subclause (i) that is equal to 3% of that amount.

(2) A lease operator must return the unreturned entrance fee amount to the former leaseholder no later than August 1, 2024.

(3) If a lease operator does not return an unreturned entrance fee amount that is owed to a former leaseholder by the date specified in subsection (2), the former leaseholder may commence an action against the lease operator or a director of the lease operator in the Court of King's Bench in accordance with section 13.

(4) A director of a lease operator named in an action referred to in subsection (3) is jointly and severally liable with the lease operator for any damages awarded to the former leaseholder.

(5) A person who contravenes subsection (2) is guilty of an offence.

The question being put, the subamendment was defeated on the voice vote. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the subamendment: 16

Boparai	Elmeligi	Metz
Ceci	Ip	Pancholi
Chapman	Irwin	Renaud
Dach	Kasawski	Sabir
Deol	Loyola	Shepherd
Eggen		

Against the subamendment: 43

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

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, moved that amendment A1 to the Bill be amended in Part A as follows:

(a) by striking out clause (a) and substituting the following:

(a) by striking out the proposed section 41.2 and substituting the following:

Application
41.2(1) Subject to subsection (2) and section 41.4(3) and (4), this Part applies to each of the following:

(a) a life lease entered into on or after this Part comes into force;

(b) a life lease or lease substantially similar to a life lease that was entered into and terminated before the coming into force of this Part.

(2) Sections 41.3 and 41.5 do not apply to a life lease or lease substantially similar to a life lease referred to in subsection (1)(b).

(b) in clause (b) by striking out all the words after "in the proposed section 41.4" and substituting the following:

(i) by adding the following immediately after subsection (1):

(1.1) For the purposes of this section, the termination date of a life lease or lease substantially similar to a life lease referred to in section 41.2(b) is deemed to be the date on which this Part comes into force.

(ii) by adding the following immediately after subsection (4):

(5) Nothing in this section affects any provisions in a

(a) life lease,

(b) a lease terminated before the coming into force of this Part that is substantially similar to a life lease, or

(c) a lease subsisting on the coming into force of this Part that is substantially similar to a life lease,

respecting the order in which entrance fees are to be returned.

The question being put, the subamendment was defeated on the voice vote. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the subamendment: 16

Boparai	Gray	Metz
Chapman	Ip	Pancholi
Dach	Irwin	Renaud
Deol	Kasawski	Sabir
Eggen	Loyola	Shepherd
Elmeligi		

Against the subamendment: 43

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

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 12 Consumer Protection (Life Leases) Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nally

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 12 (A1) (Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 345/2023-24

Subamendment to Bill 12 (A1-SA1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 352/2023-24

Subamendment to Bill 12 (A1-SA2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 353/2023-24

Subamendment to Bill 12 (A1-SA3) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 354/2023-24

Second Reading

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

Bill 16 Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nally

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Sabir moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 18 Provincial Priorities Act — Hon. Ms Smith

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Shepherd speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 25, 2024

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member James Patrick Heron, Member for Stony Plain, 1986 to 1989, who passed away on November 27, 2023.

Members' Statements

Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding Bill 18, Provincial Priorities Act.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding Government initiatives to modernize Alberta's primary healthcare system.

Ms Wright, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding the National Day of Mourning.

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the previous New Democratic Party Government's policies concerning electricity generation.

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont, made a statement regarding the lack of Government funding for Alberta's education system.

Hon. MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the lack of Government support for CKUA Radio.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given April 24, 2024:

Bill 20 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. McIver

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

> Town and Country Today website article dated June 27, 2022, entitled "From Tomahawk to Alberta's King of Entertainment," relating to comments made by Mr. Dach during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 12, Consumer Protection (Life Leases) Amendment Act, 2024, on April 24, 2024
>
> Sessional Paper 355/2023-24

Edmonton Journal website article dated April 24, 2024, entitled "Opinion: Alberta's Bill 18 spells the end of academic freedom"

Sessional Paper 356/2023-24

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

The Grain Growers' Guide cartoon dated December 15, 1915, entitled "The Milch Cow"

Sessional Paper 357/2023-24

National Post website article dated April 24, 2024, entitled "Poll finds half of Canadians negative on Liberal budget"

Sessional Paper 358/2023-24

Prairie Post article, accessed through Meltwater, dated April 25, 2024, entitled "Empowering Alberta's youth with dual-credit opportunities"

Sessional Paper 359/2023-24

Dr. Metz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Sample contract, undated, from Marda Loop Medical Clinic, relating to administration fees

Sessional Paper 360/2023-24

Report, undated, entitled "Standards of Practice, Continuity of Care," prepared by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta

Sessional Paper 361/2023-24

Document, undated, entitled "Health Service Code 03.01NM, Patient care advice to a pharmacist provided via telephone or other telecommunication methods in relation to the care and treatment of a patient"

Sessional Paper 362/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 17 Canadian Centre of Recovery Excellence Act — Hon. Mr. Williams

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 16 Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nally

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 16 Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nally

Bill 17 Canadian Centre of Recovery Excellence Act — Hon. Mr. Williams

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(6), and on motion by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:27 p.m. until Monday, May 6, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 6, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Wiebe, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement regarding the Government's recently launched Passenger Rail Master Plan.

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement regarding Red Dress Day and recognizing the names of murdered and missing women in Alberta.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding World Veterinary Day.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding Bill 12, Consumer Protection (Life Leases) Amendment Act, 2024.

Mr. Wright, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the recently held Veterans' Mental Health Summit.

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont, made a statement regarding Women's Health Week.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Edmonton Journal article dated May 1, 2024, entitled "Municipalities blast province over Bill 20, arguing it will increase costs"
Sessional Paper 363/2023-24

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

Edmonton Journal website article dated May 3, 2024, entitled "Alberta Bill 20 'risks slowing down' housing development: federal minister"
Sessional Paper 364/2023-24

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Public Health Act, cP-37, s7(2):

Public Health Appeal Board 2023 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 365/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 206 Child and Youth Advocate (Parent and Guardian Advisor) Amendment Act, 2024 — Mr. Cyr

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 207 Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Education (Valuing Skilled Workers) Amendment Act, 2024 — MLA Hoyle

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Dyck speaking.

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

Bill 206 Child and Youth Advocate (Parent and Guardian Advisor) Amendment Act, 2024 — Mr. Cyr

Motions Other Than Government Motions

511. Moved by Mr. Haji:

> Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce a Bill that, if enacted, would prohibit, subject to any applicable exemption based on a demonstrated public health and safety risk, a professional regulatory body from including Canadian work experience or experiential training as a requirement to obtain the necessary credentials to work in that profession in Alberta.

A debate followed.

Mr. Lunty, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, moved that the motion be amended by striking out "introduce a Bill that, if enacted, would" and substituting "continue to proactively take the steps necessary to".

Sessional Paper 366/2023-24

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

Debate continued on the motion as amended.

The question being put, the motion as amended was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:51 p.m. until Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

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

Members' Statements

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding several Government policies.

Mrs. Petrovic, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding Government action to prioritize the health of children and women.

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding Mental Health Week.

Ms de Jonge, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore, made a statement regarding the Strathmore Demonstration Farm.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding Government funding for low-income transit pass programs in Calgary and Edmonton.

Mr. Ip, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement regarding Asian Heritage Month.

Notices of Motions

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 208 Psycho-Educational Assessment Access Act — Ms Hayter

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

> Edmonton Journal article, accessed through PressReader, dated May 7, 2024, entitled "Amending Bill 20 doesn't cut it, so just withdraw it"
>
> Sessional Paper 367/2023-24

Hon. MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

> E-mail message dated May 6, 2024, from Claire O'Gorman to Hon. Mr. Loewen, Minister of Forestry and Parks, expressing concern regarding proposed logging plans for the West Bragg Creek and Moose Mountain forests
>
> Sessional Paper 368/2023-24

Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

> National Post website article dated April 30, 2024, entitled "Poilievre slams 'Justinflation' in attempt to woo union tradespeople during speech in Gatineau," relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Phillips during Second Reading debate on Bill 207, Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Education (Valuing Skilled Workers) Amendment Act, 2024, on May 6, 2024
>
> Sessional Paper 369/2023-24

Speaker's Statement — Anniversaries of Speaker Voting

The Speaker made a statement recognizing the recent anniversaries of the two occasions when the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly has cast a vote in the Chamber to break a tie.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 18 Provincial Priorities Act — Hon. Ms Smith

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

> Bill 18, Provincial Priorities Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.
>
> Sessional Paper 370/2023-24

A debate followed on the amendment.

Hon. Mr. Williams moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 11 Public Safety Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

Bill 13 Real Property Governance Act — Hon. Mr. Guthrie

> Mr. van Dijken, Deputy 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 11 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) — Defeated
> >
> > Sessional Paper 371/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 13 (A1) (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 372/2023-24

Second Reading

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

Bill 19 Utilities Affordability Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Neudorf

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Williams moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Williams, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:58 p.m. until Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

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

Speaker's Statement – Victory in Europe Day

The Speaker made a statement recognizing May 8, 2024, as the 79th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day and recognizing the sacrifices made by service members in defence of Canada.

Members' Statements

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding Government action to develop Alberta's geothermal drilling sector.

Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding the need for Government to fund and respect public school support staff.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding Heart Failure Awareness Week.

Hon. Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement regarding several proposed Government policies.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding the priorities of Albertans.

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the need for Government to prioritize affordable electricity prices.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Yao, Chair, Select Special Ethics Commissioner and Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee, presented the following report:

> Select Special Ethics Commissioner and Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee Report of the Committee, Ethics Commissioner Recommendation and Chief Electoral Officer Update, Thirty-First Legislature, First Session, May 2024
>
> Sessional Paper 373/2023-24

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given May 7, 2024:

Bill 208 Psycho-Educational Assessment Access Act — Ms Hayter

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Neudorf, Minister of Affordability and Utilities:

> Report dated March 2023, entitled "AESO 2023 Reliability Requirements Roadmap," prepared by the Alberta Electric System Operator, relating to comments made by Hon. Mr. Neudorf during Oral Question Period on May 7, 2024
>
> Sessional Paper 374/2023-24

Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

> Report dated February 14, 2024, entitled "Municipal Government Act 2023 Engagement Summary," prepared by the Government of Alberta, relating to comments made by Hon. Mr. McIver during Oral Question Period on May 8, 2024
>
> Sessional Paper 375/2023-24

> Report dated February 14, 2024, entitled "Local Authorities Election Act 2023 Engagement Summary," prepared by the Government of Alberta, relating to comments made by Hon. Mr. McIver during Oral Question Period on May 8, 2024
>
> Sessional Paper 376/2023-24

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

> Edmonton Journal article, accessed through PressReader, dated May 8, 2024, entitled "Disability aid rules flawed: report"
>
> Sessional Paper 377/2023-24

Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

E-mail message dated April 10, 2024, from Ruth Merriott to Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, regarding comments made by Mr. Getson concerning life leases

Sessional Paper 378/2023-24

Letter dated May 3, 2024, from Dr. Carmen Mombourquette, Board Chair, Holy Spirit Catholic School Division, to Hon. Mr. Nicolaides, Minister of Education, expressing concern regarding a lack of operational funding for public schools

Sessional Paper 379/2023-24

Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Social media post from the account of Hon. Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing support for removing Councillor Sean Chu from Calgary City Council

Sessional Paper 380/2023-24

Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Edmonton Journal article, accessed through PressReader, dated May 8, 2024, entitled "West end IGA to close doors after owner retires"

Sessional Paper 381/2023-24

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

Edmonton Journal photograph dated May 8, 2024, entitled "Taking a Leisurely Stand"

Sessional Paper 382/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 17 Canadian Centre of Recovery Excellence Act — Hon. Mr. Williams

Third Reading

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

Bill 12 Consumer Protection (Life Leases) Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nally

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 12 Consumer Protection (Life Leases) Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nally

Second Reading

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

Bill 20 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. McIver

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Ip speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 9, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding Bill 20, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024.

Mr. Sinclair, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding recently announced eligibility for wildland firefighters under the Heroes' Fund.

Mr. Ip, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement regarding Bill 20, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024.

Hon. Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding the value of increasing access to epinephrine in public areas.

MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia, made a statement regarding the need for Government to address the disproportionate rate of death of Indigenous children in Government care.

Hon. Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding Bill 20, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Ms Pitt, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

> Standing Committee on Private Bills Final Report on Bill Pr2, Community Foundation of Medicine Hat and Southeastern Alberta Amendment Act, 2024, Bill Pr3, Providence Renewal Centre Amendment Act, 2024, Bill Pr4, Rosebud School of the Arts Amendment Act, 2024, Thirty-First Legislature, First Session, May 2024
>
> Sessional Paper 383/2023-24

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to the report.

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 21 Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall:

> Edmonton Journal article, accessed through PressReader, dated May 9, 2024, entitled "New ethics watchdog named over objections from NDP"
>
> Sessional Paper 384/2023-24

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

> CBC News website article dated April 29, 2024, entitled "Ontario to increase health coverage for wildland firefighters"
>
> Sessional Paper 385/2023-24

> National Union of Public and General Employees website article dated April 24, 2024, entitled "Federal Public Safety and National Security committee unanimously supports corrected misclassification of Forest/Wildland firefighters"
>
> Sessional Paper 386/2023-24

Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park:

Alberta Municipalities news release dated May 8, 2024, entitled "ABmunis calls on provincial government to scrap Bill 20"

Sessional Paper 387/2023-24

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

Edmonton Journal article, accessed through PressReader, dated May 9, 2024, entitled "Non-profit part of Bill 20 finds support"

Sessional Paper 388/2023-24

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud:

E-mail message dated May 9, 2024, from Ms Pancholi to Hon. Mr. Nally, Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction, confirming Ms Pancholi's request that Hon. Mr. Nally table the letters he referenced in the Assembly during Third Reading debate on Bill 12, Consumer Protection (Life Leases) Amendment Act, 2024, on May 8, 2024

Sessional Paper 389/2023-24

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

Edmonton Journal article, accessed through PressReader, dated May 9, 2024, entitled "Councillors unite to oppose provincial bills"

Sessional Paper 390/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 13 Real Property Governance Act — Hon. Mr. Guthrie

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 44

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

Against the motion: 15

Boparai	Goehring	Metz
Chapman	Gray	Pancholi
Dach	Ip	Renaud
Deol	Irwin	Schmidt
Eggen	Kasawski	Shepherd

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 13 Real Property Governance Act — Hon. Mr. Guthrie

Second Reading

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

Bill 19 Utilities Affordability Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Neudorf

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Kasawski speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, May 13, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 13, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Mr. McDougall, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the Government's recently announced funding for youth mental health supports.

MLA Boparai, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding the annual Nagar Kirtan parade recently held in Calgary.

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, made a statement regarding the annual Highway Cleanup Program.

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement regarding Bill 20, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024.

Hon. Mr. Hunter, Hon. Member for Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the importance of understanding the struggle of mental illness.

MLA Brar, Hon. Member for Calgary-North East, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Surjit Pater.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 22 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

> Edmonton Journal article, accessed through PressReader, dated May 11, 2024, entitled "City Gets Housing Task Force"
>
> Sessional Paper 391/2023-24

> Edmonton Journal article, accessed through PressReader, dated May 11, 2024, entitled "Bill suggests rest of Canada have a say on pensions"
>
> Sessional Paper 392/2023-24

MLA Hoyle, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South:

Copy of a petition signed by 31 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to support craft union training centres with the same funding that is provided to provincial polytechnical schools

Sessional Paper 393/2023-24

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

Edmonton Journal website article dated May 10, 2024, entitled "Alberta premier 'glad' Gaza protest in Calgary ended as encampments escalate"

Sessional Paper 394/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 207 Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Education (Valuing Skilled Workers) Amendment Act, 2024 — MLA Hoyle

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated on the voice vote. With Ms Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 20

Boparai	Goehring	Pancholi
Chapman	Hayter	Phillips
Dach	Hoyle	Renaud
Deol	Ip	Sabir
Eggen	Irwin	Schmidt
Ellingson	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Elmeligi	Loyola	

Against the motion: 43

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

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

Bill 208 Psycho-Educational Assessment Access Act — Ms Hayter

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mrs. Petrovic speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

512. Moved by Mr. McDougall:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

(a) support the Government's ongoing commitments to

i) review Alberta's water management strategy to increase the availability of water and water licences,

ii) evaluate potential long-term infrastructure investments to ensure the sustainable management and safeguarding of water resources for the benefit of all Albertans, and

(b) urge the Government to expand these commitments by undertaking a comprehensive and updated assessment of water resources in the province, including the consideration of inter-basin water transfer as a means of optimizing the use of existing water resources.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Dr. Metz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the need for Government to assist with funding for the University of Calgary's Olympic Oval redevelopment plan.

Ms de Jonge, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore, made a statement regarding Government action to create educational opportunities in the skilled trades.

Mr. Haji, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding a lack of Government action to address several issues facing Albertans.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding the Pacific Northwest Economic Region.

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, made a statement regarding the work of the previous New Democratic Party Government to secure federal approval for the Trans Mountain Pipeline expansion.

Mr. Ellingson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement regarding Bill 18, Provincial Priorities Act.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given May 13, 2024:

Bill 22 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Getson, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Election Act, cE-1, s4(6):

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer: 2023 Provincial General Election Report
Sessional Paper 395/2023-24

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer: 2023 Provincial General Election Statement of Vote
Sessional Paper 396/2023-24

Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

National Post website article dated May 8, 2024, entitled "Jamie Sarkonak: Political parties exactly the shakeup Alberta city councils need"
Sessional Paper 397/2023-24

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

Edmonton Journal article, accessed through PressReader, dated May 14, 2024, entitled "How does the premier justify power moves?"
Sessional Paper 398/2023-24

Edmonton Journal article, accessed through PressReader, dated May 14, 2024, entitled "Municipalities pan emergencies act"
Sessional Paper 399/2023-24

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

The Gateway website article, undated, entitled "Rent keeps going up, Alberta government is fighting solutions," relating to comments made by MLA Irwin during Oral Question Period on May 14, 2024
Sessional Paper 400/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 11 Public Safety Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

A debate followed.

Mr. Haji, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

> Bill 11, Public Safety Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, be not now read a Third time but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.
>
> Sessional Paper 401/2023-24

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

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

For the motion: 46

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

Against the motion: 15

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Kayande
Batten	Gray	Metz
Brar	Haji	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ceci	Hayter	Sweet
Ellingson	Hoyle	Tejada

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 11 Public Safety Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

Second Reading

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

Bill 19 Utilities Affordability Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Neudorf

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 19 Utilities Affordability Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Neudorf

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 16 Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nally

Bill 19 Utilities Affordability Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Neudorf

Third Reading

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

Bill 17 Canadian Centre of Recovery Excellence Act — Hon. Mr. Williams

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 17 Canadian Centre of Recovery Excellence Act — Hon. Mr. Williams

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Williams, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:54 p.m. until Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding recently announced Government funding for the training of teachers for rural and Indigenous communities.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding several resources available to Albertans who have been evacuated due to wildfires.

Mr. Wright, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding Canadian Armed Forces Day.

Hon. Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the importance of courage in confronting misinformation.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding Government action to address potential drought conditions in Alberta.

MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia, made a statement regarding a lack of Government action to address several concerns of Albertans.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Nally, Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction:

> Appendix C from a report dated March 30, 2017, entitled "Lions Villages Society of Edmonton, Life Lease Position Paper," containing letters of support for life lease legislation
>
> Sessional Paper 402/2023-24

Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

> Edmonton Journal website article dated November 4, 2021, entitled "Developers donated at least $58,349 to Edmonton's incoming city councillors"
>
> Sessional Paper 403/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

34. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the report of the Select Special Ethics Commissioner and Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee and recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council that Shawn McLeod be appointed Ethics Commissioner for the Province of Alberta for a five-year term commencing May 26, 2024.

A debate followed.

Mr. Getson moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

36. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Government Motion 34 is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the motion, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the motion shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Schow and Hon. Mr. Sabir commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 45

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

Against the motion: 35

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Notley
Arcand-Paul	Goehring	Pancholi
Batten	Gray	Phillips
Boparai	Haji	Renaud
Brar	Hayter	Sabir
Ceci	Hoyle	Schmidt
Chapman	Ip	Shepherd
Dach	Irwin	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Deol	Kasawski	Sweet
Eggen	Kayande	Tejada
Ellingson	Loyola	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Elmeligi	Metz	

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A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 36, agreed to on May 15, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:44 p.m. the question was immediately put on Government Motion 34, which was agreed to on the voice vote. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 43

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

Against the motion: 35

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Notley
Arcand-Paul	Goehring	Pancholi
Batten	Gray	Phillips
Boparai	Haji	Renaud
Brar	Hayter	Sabir
Ceci	Hoyle	Schmidt
Chapman	Ip	Shepherd
Dach	Irwin	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Deol	Kasawski	Sweet
Eggen	Kayande	Tejada
Ellingson	Loyola	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Elmeligi	Metz	

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 16 Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nally

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 19 Utilities Affordability Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Neudorf

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 16 Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nally

Bill 19 Utilities Affordability Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Neudorf

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:59 p.m. until Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 16, 2024

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

Speaker's Statement – Angels of Ukraine Memorial

The Speaker made a statement regarding the Angels of Ukraine Memorial currently on display in the Legislature Rotunda.

Members' Statements

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement regarding Moose Hide Campaign Day.

Mr. Wiebe, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement regarding Government action to address wildfires.

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington, made a statement regarding Speech and Hearing Month and the need to provide speech and audiology support to students.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding several pieces of proposed legislation.

Mr. Boitchenko, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding Vyshyvanka Day.

Mr. Ip, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement regarding the need for Government to increase wages for educational assistants.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be accepted or otherwise dealt with, pursuant to Standing Order 34(3):

Written Questions

To be accepted: WQ7, WQ8, WQ9
To be dealt with: WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6

Motions for Returns

To be accepted: MR1, MR4, MR5, MR8, MR11, MR13, MR15, MR16, MR18, MR19
To be dealt with: MR2, MR3, MR6, MR7, MR9, MR10, MR12, MR14, MR17

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

> CBC News website article dated May 15, 2024, entitled "Calgary Housing Company seeing 'bottleneck' as applications surge, turnover slows"
>
> Sessional Paper 404/2023-24

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

> Letter dated May 11, 2024, sender's name redacted, to an unidentified Member of Parliament, expressing concern regarding the suspension of the Alberta Opportunity Stream Program
>
> Sessional Paper 405/2023-24

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

> Statistics Canada webpage entitled "Labour force characteristics by province, monthly, seasonally adjusted"
>
> Sessional Paper 406/2023-24

Royal Assent

Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Assembly and being seated on the Throne,

The Speaker addressed Her Honour in the following words:

> May it please Your Honour:
>
> The Legislative Assembly has, at its present sitting, passed certain Bills to which, and in the name of the Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the title of the Bills that had been passed as follows:

10 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 ($)

11 Public Safety Statutes Amendment Act, 2024

12 Consumer Protection (Life Leases) Amendment Act, 2024

13 Real Property Governance Act

16 Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2024

17 Canadian Centre of Recovery Excellence Act

19 Utilities Affordability Statutes Amendment Act, 2024

204 Municipal Government (National Urban Parks) Amendment Act, 2023

To these Bills, Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Assembly in the following words:

> In His Majesty's name, Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Bills.

Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor then retired from the Assembly.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 21 Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, MLA Hoyle speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Orders 3(3)(a) and 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding Bill 21, Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024.

Mr. Lunty, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding recent Government investment in the Mindful Hearts Memory Care Centre at Joey's Home.

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to focus on making Albertans' lives better.

Mrs. Petrovic, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the principled leadership of the Government in contrast to the Official Opposition's divisiveness.

Hon. Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding Vesak.

Hon. MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding several Government policies affecting the arts.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

37. Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 18, Provincial Priorities Act, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated May 18, 2024, from Professor David Kahne to Members of the Presidential Review Committee, University of Alberta, requesting that Bill Flanagan not be reappointed as President of the University of Alberta
Sessional Paper 407/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Nally, Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction:

Red Deer Advocate website article dated June 21, 2022, entitled "Red Deer's Entertainment District an example of UCP's red tape reduction efforts"
Sessional Paper 408/2023-24

Edmonton Journal website article dated May 14, 2024, entitled "Rice Howard Way becomes Edmonton's new entertainment district"
Sessional Paper 409/2023-24

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

Edmonton Journal article, accessed through PressReader, dated May 21, 2024, entitled "City hall has seen big changes and even more likely on way"
Sessional Paper 410/2023-24

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Paramedics 2022-2023 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 411/2023-24

College of Registered Nurses of Alberta 2022-2023 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 412/2023-24

Alberta College of Social Workers 2023 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 413/2023-24

Speaker's Statement – Alberta Legislature Democracy Discovery Centre

The Speaker made a statement regarding a new exhibit at the Democracy Discovery Centre located in the Alberta Legislature Visitor Centre.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

33. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

> Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 18, Provincial Priorities Act, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Second Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Schow and Ms Sweet commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 46

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

Against the motion: 14

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Arcand-Paul	Haji	Sweet
Batten	Hayter	Tejada
Brar	Hoyle	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Ellingson	Kayande	

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 18 Provincial Priorities Act — Hon. Ms Smith

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, on May 7, 2024, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

> Bill 18, Provincial Priorities Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.
>
> Sessional Paper 370/2023-24

Pursuant to Government Motion 33, agreed to on May 21, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:11 p.m. the question was immediately put on the amendment to the motion for Second Reading of Bill 18, Provincial Priorities Act, which was defeated on the voice vote. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 14

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Arcand-Paul	Haji	Sweet
Batten	Hayter	Tejada
Brar	Hoyle	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Ellingson	Kayande	

Against the amendment: 46

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

Pursuant to Government Motion 33, agreed to on May 21, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:28 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 18, Provincial Priorities Act, which was agreed to on the voice vote. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 46

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

Against the motion: 14

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Arcand-Paul	Haji	Sweet
Batten	Hayter	Tejada
Brar	Hoyle	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Ellingson	Kayande	

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

Bill 18 Provincial Priorities Act — Hon. Ms Smith

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)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 18 Provincial Priorities Act — Hon. Ms Smith

Mr. Cyr, Acting 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 18 (A1) (Hon. Minister of Indigenous Relations) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 414/2023-24

Second Reading

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

Bill 21 Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Williams moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Motions

35. Moved by Hon. Mr. Williams on behalf of Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 20, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Second Reading, at which time

every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Williams and Ms Sweet commented on the time allocation motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Williams, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:56 p.m. until Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Ms de Jonge, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore, made a statement regarding the Premier's attendance at the Alaska Sustainable Energy Conference.

Hon. Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement regarding several Government policies and actions that are not aligned with Albertans' interests.

Mr. Bouchard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the Workers' Compensation Board.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding Government policies and actions concerning health care.

Mrs. Johnson, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding the Ponoka Stampede.

MLA Brar, Hon. Member for Calgary-North East, made a statement regarding the lack of Government action to improve the provincial immigration nomination system.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

41. Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 22, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Second Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, on behalf of Mr. Haji, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

> St. Albert Gazette website article dated May 13, 2024, entitled "Alberta's Bill 21 would confuse and complicate emergency response: RMA"
>
> Sessional Paper 415/2023-24

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

> Letter dated May 15, 2024, from the Gender and Sexuality Alliances of M.E. LaZerte High School, Steele Heights School, and Londonderry School, to Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing concern regarding the rise of transphobic and homophobic language in school communities
>
> Sessional Paper 416/2023-24

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington:

> Calgary Herald website article, accessed through PressReader, dated May 22, 2024, entitled "CBE to pull $2.6M from reserves"
>
> Sessional Paper 417/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

37. Oral notice having been given May 21, 2024, moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

> Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 18, Provincial Priorities Act, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Schow and Hon. Mr. Sabir commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 47

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

Against the motion: 18

Boparai	Elmeligi	Loyola
Ceci	Goehring	Pancholi
Chapman	Gray	Renaud
Dach	Ip	Sabir
Deol	Irwin	Schmidt
Eggen	Kasawski	Shepherd

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 20 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. McIver

A debate followed.

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, on behalf of Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

> Bill 20, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that neither the general public nor municipalities support the amendments proposed by the Bill.
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A debate followed on the amendment.

Pursuant to Government Motion 35, agreed to on May 21, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:17 p.m. the question was immediately put on the amendment to the motion for Second Reading of Bill 20, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, which was defeated on the voice vote. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 17

Boparai	Elmeligi	Pancholi
Ceci	Goehring	Renaud
Chapman	Ip	Sabir
Dach	Irwin	Schmidt
Deol	Kasawski	Shepherd
Eggen	Loyola	

Against the amendment: 46

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

Pursuant to Government Motion 35, agreed to on May 21, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:35 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 20, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, which was agreed to on the voice vote. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 46

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

Against the motion: 17

Boparai	Elmeligi	Pancholi
Ceci	Goehring	Renaud
Chapman	Ip	Sabir
Dach	Irwin	Schmidt
Deol	Kasawski	Shepherd
Eggen	Loyola	

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

Bill 20 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. McIver

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 18 Provincial Priorities Act — Hon. Ms Smith

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington, on behalf of MLA Hoyle, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, moved that amendment A1 to the Bill be amended as follows:

(a) by striking out Part A and substituting the following:

A Section 1 is amended as follows:

(a) by adding the following immediately after clause (a):

(a.1) "Indigenous group" means

(i) a band as defined in the Indian Act (Canada),

(ii) a Metis settlement,

(iii) the Metis Settlements General Council incorporated by section 214 of the Metis Settlements Act,

(iv) any other group comprised of an aboriginal peoples of Canada within the meaning of section 35(2) of the Constitution Act, 1982,

(v) any incorporated organization that identifies itself as representing a group comprised of an aboriginal peoples of Canada within the meaning of section 35(2) of the Constitution Act, 1982, or

(vi) any other group designated as an Indigenous group in the regulations;

(b) by striking out clause (c)(iii) and (ix);

(b) by striking out Part C and substituting the following:

C Section 3 is amended

(a) in clause (a) by striking out "or provincial entities", and

(b) by adding the following immediately after clause (f):

(f.1) designating a group as an Indigenous group for the purposes of this Act;

Pursuant to Government Motion 37, agreed to on May 22, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 5:54 p.m. the question was immediately put on subamendment SA1 to amendment A1 to Bill 18, Provincial Priorities Act, which was defeated on the voice vote. With Mr. van Dijken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the subamendment: 17

Boparai	Eggen	Pancholi
Calahoo Stonehouse	Elmeligi	Renaud
Ceci	Ip	Sabir
Chapman	Irwin	Schmidt
Dach	Kasawski	Shepherd
Deol	Loyola	

Against the subamendment: 45

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

Pursuant to Government Motion 37, agreed to on May 22, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 6:11 p.m. the question was immediately put on amendment A1 to Bill 18, Provincial Priorities Act, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 37, agreed to on May 22, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 6:12 p.m. the question was immediately put on the remaining clauses of Bill 18, Provincial Priorities Act, which was agreed to on the voice vote. With Mr. van Dijken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 44

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

Against the motion: 16

Boparai	Eggen	Loyola
Calahoo Stonehouse	Elmeligi	Pancholi
Ceci	Ip	Renaud
Chapman	Irwin	Sabir
Dach	Kasawski	Shepherd
Deol		

Pursuant to Government Motion 37, agreed to on May 22, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 6:16 p.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble of Bill 18, Provincial Priorities Act, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 37, agreed to on May 22, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 6:16 p.m. the question was immediately put that Bill 18, Provincial Priorities Act be reported, which was agreed to.

The Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 18 Provincial Priorities Act — Hon. Ms Smith

Ms Pitt, 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 18 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Indigenous Relations on May 21, 2024) — Agreed to
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Subamendment to Bill 18 (A1-SA1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-South) — Defeated on division
Sessional Paper 419/2023-24

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:17 p.m. until Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 23, 2024

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

Speaker's Statement – Pages of the Assembly

The Speaker made a statement recognizing the Pages who would not be returning for the next sitting of the Legislature and read a letter from the departing Pages.

Members' Statements

Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding Government policies and inaction concerning health care.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding a recently announced continuing care funding agreement between the Province and the federal government.

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding her proposals for improving Alberta's healthcare system.

Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding his attendance at a recent March for Life event held on the Legislature grounds.

Dr. Elmeligi, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to ensure Indigenous children remain in their communities with their kin.

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, made a statement regarding several Government policies.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 211 Arts and Creative Economy Advisory Council Act — Hon. MLA Ceci

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

> Letter dated May 17, 2024, from Michael Ewenson, Executive Director, Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT), to Ruttan Bates Barristers and Solicitors, regarding the results of two ASIRT investigations into allegations of improper data access by certain officers and civilian employees of the Lethbridge Police Service
>
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Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung:

> Edmonton Journal article, accessed through PressReader, dated May 23, 2024, entitled "Bit by bit, Smith is fortifying Alberta against Ottawa"
>
> Sessional Paper 421/2023-24

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

Report dated May 21, 2024, entitled "Calgary Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) Inflation Review April 2024," prepared by Hotaka Kobori and Mark Angelo Uy

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Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park:

Document, undated, entitled "Amendments to Controversial Bill 20 Expected Today"

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Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington:

Document, undated, entitled "Co-operative Federalism," relating to comments made by Ms Chapman during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 18, Provincial Priorities Act, on May 22, 2024

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Mrs. Johnson, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka:

Election Law Journal article dated June 17, 2020, entitled "Ballot-Marking Devices Cannot Ensure the Will of the Voters," relating to comments made by Mrs. Johnson during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 18, Provincial Priorities Act, on May 22, 2024

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Government Motions

32. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1) and for the duration of the 2024 Spring Sitting of the First Session of the 31st Legislature, the Assembly shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings for consideration of Government business, unless the Government House Leader notifies the Assembly that there shall be no evening sitting that day by providing notice under Notices of Motions in the Daily Routine or at any time prior to 6 p.m.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

38. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that the membership of the Select Special Ethics Commissioner and Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee be replaced as follows: that Mr. Getson replace Mr. Yao as Chair, that Mr. Getson replace Mr. Yao, that Hon. Mr. Hunter replace Mr. Dyck, that Mr. Rowswell replace Ms Pitt, and that Mr. Wiebe replace Mr. Stephan.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 20 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. McIver

Mr. van Dijken, Deputy 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 20 (A1) (Hon. Minister of Municipal Affairs) — Adjourned

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Second Reading

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

Bill 22 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

A debate followed.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 22, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that the reorganization in the health care system resulting from the legislative amendments proposed by this Bill, if enacted, will destabilize and create inefficiencies regarding effective patient care in the health care system, resulting in negative impacts for patients and health care workers.

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MLA Irwin moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the afternoon.

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39. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 21, Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Second Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Schow and Hon. Mr. Sabir commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 45

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

Against the motion: 14

Boparai	Ip	Renaud
Dach	Irwin	Sabir
Deol	Loyola	Schmidt
Eggen	Metz	Shepherd
Goehring	Pancholi	

40. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

> Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 20, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Schow and Hon. Mr. Eggen commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 45

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

Against the motion: 15

Boparai	Ip	Pancholi
Dach	Irwin	Renaud
Deol	Kasawski	Sabir
Eggen	Loyola	Schmidt
Goehring	Metz	Shepherd

41. Oral notice having been given May 22, 2024, moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

> Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 22, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Second Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Schow and MLA Irwin commented on the time allocation motion.

Debate adjourned, MLA Irwin speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, May 27, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 27, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Lunty, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding the recently opened Amazon YYC4 fulfilment centre in Calgary.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the need for a legislative framework to increase accessibility for disabled Albertans.

Mr. Boitchenko, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding recently announced Government investments in hospitals in Devon and Drayton Valley.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the lack of Government focus on the priorities of Albertans.

Mr. Sinclair, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement recognizing his wife and the anniversary of their marriage.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the lack of Government action to build school playgrounds.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 23 Miscellaneous Corrections Statute Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Schow

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Social media post dated May 27, 2024, from the account of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, regarding civilian casualties suffered in the city of Rafah

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Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ7. Asked for by Ms Sweet:

How many grants were distributed to municipalities in 2023 by the Forest Resource Improvement Association through the Alberta FireSmart Program?

WQ8. Asked for by Ms Sweet:

What was the total amount paid by the Government to municipalities for costs incurred in 2023 as a result of wildfires that occurred outside of forest protection areas?

WQ9. Asked for by Ms Sweet:

What is the total amount of compensation payable under any Government program to municipalities for costs incurred in 2023 as a result of wildfires that occurred outside of forest protection areas that remains outstanding as of April 15, 2024?

The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ1. Moved by Ms Goehring on behalf of Hon. Ms Sigurdson:

How many audits or investigations were conducted under the Nursing Homes General Regulation, the Co-ordinated Home Care Program Regulation or any ministerial directive made under the Regional Health Authorities Act that resulted in a finding of a contravention by an operator of the Continuing Care Health Services Standards (as amended July 16, 2018), during the period from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023?

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

For the motion: 14

Boparai	Elmeligi	Renaud
Calahoo Stonehouse	Goehring	Sabir
Chapman	Kasawski	Schmidt
Dach	Metz	Shepherd
Eggen	Pancholi	

Against the motion: 47

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

WQ2. Moved by Mr. Shepherd on behalf of Hon. Ms Sigurdson:

How many investigations were undertaken by the Ministry of Health in response to complaints about an operator under the Nursing Homes Act during the period from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023?

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

For the motion: 16

Boparai	Goehring	Pancholi
Chapman	Ip	Renaud
Dach	Irwin	Sabir
Eggen	Kasawski	Schmidt
Ellingson	Metz	Shepherd
Elmeligi		

Against the motion: 45

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

Motions Other Than Government Motions

513. Moved by Mr. Ellingson:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce a Bill to amend the Alberta Sovereignty Within a United Canada Act that, if enacted, would require, on the introduction of a motion under section 3 of the Act, that the Government

(a) conduct an economic impact study on the potential effects of implementing the matters proposed in the motion, and

(b) immediately publish the results of that study to ensure that Members are informed, before they vote on that motion, in respect of all potential investment impacts due to regulatory or policy uncertainty, potential job losses, and potential negative impacts on the provincial economy.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

Adjournment

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

MONDAY, MAY 27, 2024 — 7:30 P.M.

Private Bills / Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill Pr2 Community Foundation of Medicine Hat and Southeastern Alberta Amendment Act, 2024 — Mr. Wright

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill Pr3 Providence Renewal Centre Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Ms Gray on behalf of MLA Calahoo Stonehouse

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill Pr4 Rosebud School of the Arts Amendment Act, 2024 — Mrs. Petrovic

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 21 Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

A debate followed.

Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

> Bill 21, Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that more consultation is required with municipalities and municipal firefighters on the potential adverse impacts of the legislative amendments proposed by the Bill, if enacted.
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A debate followed on the amendment.

Pursuant to Government Motion 39, agreed to on May 23, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 8:41 p.m. the question was immediately put on the amendment to the motion for Second Reading of Bill 21, Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, which was defeated on the voice vote. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 12

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Kayande
Batten	Gray	Phillips
Brar	Hayter	Tejada
Ellingson	Hoyle	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

Against the amendment: 46

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

Pursuant to Government Motion 39, agreed to on May 23, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 8:58 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 21, Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, which was agreed to on the voice vote. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 47

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

Against the motion: 12

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Kayande
Batten	Gray	Phillips
Brar	Hayter	Tejada
Ellingson	Hoyle	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 21 Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

Bill Pr2 Community Foundation of Medicine Hat and Southeastern Alberta Amendment Act, 2024 — Mr. Wright

Bill Pr3 Providence Renewal Centre Amendment Act, 2024 — MLA Calahoo Stonehouse

Bill Pr4 Rosebud School of the Arts Amendment Act, 2024 — Mrs. Petrovic

Government Motions

41. Oral notice having been given May 22, 2024, moved by Hon. Mr. Schow, and debate adjourned on May 23, 2024, MLA Irwin speaking:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 22, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Second Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

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

For the motion: 47

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

Against the motion: 12

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Kayande
Batten	Gray	Phillips
Brar	Hayter	Tejada
Ellingson	Hoyle	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 22 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, on May 23, 2024, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

> Bill 22, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that the reorganization in the health care system resulting from the legislative amendments proposed by this Bill, if enacted, will destabilize and create inefficiencies regarding effective patient care in the health care system, resulting in negative impacts for patients and health care workers.
>
> Sessional Paper 427/2023-24

Pursuant to Government Motion 41, agreed to on May 27, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:34 p.m. the question was immediately put on the amendment to the motion for Second Reading of Bill 22, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, which was defeated on the voice vote. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 12

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Kayande
Batten	Gray	Phillips
Brar	Hayter	Tejada
Ellingson	Hoyle	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

Against the amendment: 47

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

Pursuant to Government Motion 41, agreed to on May 27, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:51 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 22, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, which was agreed to on the voice vote. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 47

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

Against the motion: 12

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Kayande
Batten	Gray	Phillips
Brar	Hayter	Tejada
Ellingson	Hoyle	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

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

Bill 22 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the duration of the evening, including the first division in Committee of the Whole.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

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 21 Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

Hon. Mr. Ellis, Deputy Premier, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services, moved adjournment of Bill 21, Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, which was agreed to on the voice vote. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 46

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

Against the motion: 12

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Kayande
Batten	Gray	Phillips
Brar	Hayter	Tejada
Ellingson	Hoyle	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 22 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Health, moved adjournment of Bill 22, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, which was agreed to on the voice vote. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 46

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

Against the motion: 12

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Kayande
Batten	Gray	Phillips
Brar	Hayter	Tejada
Ellingson	Hoyle	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 21 Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

Bill 22 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Government Motions

43. Moved by Hon. Mr. Amery on behalf of Hon. Mr. Schow:

> Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 21, Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Amery and Hon. Ms Gray commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 47

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

Against the motion: 12

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Kayande
Batten	Gray	Phillips
Brar	Hayter	Tejada
Ellingson	Hoyle	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

44. Moved by Hon. Mr. Amery on behalf of Hon. Mr. Schow:

> Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 22, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Amery and MLA Kayande commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 47

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

Against the motion: 12

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Kayande
Batten	Gray	Phillips
Brar	Hayter	Tejada
Ellingson	Hoyle	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:29 a.m. Tuesday, May 28, 2024, until 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding her experience with political intimidation by some officers of the Lethbridge Police Force.

Mr. Wright, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods unit of the Alberta Sheriffs.

MLA Calahoo Stonehouse, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to listen to Albertans.

Mr. Cyr, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, made a statement regarding the Cold Lake Air Show.

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington, made a statement regarding the lack of Government funding for public school construction.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding the lack of Government focus on addressing systemic discrimination in Alberta.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 214 Eastern Slopes Protection Act — Hon. Ms Notley

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 212 Organ and Tissue Donor Information Agreement Act — Dr. Metz

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

> Calgary Herald website article dated May 27, 2024, entitled " 'It's depressing being a 40-year-old stuck at home': Why the dream of homeownership is fading for many Calgarians," relating to comments made by MLA Irwin during Oral Question Period on May 27, 2024
>
> Sessional Paper 430/2023-24

Mr. Haji, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, on behalf of Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

> St. Albert Gazette website article, undated, entitled "Reasons for voter ID changes unclear, fuel distrust in elections, say Alberta municipal leaders"
>
> Sessional Paper 431/2023-24

Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Edmonton Journal article, accessed through PressReader, dated May 28, 2024, entitled "UCP Bills an Example of 'Democratic Backsliding' "
Sessional Paper 432/2023-24

Mr. McDougall, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek:

Report dated May 2024, entitled "Economic Impact Assessment of Canadian Conventional Oil and Gas," prepared by S&P Global
Sessional Paper 433/2023-24

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

E-mail message dated April 23, 2024, from Carolyn O'Reilly to MLA Eremenko, expressing concern regarding the Government's priorities
Sessional Paper 434/2023-24

Dr. Metz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

E-mail message dated May 22, 2024, from Kirstin to Members of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that the Government take action to make the healthcare system more inclusive for those with communications disabilities
Sessional Paper 435/2023-24

MLA Calahoo Stonehouse, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Edmonton Journal article, accessed through PressReader, dated May 27, 2024, entitled " 'Language is identity': Indigenous Ontario legislator to make history"
Sessional Paper 436/2023-24

Speaker's Statement — Table Officer

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of Janet Schwegel, Director of Parliamentary Programs, who is retiring after over 20 years of service with the Legislative Assembly Office and whose last day as a Table Officer in the Chamber is today.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 18 Provincial Priorities Act — Hon. Ms Smith

Hon. Ms Smith moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Motions

45. Moved by Hon. Mr. Williams on behalf of Hon. Mr. Schow:

> Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the 2024 Spring Sitting of the Assembly shall stand adjourned upon the Government House Leader advising the Assembly that the business for the Sitting is concluded.

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

For the motion: 48

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

Against the motion: 16

Al-Guneid	Haji	Phillips
Batten	Hayter	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Brar	Hoyle	Sweet
Ellingson	Kasawski	Tejada
Eremenko	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Gray		

42. Moved by Hon. Mr. Williams on behalf of Hon. Mr. Schow:

> Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 18, Provincial Priorities Act, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Williams and MLA Kayande commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 46

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

Against the motion: 16

Al-Guneid	Haji	Phillips
Batten	Hayter	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Brar	Hoyle	Sweet
Ellingson	Kasawski	Tejada
Eremenko	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Gray		

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 20 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. McIver

Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, moved that amendment A1 to the Bill be amended in Part B as follows:

(a) in clause (a) by striking out all the words after “by striking out subsection (10)”;

(b) in clause (b) by striking out all the words after "by striking out subsection (29)".

The question being put, the subamendment was defeated on the voice vote. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the subamendment: 16

Al-Guneid	Haji	Phillips
Batten	Hayter	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Brar	Hoyle	Sweet
Ellingson	Kasawski	Tejada
Eremenko	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Gray		

Against the subamendment: 44

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

Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, moved that the Bill be amended in section 1 by striking out subsections (72) and (75).

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

For the amendment: 15

Al-Guneid	Haji	Phillips
Batten	Hayter	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Brar	Hoyle	Sweet
Ellingson	Kasawski	Tejada
Gray	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

Against the amendment: 43

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

Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, moved that the Bill be amended in section 1 as follows:

(a) in subsection (25) by striking out clause (a)(ii) and clauses (b) to (f);

(b) by striking out subsections (26) to (29);

(c) by striking out subsection (71).

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

For the amendment: 16

Al-Guneid	Haji	Phillips
Batten	Hayter	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Brar	Hoyle	Sweet
Ellingson	Kasawski	Tejada
Eremenko	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Gray		

Against the amendment: 43

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

Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, moved that the Bill be amended in section 1 as follows:

(a) by striking out subsection (39);

(b) by striking out subsection (40) and substituting the following:

(40) Section 85.1(5) is amended by striking out "votes are counted in accordance with the bylaw made under section 84(1)" and substituting "votes are counted in accordance with this section and, if applicable, the bylaw made under section 84(1)";

(c) by striking out subsection (46)(b).

Pursuant to Government Motion 40, agreed to on May 23, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:57 p.m. the question was immediately put on amendment A4 to Bill 20, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, which was defeated on the voice vote. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 16

Al-Guneid	Haji	Phillips
Batten	Hayter	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Brar	Hoyle	Sweet
Ellingson	Kasawski	Tejada
Eremenko	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Gray		

Against the amendment: 44

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

Pursuant to Government Motion 40, agreed to on May 23, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 5:02 p.m. the question was immediately put on the remaining clauses of Bill 20, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, which was agreed to on the voice vote. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 43

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

Against the motion: 16

Al-Guneid	Haji	Phillips
Batten	Hayter	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Brar	Hoyle	Sweet
Ellingson	Kasawski	Tejada
Eremenko	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Gray		

Pursuant to Government Motion 40, agreed to on May 23, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 5:07 p.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble of Bill 20, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 40, agreed to on May 23, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 5:07 p.m. the question was immediately put that Bill 20, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, be reported, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 21 Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, moved that the Bill be amended in section 4(13), in the proposed section 24.1, as follows:

(a) in subsection (l) by striking out, "unless the Minister makes an order under subsection (2)";

(b) by striking out subsection (2) and substituting the following:

(2) The Minister, by order, must reimburse the local authority for any compensation caused to be paid by the local authority under subsection (1) due to an action of the Minister.

(b) by striking out subsection (3).

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

For the amendment: 15

Al-Guneid	Gray	Phillips
Batten	Haji	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Brar	Hayter	Sweet
Ellingson	Hoyle	Tejada
Eremenko	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

Against the amendment: 43

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

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

(a) in section 4(7) by striking out clause (a);

(b) in section 5(8) as follows:

(i) by striking out clause (a) and substituting the following:

(a) in subsection (1) by striking out "municipal district or an urban municipality" and substituting "a municipality";

(ii) in clause (d), in the proposed section 9(5), by striking out "or (1.1)".

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

For the amendment: 16

Al-Guneid	Haji	Phillips
Batten	Hayter	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Brar	Hoffman	Sweet
Ellingson	Hoyle	Tejada
Eremenko	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Gray		

Against the amendment: 45

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

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(4), the Committee recessed at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders / Private Bills

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 21 Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

Ms Wright, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, moved that the Bill be amended in section 2 by striking out subsection (2) and substituting the following:

(2) Section 38.1(2) is repealed and the following is substituted:

(2) Subject to subsection (1),

(a) election day for the general election immediately following the coming into force of this subsection is October 19, 2026, and

(b) election day for each subsequent general election is the 3rd Monday of October in the 4th calendar year following the immediately preceding general election.

Pursuant to Government Motion 43, agreed to on May 27, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 7:38 p.m. the question was immediately put on amendment A3 to Bill 21, Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, which was defeated on the voice vote. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 13

Boparai	Ip	Notley
Chapman	Kasawski	Pancholi
Dach	Loyola	Shepherd
Eggen	Metz	Sweet
Elmeligi		

Against the amendment: 45

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

Pursuant to Government Motion 43, agreed to on May 27, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 7:55 p.m. the question was immediately put on the clauses of Bill 21, Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 43, agreed to on May 27, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 7:55 p.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble of Bill 21, Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 43, agreed to on May 27, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 7:55 p.m. the question was immediately put that Bill 21, Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, be reported, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 22 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Pursuant to Government Motion 44, agreed to on May 27, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 8:56 p.m. the question was immediately put on the clauses of Bill 22, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 44, agreed to on May 27, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 8:57 p.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble of Bill 22, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 44, agreed to on May 27, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 8:57 p.m. the question was immediately put that Bill 22, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, be reported, which was agreed to.

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 21 Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

Bill 22 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Bill Pr3 Providence Renewal Centre Amendment Act, 2024 — MLA Calahoo Stonehouse

Bill Pr4 Rosebud School of the Arts Amendment Act, 2024 — Mrs. Petrovic

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

Bill 20 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. McIver

Bill Pr2 Community Foundation of Medicine Hat and Southeastern Alberta Amendment Act, 2024 — Mr. Wright

Mr. Lunty, 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 20 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Municipal Affairs on May 23, 2024) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 426/2023-24

Subamendment to Bill 20 (A1-SA1) (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 437/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 20 (A2) (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 438/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 20 (A3) (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 439/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 20 (A4) (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 440/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 21 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 441/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 21 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 442/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 21 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 443/2023-24

Amendment to Bill Pr2 (A1) (Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 444/2023-24

Third Reading

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

Bill 18 Provincial Priorities Act — Hon. Ms Smith

A debate followed.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

> Bill 18, Provincial Priorities Act, be not now read a Third time because the Assembly is of the view that the Government has not adequately consulted with municipalities, post-secondary institutions and Indigenous communities with respect to the legislative amendments proposed by the Bill.
>
> Sessional Paper 445/2023-24

A debate followed on the amendment.

Pursuant to Government Motion 42, agreed to on May 28, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:04 p.m. the question was immediately put on the amendment to the motion for Third Reading of Bill 18, Provincial Priorities Act, which was defeated on the voice vote. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 14

Boparai	Ip	Notley
Chapman	Irwin	Pancholi
Dach	Kasawski	Shepherd
Eggen	Loyola	Sweet
Elmeligi	Metz	

Against the amendment: 47

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

Pursuant to Government Motion 42, agreed to on May 28, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:22 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 18, Provincial Priorities Act, which was agreed to on the voice vote. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 47

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

Against the motion: 14

Boparai	Ip	Notley
Chapman	Irwin	Pancholi
Dach	Kasawski	Shepherd
Eggen	Loyola	Sweet
Elmeligi	Metz	

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

Bill 20 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. McIver

Hon. Mr. McIver moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 21 Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

Hon. Mr. Ellis moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 22 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Hon. Min. LaGrange moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 18 Provincial Priorities Act — Hon. Ms Smith

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the evening.

Government Motions

46. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

> Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 20, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Schow and Ms Sweet commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 46

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

Against the motion: 13

Boparai	Ip	Metz
Chapman	Irwin	Pancholi
Dach	Kasawski	Shepherd
Eggen	Loyola	Sweet
Elmeligi		

47. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

> Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 21, Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Schow and MLA Irwin commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 46

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

Against the motion: 13

Boparai	Ip	Metz
Chapman	Irwin	Pancholi
Dach	Kasawski	Shepherd
Eggen	Loyola	Sweet
Elmeligi		

48. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

> Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 22, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Schow and Ms Pancholi commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 46

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

Against the motion: 11

Boparai	Elmeligi	Pancholi
Chapman	Ip	Shepherd
Dach	Irwin	Sweet
Eggen	Kasawski	

Government Bills and Orders / Private Bills

Third Reading

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

Bill 21 Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

A debate followed.

Dr. Elmeligi, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, on behalf of Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

> Bill 21, Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, be not now read a Third time because the Assembly is of the view that it is contrary to the values of Albertans for the Minister to acquire or utilize an individual's personal or real property and have no obligation to pay compensation in respect of that property if it is damaged or destroyed as a result of the Minister's actions.
>
> Sessional Paper 446/2023-24

A debate followed on the amendment.

Pursuant to Government Motion 47, agreed to on May 28, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:25 a.m. the question was immediately put on the amendment to the motion for Third Reading of Bill 21, Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, which was defeated on the voice vote. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 13

Boparai	Ip	Metz
Chapman	Irwin	Pancholi
Dach	Kasawski	Shepherd
Eggen	Loyola	Sweet
Elmeligi		

Against the amendment: 46

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

Pursuant to Government Motion 47, agreed to on May 28, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:30 a.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 21, Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, which was agreed to on the voice vote. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 46

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

Against the motion: 13

Boparai	Ip	Metz
Chapman	Irwin	Pancholi
Dach	Kasawski	Shepherd
Eggen	Loyola	Sweet
Elmeligi		

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

Bill Pr2 Community Foundation of Medicine Hat and Southeastern Alberta Amendment Act, 2024 — Mr. Wright

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill Pr3 Providence Renewal Centre Amendment Act, 2024 — Ms Sweet on behalf of MLA Calahoo Stonehouse

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill Pr4 Rosebud School of the Arts Amendment Act, 2024 — Mrs. Petrovic

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 20 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. McIver

A debate followed.

Mr. Kasawski moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 22 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

A debate followed.

Mr. Shepherd moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 21 Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

Bill Pr2 Community Foundation of Medicine Hat and Southeastern Alberta Amendment Act, 2024 — Mr. Wright

Bill Pr3 Providence Renewal Centre Amendment Act, 2024 — MLA Calahoo Stonehouse

Bill Pr4 Rosebud School of the Arts Amendment Act, 2024 — Mrs. Petrovic

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:11 a.m. Wednesday, May 29, 2024, until 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

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

Speaker's Statement — Member's Anniversary

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 15th anniversary of the first election of Hon. Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West. The Speaker presented the Member with a 15-year Mace pin.

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(3.1)(a) in order to extend the time available to respond to the Ministerial Statement from three minutes to five minutes.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, made a statement recognizing the career and accomplishments of Hon. Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, who will be resigning her position as Leader of the Official Opposition.

Hon. Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Lunty, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding several accomplishments of the United Conservative Government in the past year.

Hon. Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement recognizing the career and accomplishments of Hon. Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition.

Ms de Jonge, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore, made a statement recognizing the one-year anniversary of the United Conservative Party forming Government following the 2023 Alberta General Election.

Hon. Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement recognizing the career and accomplishments of Hon. Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition.

Mr. McDougall, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding Alberta's successful participation in the World Tourism Film Festival.

Ms Wright, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding the Candora Society.

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(8), Hon. Mr. Williams, Deputy Government House Leader, provided notice to the Assembly that the Daily Routine shall continue beyond 3:00 p.m.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Ms Lovely, Chair, Standing Committee on Families and Communities, presented the following report pursuant to Government Motion 7, agreed to on October 31, 2023:

> Standing Committee on Families and Communities Final Report on the Review of the Public Sector Compensation Transparency Act
>
> Sessional Paper 447/2023-24

Presenting Petitions

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, presented a petition from 86 Albertans urging the Government to (1) introduce legislation to create a provincial entity that would have the rights of a "public passenger service provider" as defined in the Canada Transportation Act, with the mandate to develop and operate commuter rail within the Province of Alberta; (2) consider allocating funding to develop and operate a frequent and reliable commuter rail service serving Okotoks, Calgary, Airdrie, Red Deer, Leduc, Edmonton and points between with fares that would be affordable to the majority of Albertans; (3) introduce legislation to protect the rights of rail passengers and allow the government to define performance standards for the timely operation of such a commuter rail service.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, presented a petition from 326 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to recognize the harm that would be caused to Albertans by the Government doing the following: (a) imposing age restrictions on receiving gender affirming surgery or hormone therapies by transgender youth; (b) requiring parental notification or permission before allowing a student to be referred to by their preferred name or pronouns at school; (c) prohibiting teachers and school boards from referring to the concepts of gender identity, sexual orientation or sexuality in any lesson provided to students without the prior written approval of a student's parent.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given May 28, 2024:

Bill 214 Eastern Slopes Protection Act — Hon. Ms Notley

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park:

2 draft amendments to Bill 20, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024
Sessional Paper 448/2023-24

Mr. Ip, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West:

Letter, undated, from class 4B, Joan Carr School, to Mr. Ip, urging action and collaboration among Government and local representatives to address climate change
Sessional Paper 449/2023-24

Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

Letter dated May 13, 2021, from Hon. Kaycee Madu, QC, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, to Ms Ellen-Anne O'Donnell, Chairperson, Law Enforcement Review Board, regarding Hon. Mr. Madu's review of an action plan drafted to address concerns regarding the Lethbridge Police Service

Sessional Paper 450/2023-24

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Report, undated, entitled "Supplemental Information to the 2022-23 Annual Report," prepared by Alberta Health Services

Sessional Paper 451/2023-24

MLA Tejada, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein:

Open letter from several gender and sexual diversity organizations and associations regarding their decision to not allow participation by the United Conservative Party in 2024 Pride celebrations

Sessional Paper 452/2023-24

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

Several pages from the Arms Embargo Now website

Sessional Paper 453/2023-24

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

Edmonton Journal article, accessed through PressReader, dated May 29, 2024, entitled "Why the industrial relations board is reviewing railway labour dispute"

Sessional Paper 454/2023-24

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Turton, Minister of Children and Family Services, pursuant to the Protection Against Family Violence Act, P-27, s19(2):

Family Violence Death Review Committee 2022-2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 455/2023-24

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services, pursuant to the Advocate for Persons with Disabilities Act, cA-5.5, s4(2):

Advocate for Persons with Disabilities Annual Report 2022-2023

Sessional Paper 456/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 20 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. McIver

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

> Bill 20, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, be not now read a Third time but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.
>
> Sessional Paper 457/2023-24

A debate followed on the amendment.

Pursuant to Government Motion 46, agreed to on May 28, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 3:50 p.m. the question was immediately put on the amendment to the motion for Third Reading of Bill 20, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, which was defeated on the voice vote. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 26

Al-Guneid	Gray	Phillips
Batten	Hoyle	Renaud
Boparai	Ip	Sabir
Calahoo Stonehouse	Irwin	Schmidt
Chapman	Kasawski	Shepherd
Dach	Loyola	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eggen	Metz	Tejada
Elmeligi	Notley	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eremenko	Pancholi	

Against the amendment: 46

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

Pursuant to Government Motion 46, agreed to on May 28, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:08 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 20, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, which was agreed to on the voice vote. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 46

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

Against the motion: 25

Al-Guneid	Hoyle	Phillips
Batten	Ip	Renaud
Boparai	Irwin	Sabir
Chapman	Kasawski	Schmidt
Dach	Loyola	Shepherd
Eggen	Metz	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Elmeligi	Notley	Tejada
Eremenko	Pancholi	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Gray		

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

Bill 22 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, on behalf of Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

> Bill 22, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, be not now read a Third time because the Assembly is of the view that, rather than fixing the health care system, the proposed legislative amendments will only result in increased bureaucracy and inefficiency as patients and health care providers are divided into ineffective and arbitrary delivery organizations.
>
> Sessional Paper 458/2023-24

A debate followed on the amendment.

Pursuant to Government Motion 48, agreed to on May 28, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 5:10 p.m. the question was immediately put on the amendment to the motion for Third Reading of Bill 22, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, which was defeated on the voice vote. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 23

Al-Guneid	Gray	Phillips
Batten	Ip	Renaud
Boparai	Irwin	Sabir
Chapman	Kasawski	Schmidt
Dach	Loyola	Shepherd
Eggen	Metz	Tejada
Elmeligi	Notley	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eremenko	Pancholi	

Against the amendment: 47

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

Pursuant to Government Motion 48, agreed to on May 28, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 5:28 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 22, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, which was agreed to on the voice vote. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 47

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

Against the motion: 21

Batten	Gray	Phillips
Boparai	Ip	Renaud
Chapman	Kasawski	Sabir
Dach	Loyola	Schmidt
Eggen	Metz	Shepherd
Elmeligi	Notley	Tejada
Eremenko	Pancholi	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 20 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. McIver

Bill 22 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Speaker's Statement — 2024 Spring Sitting

The Speaker gave a statement providing sessional statistics and facts regarding the 2024 Spring Sitting and thanking the employees of the Legislative Assembly Office for their work during this Sitting.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 45, agreed to on May 28, 2024, and on advice by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, to the Assembly that the business for the 2024 Spring Sitting is concluded, the Assembly adjourned at 5:50 p.m. until Monday, October 28, 2024.

THIRD SITTING

OCTOBER 28, 2024, TO DECEMBER 4, 2024

Monday, October 28, 2024

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Members Alan William Hyland, Member for Cypress, 1975 to 1986, and Cypress-Redcliff, 1986 to 1993, who passed away on July 24, 2024; Dr. Stanley Bernard Cassin, Member for Calgary-North West, 1986 to 1989, who passed away on October 2, 2024; and Gordon Wells Shrake, Member for Calgary-Millican, 1982 to 1993, who passed away on May 30, 2024.

Speaker's Statement – Alex Janvier

The Speaker made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Alex Janvier.

Speaker's Statement – Leader of the Official Opposition

The Speaker made a statement recognizing Hon. Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, as the Leader of His Majesty's Loyal Opposition.

Members' Statements

Mr. McDougall, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding upgrades to Deerfoot Trail.

MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia, made a statement regarding the lack of Government effort to promote influenza and COVID-19 vaccines.

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the support Jasper residents have received from Albertans following summer wildfires.

MLA Calahoo Stonehouse, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the United Conservative Party 2024 Annual General Meeting.

Ms de Jonge, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore, made a statement regarding the importance of family in society.

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the need to eradicate racism and discrimination.

Speaker's Statement – Oral Question Period and Members' Statements Rotations

Honourable Members, before we proceed to Oral Question Period, I would like to outline an adjustment to the rotations that will apply for Oral Question Period and Members' Statements. The rotations reflect the current House Leaders' Agreement, agreed to on October 26, 2023, with the following exceptions: in the Oral Question Period rotation, question 9 on Day 4, which was formerly the independent Member's question, has now been allocated to the United Conservative Party caucus. Please note that today is Day 3 of the Oral Question Period rotation.

In the Members' Statements rotation, the Member's Statement assigned to the former independent Member on Wednesdays of week 3 of the rotation has been allocated to the United Conservative Party caucus. As a result of this adjustment, the Members' Statements rotation is the same for all three weeks and therefore has been collapsed into one weekly cycle.

Attached to the procedural memo that my office sent out to all Members last Thursday were the Oral Question Period rotation chart and the Projected Sitting Days Calendar, which contains, among other things, the Members' Statements rotation.

I would like to remind Members that questions and responses in Oral Question Period should be no longer than 35 seconds and that preambles to supplementary questions are only allowed for the first four rounds of questioning each day, as indicated in the House Leaders' Agreement.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, gave oral notice of the intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

> Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to follow through on its previous commitments by taking all necessary steps to implement the Primary Care Comprehensive Model for family physicians without further delay.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 24 Alberta Bill of Rights Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

> Calgary Herald website article dated September 3, 2024, entitled "Province rejects revised Green Line plan, says funding to be withheld"
>
> Sessional Paper 516/2023-24

CBC News website article dated September 17, 2024, entitled "City council votes to wind down Green Line LRT with costs totalling $2.1B"

Sessional Paper 517/2023-24

CBC News website article dated September 18, 2024, entitled "Minister says province won't be footing the bill for Calgary's $850M Green Line wind-down"

Sessional Paper 518/2023-24

Calgary City News website article, undated, entitled "Province recommits funding to Calgary's Green Line LRT project"

Sessional Paper 519/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s22.3, and the Law Enforcement Weapons Authorization Directive, Speaker's Directive 01/2024, s6(a), Law Enforcement Weapons Authorization Directive, Speaker's Directive 01/2024

Sessional Paper 520/2023-24

Pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s22.3, and the Legislative Security Officer Directive, Speaker's Directive, 02/2024, s21(a), Legislative Security Officer Directive, Speaker's Directive, 02/2024

Sessional Paper 521/2023-24

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Amery, Minister of Justice, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s124(2):

Alberta Law Foundation 2024 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 522/2023-24

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nally, Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction:

Pursuant to An Act to End Predatory Lending, cE-9.5, s4(2), An Act to End Predatory Lending 2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 523/2023-24

Pursuant to the Horse Racing Alberta Act, cH-11.3, s10(2), Horse Racing Alberta Annual Report 2023

Sessional Paper 524/2023-24

Motions Under Standing Order 42

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

> Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to follow through on its previous commitments by taking all necessary steps to implement the Primary Care Comprehensive Model for family physicians without further delay.

Pursuant to Standing Order 42(1.1) and (1.2), Hon. Ms Hoffman and Hon. Min. LaGrange commented on the request for unanimous consent.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Question was rejected:

WQ3. Moved by Hon. Ms Sigurdson:

> How many operators were subject to a penalty as a result of a contravention of the Continuing Care Health Services Standards (as amended July 16, 2018) required under the Nursing Homes General Regulation, the Co-ordinated Home Care Program Regulation or any ministerial directive made under the Regional Health Authorities Act, during the period from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023?

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

For the motion: 18

Arcand-Paul	Ganley	Pancholi
Brar	Goehring	Renaud
Ceci	Haji	Sabir
Chapman	Hayter	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Dach	Hoyle	Sweet
Eremenko	Kasawski	Tejada

Against the motion: 46

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

Debate on the following Written Question was adjourned:

WQ4. Moved by Hon. Ms Sigurdson:

How many audits or investigations were undertaken by the Ministry of Health, during the period from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, in respect of a complaint made under the Supportive Living Accommodation Licensing Act?

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, MLA Arcand-Paul speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

514. Moved by MLA Batten:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to adjust the maximum age of eligibility for financial supports available under the Transition to Adulthood Program (TAP) from the day before a participant's 22nd birthday to the day before the participant's 24th birthday for the following purposes:

(a) to ensure that the maximum age of eligibility for all supports available under the TAP program is consistent, and

(b) to remove a barrier that otherwise may prevent a young adult from achieving their full potential.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

Intersessional Deposits

Pursuant to Standing Order 38.1(3), the following documents were deposited with the Clerk of the Assembly and are deemed to have been laid before the Assembly:

Hon. Mr. Amery, Minister of Justice, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s5(4):

Law Society of Alberta 2023 Annual Report, deposited on June 20, 2024
Sessional Paper 459/2023-24

Mr. Getson, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices:

Standing Committee on Legislative Offices Report on the Appointment of an Acting Chief Electoral Officer, June 2024, deposited on June 21, 2024
Sessional Paper 460/2023-24

Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Podiatric Physicians of Alberta 2023 Annual Report, deposited on June 25, 2024
Sessional Paper 461/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance:

Pursuant to the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cS-29, ss1(2) and 6(1), Government of Alberta 2023-24 Final Results Year-end Report, June 2024, deposited on June 27, 2024
Sessional Paper 462/2023-24

Pursuant to the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cS-29, ss1(2) and 8(1), Government of Alberta Annual Report 2023-2024, deposited on June 27, 2024
Sessional Paper 463/2023-24

Hon. Mrs. Sawhney, Minister of Advanced Education, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cF-14.7, ss9(1) and (3):

Advanced Education Annual Report 2023-24, deposited on June 27, 2024
Sessional Paper 464/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Neudorf, Minister of Affordability and Utilities, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cF-14.7, ss9(1) and (3):

Affordability and Utilities Annual Report 2023-24, deposited on June 27, 2024
Sessional Paper 465/2023-24

Hon. Ms Fir, Minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cF-14.7, ss9(1) and (3):

Arts, Culture and Status of Women Annual Report 2023-24, deposited on June 27, 2024

Sessional Paper 466/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Turton, Minister of Children and Family Services, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cF-14.7, ss9(1) and (3):

Children and Family Services Annual Report 2023-24, deposited on June 27, 2024

Sessional Paper 467/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Nicolaides, Minister of Education, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cF-14.7, ss9(1) and (3):

Education Annual Report 2023-24, deposited on June 27, 2024

Sessional Paper 468/2023-24

Hon. Ms Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cF-14.7, ss9(1) and (3):

Environment and Protected Areas Annual Report 2023-24, deposited on June 27, 2024

Sessional Paper 469/2023-24

Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cF-14.7, ss9(1) and (3),

Executive Council Annual Report 2023-24, deposited on June 27, 2024

Sessional Paper 470/2023-24

Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cF-14.7, ss9(1) and (3):

Health Annual Report 2023-24, deposited on June 27, 2024

Sessional Paper 471/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Yaseen, Minister of Immigration and Multiculturalism, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cF-14.7, ss9(1) and (3),

Immigration and Multiculturalism Annual Report 2023-24, deposited on June 27, 2024

Sessional Paper 472/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Wilson, Minister of Indigenous Relations, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cF-14.7, ss9(1) and (3):

Indigenous Relations Annual Report 2023-24, deposited on June 27, 2024
Sessional Paper 473/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Guthrie, Minister of Infrastructure, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cF-14.7, ss9(1) and (3):

Infrastructure Annual Report 2023-24, deposited on June 27, 2024
Sessional Paper 474/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Jones, Minister of Jobs, Economy and Trade, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cF-14.7, ss9(1) and (3):

Jobs, Economy and Trade Annual Report 2023-24, deposited on June 27, 2024
Sessional Paper 475/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Amery, Minister of Justice, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cF-14.7, ss9(1) and (3):

Justice Annual Report 2023-24, deposited on June 27, 2024
Sessional Paper 476/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Williams, Minister of Mental Health and Addiction, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cF-14.7, ss9(1) and (3):

Mental Health and Addiction Annual Report 2023-24, deposited on June 27, 2024
Sessional Paper 477/2023-24

Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cF-14.7, ss9(1) and (3):

Municipal Affairs Annual Report 2023-24, deposited on June 27, 2024
Sessional Paper 478/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cF-14.7, ss9(1) and (3):

Seniors, Community and Social Services Annual Report 2023-24, deposited on June 27, 2024
Sessional Paper 479/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Nally, Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cF-14.7, ss9(1) and (3):

Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction Annual Report 2023-24, deposited on June 27, 2024

Sessional Paper 480/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Glubish, Minister of Technology and Innovation, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cF-14.7, ss9(1) and (3):

Technology and Innovation Annual Report 2023-24, deposited on June 27, 2024

Sessional Paper 481/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Schow, Minister of Tourism and Sport, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cF-14.7, ss9(1) and (3):

Tourism and Sport Annual Report 2023-24, deposited on June 27, 2024

Sessional Paper 482/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cF-14.7, ss9(1) and (3):

Transportation and Economic Corridors Annual Report 2023-24, deposited on June 27, 2024

Sessional Paper 483/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cF-14.7, ss9(1) and (3):

Treasury Board and Finance Annual Report 2023-24, deposited on June 27, 2024

Sessional Paper 484/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Ellis, Deputy Premier, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cF-14.7, ss9(1) and (3):

Public Safety and Emergency Services Annual Report 2023-24, deposited on July 8, 2024

Sessional Paper 485/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Sigurdson, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cF-14.7, ss9(1) and (3),

Agriculture and Irrigation Annual Report 2023-24, deposited on July 9, 2024

Sessional Paper 486/2023-24

Mr. Getson, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s20(2):

Report of the Auditor General, July 2024: Alberta.ca Account, Technology and Innovation, deposited on July 10, 2024

Sessional Paper 487/2023-24

Report of the Auditor General, July 2024: Surface Water Management, Environment and Protected Areas, deposited on July 10, 2024

Sessional Paper 488/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Jean, Minister of Energy and Minerals, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cF-14.7, ss9(1) and (3):

Energy and Minerals Annual Report 2023-24, deposited on July 16, 2024

Sessional Paper 489/2023-24

Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Pursuant to the Safety Codes Act, cS-1, s25(3), Safety Codes Council 2023 Annual Report, deposited on July 31, 2024

Sessional Paper 490/2023-24

Pursuant to the Special Areas Act, cS-16, s19(2), Special Areas Trust Account Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2023, deposited on July 31, 2024

Sessional Paper 491/2023-24

Pursuant to the Government Organization Act, cG-10, s10(3), Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association Annual Report 2023-2024, with attached financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2024, deposited on August 22, 2024

Sessional Paper 492/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance:

Pursuant to the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cS-29, ss1(2) and 6(1), Government of Alberta 2024-25 First Quarter Fiscal Update and Economic Statement, deposited on August 30, 2024

Sessional Paper 493/2023-24

Pursuant to the Securities Act, cS-4, s20(2), Alberta Securities Commission 2024 Annual Report, deposited on August 30, 2024

Sessional Paper 494/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Nicolaides, Minister of Education, pursuant to the Teaching Profession Act, cT-2, s15(2):

Alberta Teachers' Association 2023 Annual Report, deposited on September 11, 2024

Sessional Paper 495/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Ombudsman Act, cO-8, s28:

Alberta Ombudsman Annual Report 2023-24, deposited on September 12, 2024
Sessional Paper 496/2023-24

Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH -7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists 2023 Annual Report, deposited on September 20, 2024
Sessional Paper 497/2023-24

College of Medical Laboratory Technologists of Alberta 2023 Annual Report, deposited on September 20, 2024
Sessional Paper 498/2023-24

College of Naturopathic Doctors of Alberta 2023 Annual Report, deposited on September 20, 2024
Sessional Paper 499/2023-24

Alberta College of Combined Laboratory and X-ray Technologists 2023 Annual Report, deposited on September 20, 2024
Sessional Paper 500/2023-24

College of Dietitians of Alberta 2023 Annual Report, deposited on September 20, 2024
Sessional Paper 501/2023-24

College of Physiotherapists of Alberta 2023 Annual Report, deposited on September 20, 2024
Sessional Paper 502/2023-24

Alberta College of Medical Diagnostic and Therapeutic Technologists 2023 Annual Report, deposited on September 20, 2024
Sessional Paper 503/2023-24

Alberta College of Dental Hygienists 2023 Annual Report, deposited on September 20, 2024
Sessional Paper 504/2023-24

Alberta College of Occupational Therapists 2023-2024 Annual Report, deposited on September 20, 2024
Sessional Paper 505/2023-24

College of Opticians of Alberta 2023 Annual Report, deposited on September 20, 2024
Sessional Paper 506/2023-24

Alberta College of Pharmacy 2023-2024 Annual Report, deposited on September 20, 2024
Sessional Paper 507/2023-24

College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta 2023 Annual Report, deposited on September 20, 2024

Sessional Paper 508/2023-24

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta 2023 Annual Report, deposited on September 20, 2024

Sessional Paper 509/2023-24

College of Dental Technologists of Alberta 2023 Annual Report, deposited on September 20, 2024

Sessional Paper 510/2023-24

College of Dental Surgeons of Alberta 2023 Annual Report, deposited on September 20, 2024

Sessional Paper 511/2023-24

Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Health, and Hon. Mr. Williams, Minister of Mental Health and Addiction, pursuant to the Alberta Health Act, cA-19.5, s6(2):

Office of the Alberta Health Advocates 2022-2023 Annual Report, deposited on September 20, 2024

Sessional Paper 512/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s39(3), Special Standing Committee on Members' Services Administrative Services (Security) Amendment Order, 2024, MSC Order No. 03/24, deposited on September 25, 2024

Sessional Paper 513/2023-24

Pursuant to Standing Order 114, Legislative Assembly Office Annual Report 2023-2024, deposited on October 1, 2024

Sessional Paper 514/2023-24

Pursuant to the Child and Youth Advocate Act, cC-11.5, s9.1(5), Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Mandatory Reviews of Child Deaths, for the period dated April 1, 2024, to September 30, 2024, deposited on October 1, 2024

Sessional Paper 515/2023-24

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Tuesday, October 29, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

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

Speaker's Statement – Public Gallery Window

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 15-year anniversary of the stained-glass window, known as "Alberta, the Land of Opportunities," located in the Public Gallery.

Members' Statements

Ms Wright, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding several Government healthcare policies.

Mr. Dyck, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement regarding Bill 24, Alberta Bill of Rights Amendment Act, 2024.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding delays in accessing the Family Supports for Children with Disabilities Program.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding the federal carbon tax.

MLA Hoyle, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, made a statement regarding the need for Government to fund construction of a new hospital in south Edmonton.

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, made a statement regarding the Government's proposed policies with respect to professional regulatory organizations.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud:

> Report, undated, entitled "Nowhere to Turn: Alberta's Dismal History of Support for Youth in Transition to Adulthood – A.C. and J.F. v. Alberta," prepared by Sarah N. Kriekle, relating to comments made by Ms Pancholi during debate on Motion Other Than a Government Motion 514 on October 28, 2024
>
> Sessional Paper 525/2023-24

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

> Calgary Sun website article dated October 15, 2024, entitled "No saving face over Green Line fiasco"
>
> Sessional Paper 526/2023-24

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

The Albertan website article dated September 30, 2024, entitled "Commentary: Sheriffs keeping Alberta safe"

Sessional Paper 527/2023-24

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington:

Journal of Adolescent Health website article dated January 2021, entitled "Three Decades of Research: The Case for Comprehensive Sex Education"

Sessional Paper 528/2023-24

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

Document, undated, entitled "Our Asks," prepared by the Health Sciences Association of Alberta

Sessional Paper 529/2023-24

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

2 charts, one dated September 2019 and one dated September 2024, depicting unhoused people active on the by-name list for the Edmonton region

Sessional Paper 530/2023-24

Mr. Ellingson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills:

E-mail message dated October 25, 2024, sender's name redacted, to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding the Government's proposed polices with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 531/2023-24

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont:

Letter dated October 8, 2024, from Gemma Hickey to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding the Government's proposed polices with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 532/2023-24

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Ellis, Deputy Premier, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services:

Law Enforcement Review Board 2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 533/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 24 Alberta Bill of Rights Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Ms Smith on behalf of Hon. Mr. Amery

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 24 Alberta Bill of Rights Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Williams, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:20 p.m. until Wednesday, October 30, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Lunty, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding the federal carbon tax.

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont, made a statement regarding Women's History Month.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding Diwali.

Hon. MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the importance of supporting arts and culture in Alberta.

Mr. Boitchenko, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding a recent memorandum of understanding between Enoch Cree Nation and ARROW Utilities.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the Government's proposed policies with respect to transgender youth.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Getson, Chair, Select Special Ethics Commissioner and Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee, presented the following report:

> Select Special Ethics Commissioner and Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee, Report of the Committee, Chief Electoral Officer Recommendation, Thirty-First Legislature, First Session, October 2024
>
> Sessional Paper 534/2023-24

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

49. Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the report of the Select Special Ethics Commissioner and Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee (Sessional Paper S.P. 534/2023-24) and recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council that Gordon McClure be appointed as Chief Electoral Officer for the Province of Alberta effective November 18, 2024.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 25 Early Learning and Child Care Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Jones

Bill 28 Meat Inspection Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Sigurdson

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

> National Post website article dated October 27, 2024, entitled "Veterans support groups call for government aid amid expected homeless 'boom'," relating to comments made by Mr. Wright during Oral Question Period on October 30, 2024
>
> Sessional Paper 535/2023-24

> rdnewsNOW website article dated September 17, 2024, entitled "Province touting achievements of new Fugitive Apprehension Sheriffs Support Team"
>
> Sessional Paper 536/2023-24

Dr. Metz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

15 pieces of correspondence addressed to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 537/2023-24

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington:

American Academy of Pediatrics article, undated, entitled "The Importance of Access to Comprehensive Sex Education"

Sessional Paper 538/2023-24

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

Report, undated, entitled "The Lived Experiences of Trans & Non-Binary Youth in Alberta," prepared by Dr. Kristopher Wells, Dr. Teresa Hardy, and Dr. Emilie Maine

Sessional Paper 539/2023-24

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont:

E-mail message dated October 27, 2024, from Reverend Tracy Robertson to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 540/2023-24

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act, cP-39.5, s33(2):

Office of the Public Interest Commissioner 2023-2024 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 541/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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 24 Alberta Bill of Rights Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, moved that the Bill be amended in section 4 by adding the following immediately after clause (b):

(b.1) by adding the following immediately after subsection (1):

(1.1) For the purpose of subsection (1)(a.1), the right to the enjoyment of property includes the right of an individual not to be restricted or prohibited from installing or using a solar energy system that is attached to the individual's property and designed to convert sunlight into electrical energy or solar thermal energy.

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

For the amendment: 18

Arcand-Paul	Goehring	Pancholi
Brar	Haji	Renaud
Ceci	Hayter	Sabir
Chapman	Hoffman	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Dach	Kasawski	Sweet
Eremenko	Metz	Tejada

Against the amendment: 46

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

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, moved that the Bill be amended in section 4(b)(iv), in the proposed section 1(1),

(a) by renumbering clause (j) as clause (k), and

(b) by adding the following immediately before clause (k):

(j) the right of the individual to access comprehensive reproductive healthcare;

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

For the amendment: 17

Arcand-Paul	Goehring	Renaud
Brar	Haji	Sabir
Ceci	Hayter	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Chapman	Kasawski	Sweet
Dach	Metz	Tejada
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Against the amendment: 46

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Glubish	Nixon	Wilson
Guthrie	Petrovic	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Rowswell	Yao
Hunter	Sawhney	Yaseen
Jean		

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 24 Alberta Bill of Rights Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Mr. van Dijken, Deputy 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 24 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) — Defeated on division

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Amendment to Bill 24 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) — Defeated on division
Sessional Paper 543/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 24 (A3) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) — Adjourned
Sessional Paper 544/2023-24

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:56 p.m. until Thursday, October 31, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 31, 2024

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

Members' Statements

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, made a statement regarding Diwali and Bandi Chhor Divas.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding the Government's review of professional regulatory organizations.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement and read a poem regarding views expressed by the United Conservative Party.

Hon. Mr. Hunter, Hon. Member for Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding Government action to reduce rural crime.

Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the need for Government to address several issues in the continuing care system.

Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding the value of volunteer-run events in Sherwood Park.

Speaker's Statement – Table Officer

The Speaker made a statement introducing Vani Govindarajan, who will be assisting at the Table beginning this afternoon.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(8), Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, provided notice to the Assembly that the Daily Routine shall continue beyond 3:00 p.m.

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave revised oral notice pursuant to Standing Order 34(3) that Motion for a Return MR19 shall be dealt with on Monday, November 4, 2024 [replaces oral notice provided on May 16, 2024].

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given, on the motion that the following Bill be now read a First time:

Bill 26 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2) — Hon. Min. LaGrange

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

For the motion: 45

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

Against the motion: 34

Arcand-Paul	Eremenko	Metz
Batten	Goehring	Notley
Boparai	Gray	Pancholi
Brar	Haji	Renaud
Calahoo Stonehouse	Hoffman	Sabir
Ceci	Hoyle	Schmidt
Chapman	Ip	Shepherd
Dach	Irwin	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Deol	Kasawski	Sweet
Eggen	Kayande	Tejada
Ellingson	Loyola	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
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The following Bill was read a First time:

Bill 26 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2) — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Notice having been given:

Bill 27 Education Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

Bill 29 Fairness and Safety in Sport Act — Hon. Mr. Schow

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Getson, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, ss19(1) and 19(5):

> Office of the Auditor General of Alberta Results Report for the year ended March 31, 2024
>
> Sessional Paper 545/2023-24

Mr. Ellingson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills:

> E-mail message dated October 25, 2024, sender's name redacted, to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth
>
> Sessional Paper 546/2023-24

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington:

> Report dated May 7, 2019, entitled "Sex-ed: Preventing violence and increasing safety," prepared by Action Canada for Sexual Health & Rights
>
> Sessional Paper 547/2023-24

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

Document dated March 22, 2023, entitled "Less than 1% of the $22B in federal carbon tax revenues have been returned to small businesses, and the cost is going up again on April 1"

Sessional Paper 548/2023-24

Document, undated, entitled "Trudeau's Carbon Tax Will Cost Every Canadian Worker $6,700 Per Year"

Sessional Paper 549/2023-24

Document, undated, entitled "Legal firearm owners are rarely involved in gun homicides: Statistics Canada"

Sessional Paper 550/2023-24

MLA Hoyle, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South:

CBC News website article dated October 24, 2024, entitled "Alberta's squeeze on renewable energy has pushed investment to other provinces"

Sessional Paper 551/2023-24

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow:

The Canadian Press article, undated, entitled "Canadian soldier killed by IED less than one week into mission"

Sessional Paper 552/2023-24

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

E-mail message dated February 7, 2024, from Bridgette to MLA Irwin and Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 553/2023-24

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

CBC News website article, undated, entitled "More people relying on the Calgary Food Bank than ever before, according to new data"

Sessional Paper 554/2023-24

Dr. Metz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Calgary Herald website article dated April 6, 2024, entitled "Helping Our First Responders"

Sessional Paper 555/2023-24

9 pieces of correspondence addressed to Dr. Metz expressing concern regarding mental health support for first responders

Sessional Paper 556/2023-24

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

Calgary Herald website article dated October 31, 2024, entitled "Housing costs No. 1 concern for business owners: study"

Sessional Paper 557/2023-24

Legislative Assembly of Alberta web pages depicting the Independent Officers of the Legislature

Sessional Paper 558/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

49. Oral notice having been given October 30, 2024, moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the report of the Select Special Ethics Commissioner and Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee (Sessional Paper S.P. 534/2023-24) and recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council that Gordon McClure be appointed as Chief Electoral Officer for the Province of Alberta effective November 18, 2024.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 28 Meat Inspection Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Sigurdson

Hon. Mr. Sigurdson moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 25 Early Learning and Child Care Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Guthrie on behalf of Hon. Mr. Jones

Hon. Mr. Guthrie moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:07 p.m. until Monday, November 4, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 4, 2024

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Alan William Hyland, Member for Cypress, 1975 to 1986, and Cypress-Redcliff, 1986 to 1993, who passed away on July 24, 2024.

Speaker's Statement — Member's Anniversary

The Speaker made a statement recognizing five years of service as a Member by Mr. Cyr, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul. The Speaker presented the Member with a 5-year Mace pin.

Members' Statements

Mr. Lunty, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding the recently held United Conservative Party 2024 Annual General Meeting.

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Murray Sinclair.

Hon. Mr. Hunter, Hon. Member for Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the positive relationship between Alberta and the United States of America.

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont, made a statement regarding the need to address gender-based wage inequity.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding Lung Cancer Awareness Month.

MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Darrel Janz.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(8), Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, provided notice to the Assembly that the Daily Routine shall continue beyond 3:00 p.m.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 30 Service Alberta Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nally

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 32 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2) ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Notice having been given:

Bill 209 Reconciliation Implementation Act — MLA Arcand-Paul

Tabling Returns and Reports

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Calgary Herald website article dated October 30, 2024, entitled "A little clarity on Sheldon Chumir"

Sessional Paper 559/2023-24

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

E-mail message, undated, from 112 mental health professionals to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, and all Members of Executive Council, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 560/2023-24

Hon. MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

E-mail message dated November 4, 2024, from Anne Landry to MLA Ceci, MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, Kelly Bailly, and Katie, expressing concern regarding rising costs in Alberta's rental housing market

Sessional Paper 561/2023-24

Mr. Ellingson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills:

E-mail message dated October 25, 2024, sender's name redacted, to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 562/2023-24

Mr. Ip, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West:

E-mail message dated October 24, 2024, from Zaydee Cervantes to Mr. Ip expressing concern regarding public education funding

Sessional Paper 563/2023-24

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas, pursuant to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, cE-12, s34(2):

> Environmental Protection Security Fund Annual Report, April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024
>
> Sessional Paper 564/2023-24

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Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(1) in order to proceed to Government business.

Government Motions

50. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

> Be it resolved that the membership of the Assembly's committees be replaced as follows:
>
> a) on the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, that Mr. Dyck replace Hon. Mr. Hunter;
>
> b) on the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, that Ms Lovely replace Mr. Long, and that Mr. Lunty replace Hon. Mr. Hunter;
>
> c) on the Standing Committee on Private Bills, that Mrs. Johnson replace Mrs. Petrovic;
>
> d) on the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, that Mr. Cyr replace Ms Lovely, and that Mr. Ellingson replace Mr. Haji;
>
> e) on the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services, that Dr. Metz be appointed;
>
> f) on the Standing Committee on Families and Communities, that Mr. Haji replace Dr. Metz;
>
> g) on the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, that Ms Sweet replace Hon. Mr. Schmidt as Deputy Chair, and that MLA Calahoo Stonehouse replace Hon. Mr. Schmidt.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ4. Moved by Hon. Ms Sigurdson:

How many audits or investigations were undertaken by the Ministry of Health, during the period from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, in respect of a complaint made under the Supportive Living Accommodation Licensing Act?

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

For the motion: 17

Al-Guneid	Ellingson	Kayande
Batten	Elmeligi	Loyola
Boparai	Haji	Metz
Calahoo Stonehouse	Hoffman	Schmidt
Deol	Ip	Shepherd
Eggen	Irwin	

Against the motion: 45

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

WQ5. Moved by Hon. Ms Hoffman on behalf of Hon. Ms Sigurdson:

How many audits or investigations were conducted under the Nursing Homes General Regulation, the Co-ordinated Home Care Program Regulation or any ministerial directive made under the Regional Health Authorities Act, in respect of compliance by an operator with the Continuing Care Health Services Standards (as amended July 16, 2018), during the period from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023?

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

For the motion: 15

Al-Guneid	Elmeligi	Kayande
Batten	Haji	Loyola
Boparai	Hoffman	Metz
Deol	Ip	Schmidt
Ellingson	Irwin	Shepherd

Against the motion: 46

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

Debate on the following Written Question was adjourned:

WQ6. Moved by Dr. Metz on behalf of Hon. Ms Sigurdson:

How many operators were investigated, during the period from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, for failing to provide the minimum average hours of nursing and personal services required under section 14 of the Nursing Homes Operation Regulation (Alta Reg 258/1985)?

Debate adjourned.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

515. Moved by Mr. Stephan:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to undertake or commission a study to identify and assess

(a) all revenue from Albertans paid to the federal government compared to revenue from other provinces since 2015;

(b) all direct and indirect expenditures from the federal government to Albertans compared to such expenditures to other provinces since 2015; and

(c) the total economic impact on Albertans from federal government policies and actions since 2015.

A debate followed.

Mr. Ellingson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, moved that the motion be amended as follows:

(a) in clause (b), by striking out "and" after the semi-colon;

(b) in clause (c), by replacing the period with a semi-colon;

(c) by adding the following immediately after clause (c):

(d) all revenue from Albertan municipalities and Albertans living in Albertan municipalities paid to the provincial government since 2019;

(e) all direct and indirect expenditures from the provincial government to Albertan municipalities and Albertans living in Albertan municipalities since 2019; and

(f) the total economic impact on Albertan municipalities from provincial government policies and actions since 2019.

Sessional Paper 565/2023-24

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:59 p.m. until Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

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

Members' Statements

MLA Calahoo Stonehouse, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding several Government policies.

Mrs. Petrovic, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding recent Government investments in primary health care across Alberta.

MLA Tejada, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth.

Mr. Lunty, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding recent Government investments in the education system to address rising enrollment.

Ms Al-Guneid, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the need for Government to have a plan for responsible energy development.

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the need for more Government support to revitalize downtown Calgary.

Presenting Petitions

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, presented a petition from 12,465 Albertans urging the Government to (a) acknowledge that trans and gender diverse youth themselves, as well as their parents and caregivers, and healthcare professionals are the ones in the best position to determine the best course of action for their care to maximize physical and mental wellbeing; (b) acknowledge that healthcare decisions require a precise and individualized approach for each patient as determined by the patient, their family, and their healthcare provider, free from political interference; (c) not pass any Bill, if introduced, that would restrict, ban or otherwise increase barriers to accessing gender-affirming care.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 31 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

> Vancouver Sun website article dated September 15, 2024, entitled "B.C. will force severely addicted and mentally ill people into involuntary care: Eby"
>
> Sessional Paper 566/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Schow, Minister of Tourism and Sport:

> Report dated August 27, 2024, entitled "Violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences," prepared by Reem Alsalem, United Nations Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences
>
> Sessional Paper 567/2023-24

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

Copy of an online petition containing 20,146 names, asking the Government to consult with Albertans regarding the potential demolition of the former Royal Alberta Museum building, with attached comments from signatories

Sessional Paper 568/2023-24

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington:

Report, undated, entitled "Policy Brief: Sex Ed and Parental Consent, Opt-In vs. Opt-Out," prepared by the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States

Sessional Paper 569/2023-24

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

Report dated February 1, 2024, entitled "Statement from the AMA Section of Pediatrics on gender-affirming treatments," prepared by the Alberta Medical Association, Section of Pediatrics

Sessional Paper 570/2023-24

Letter, undated, from Sudhakar Sivapalan, MD, FRCPC, MSc, President, Section of General Psychiatry, Alberta Medical Association, and President, Alberta Psychiatric Association, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 571/2023-24

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday:

17 e-mail messages, all addressed to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 572/2023-24

Mr. Ellingson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills:

E-mail message dated October 25, 2024, sender's name redacted, to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 573/2023-24

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

E-mail message dated September 8, 2024, from Taryn to Mr. Haji, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 574/2023-24

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont:

Letter dated November 1, 2024, from Hon. Marci Ien, P.C., M.P., Minister of Women and Gender Equality and Youth, to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 575/2023-24

MLA Tejada, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein:

E-mail message dated October 25, 2024, from Jocelyn Kelln to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 576/2023-24

Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated October 31, 2024, sent on behalf of the Alberta Assembly of Social Workers, to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 577/2023-24

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

St. Albert Gazette article dated October 31, 2024, entitled "Bill 20 could quadruple cost of 2025 election in St. Albert"

Sessional Paper 578/2023-24

St. Albert Gazette article dated October 31, 2024, entitled "Bill of Rights changes will have little impact, says local legal scholar"

Sessional Paper 579/2023-24

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

Canadian Encyclopedia webpage entitled "Danielle Smith"

Sessional Paper 580/2023-24

Hon. Ms Gray, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

E-mail message dated August 30, 2024, from Donna Mcewan to Hon. Ms Gray, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 581/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 26 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2) — Hon. Ms Smith on behalf of Hon. Min. LaGrange

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Williams moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 25 Early Learning and Child Care Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Jones

A debate followed.

Mr. McDougall moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 27 Education Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. Sabir speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding the Government's commitment to a deregulated electricity market.

Mr. Ip, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement regarding the Eating Bitterness exhibit and the resilience of Chinese Canadians.

Mrs. Johnson, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding the Broom Tree Foundation.

Hon. Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to address Albertans' affordability concerns.

Mr. McDougall, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding Government investments to increase productivity in Alberta.

Mr. Haji, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to address Albertans' affordability concerns.

Presenting Petitions

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 238 Albertans urging the Government to (a) recognize the importance of the former Royal Alberta Museum building, located at 12845 102 Avenue in Edmonton, as a centennial gift intended to recognize the remarkable social, cultural and physical features of Alberta, and (b) consult with Albertans, including First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples, as well as non-profit organizations, before making any decisions with respect to the former Royal Alberta Museum site, including demolition.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 33 Protection of Privacy Act — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Bill 34 Access to Information Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Ellingson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills:

> E-mail message, undated, sender's name redacted, unaddressed, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth
>
> Sessional Paper 582/2023-24

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

> Document dated September 26, 2024, entitled "Joint Statement on Increasing Encampment Eviction, Frostbite, and the Houselessness Crisis in Edmonton"
>
> Sessional Paper 583/2023-24

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow:

3 e-mail messages addressed to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 584/2023-24

Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Health, on behalf of Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations:

Report dated December 2022, entitled "Care of children and adolescents with gender dysphoria: Summary of national guidelines," prepared by Socialstyrelsen, relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Smith during Second Reading debate on Bill 26, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2), on November 5, 2024

Sessional Paper 585/2023-24

Report, undated, entitled "Independent review of gender identity services for children and young people," prepared by the Cass Review, relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Smith during Second Reading debate on Bill 26, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2), on November 5, 2024

Sessional Paper 586/2023-24

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

Excerpted page from a document entitled "The Glenora Building – former Royal Alberta Museum: What We Heard," relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Hoffman during Oral Question Period on November 5, 2024

Sessional Paper 587/2023-24

The Texas Tribune website article dated October 8, 2024, entitled "Texas' abortion laws are straining the OB-GYN workforce, new study shows," relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Hoffman during Second Reading debate on Bill 26, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2), on November 5, 2024

Sessional Paper 588/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations:

Forbes website article dated December 2, 2023, entitled "Europe And U.S. Diverge Sharply On Treatment Of Gender Incongruence In Minors," relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Smith during Second Reading debate on Bill 26, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2), on November 5, 2024

Sessional Paper 589/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Schow, Minister of Tourism and Sport:

Social media post from the account of Reem Alsalem, expressing support for Bill 29, Fairness and Safety in Sport Act

Sessional Paper 590/2023-24

Dr. Metz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Journal of the American Medical Association website article dated November 1, 2024, entitled "Texas Banned Abortion in 2022 – Here's How It's Affecting OB-GYNs and Patient Care"

Sessional Paper 591/2023-24

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Calgary Herald website article, undated, entitled "Opinion: Disabilities and homelessness – Alberta can do better"

Sessional Paper 592/2023-24

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

Fraser Institute website page entitled "Executive Summary," concerning the federal government's proposed Emissions Reduction Plan

Sessional Paper 593/2023-24

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont:

E-mail message dated October 28, 2024, from Pamela Tzeng to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 594/2023-24

Hon. Ms Gray, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

2 e-mail messages, one from Brendalee Letendre and one from Raven Borstad, both addressed to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 595/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 29 Fairness and Safety in Sport Act — Hon. Mr. Schow

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Williams moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 32 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2) ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Eggen moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 30 Service Alberta Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nally

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Deol speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Thursday, November 7, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 7, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding Remembrance Day.

Mr. Bouchard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding Bill 33, Protection of Privacy Act, and Bill 34, Access to Information Act.

MLA Calahoo Stonehouse, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding Remembrance Day.

Mr. Wright, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding Remembrance Day.

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, made a statement regarding Hindu Heritage Month.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding the need for Government action to address the root causes of crime.

Speaker's Statement – Table Officer

The Speaker made a statement introducing Aaron Roth, who will be assisting at the Table beginning this afternoon.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 35 All-season Resorts Act — Hon. Mr. Schow

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

> Canadian Women and Sport website page entitled "To transgender girls and women across Canada, you belong in sport"
>
> Sessional Paper 596/2023-24

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday:

> Ottawa Citizen website article dated December 20, 2017, entitled "Pellerin: A fan of tradition, history and 'a bit of a right-wing nut,' explains his views"
>
> Sessional Paper 597/2023-24

MLA Hoyle, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South:

> Letter dated October 20, 2024, from Frederick H. Layden, MBA, to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding several Government policies
>
> Sessional Paper 598/2023-24

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

> Remembrance Day poem entitled "Enlisted," written by Nash Hove
>
> Sessional Paper 599/2023-24

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

> 3 e-mail messages expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth
>
> Sessional Paper 600/2023-24

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont:

2 e-mail messages, one from Tina and one from Amanda Kinnear, both addressed to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 601/2023-24

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s16(5), and the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s37(4):

Report of Selected Payments to the Members and Former Members of the Legislative Assembly and Persons Directly Associated with Members of the Legislative Assembly for the Year Ended March 31, 2024

Sessional Paper 602/2023-24

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Health:

Pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3), Alberta Health Services 2023-2024 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 603/2023-24

Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Acupuncturists of Alberta 2023-2024 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 604/2023-24

College of Hearing Aid Practitioners of Alberta 2023-2024 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 605/2023-24

College of Alberta Psychologists 2023-2024 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 606/2023-24

College of Midwives of Alberta 2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 607/2023-24

College of Alberta Dental Assistants Annual Report 2023-2024

Sessional Paper 608/2023-24

College of Alberta Denturists 2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 609/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 28 Meat Inspection Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Sigurdson

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 26 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2) — Hon. Min. LaGrange

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Shepherd speaking.

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

Bill 28 Meat Inspection Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Sigurdson

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Orders 3(6) and 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, November 18, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 18, 2024

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

Speaker's Statement – Members' Anniversaries

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the fifth anniversary of the following Members, who were elected on April 16, 2019: Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows; MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood; Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud; Hon. Mr. Guthrie, Minister of Infrastructure; Hon. Mr. Nicolaides, Minister of Education; Hon. Mr. Amery, Minister of Justice; Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East; Hon. Mr. Yaseen, Minister of Immigration and Multiculturalism; Hon. Mrs. Sawhney, Minister of Advanced Education; Hon. Ms Fir, Minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women; Hon. Ms Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas; Hon. Mr. Jones, Minister of Jobs, Economy and Trade; Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose; Hon. Mr. Schow,

Minister of Tourism and Sport; Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance; Hon. Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville; Hon. Mr. Sigurdson, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation; Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland; Hon. Mr. Neudorf, Minister of Affordability and Utilities; Hon. Mr. Wilson, Minister of Indigenous Relations; Hon. Mr. Nally, Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction; Hon. Mr. Williams, Minister of Mental Health and Addiction; Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Health; Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South; Hon. Mr. Turton, Minister of Children and Family Services; Hon. Mr. Glubish, Minister of Technology and Innovation; Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright; and Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead.

Members' Statements

Ms Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie-East, made a statement regarding the participation of the Minister of Environment and Protected Areas in the 2024 United Nations Climate Change Conference.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the removal of the AIMCo board of directors by the Government.

Ms de Jonge, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore, made a statement regarding Alberta joining the Governors' Coalition for Energy Security.

Dr. Elmeligi, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Karsten Heuer.

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding federal government and former New Democratic Party Government policies impacting affordability.

MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting health care.

Speaker's Statement – Electronic Devices in the Chamber

The Speaker made a statement reminding Members of the rules regarding the use of electronic devices in the Chamber.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Getson, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s20(2):

Report of the Auditor General, November 2024: Audit of the 2023-2024 Consolidated Financial Statements of the Province of Alberta, Annual Summary of Ministry Audit Work

Sessional Paper 610/2023-24

Report of the Auditor General, November 2024: Highway Maintenance Contracts, Transportation and Economic Corridors

Sessional Paper 611/2023-24

Report of the Auditor General, November 2024: Processes to Assess and Manage the Condition of Affordable Housing, Seniors, Community and Social Services

Sessional Paper 612/2023-24

Report of the Auditor General, November 2024: Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses of the Premier, Ministers, and Their Staff, Treasury Board and Finance

Sessional Paper 613/2023-24

Report of the Auditor General, November 2024: An Analysis of Annual Performance Reporting by School Authorities, Education

Sessional Paper 614/2023-24

Report of the Auditor General, November 2024: Reporting Performance Results to Albertans, Assessment of Implementation, Treasury Board and Finance

Sessional Paper 615/2023-24

Report of the Auditor General, November 2024: Victims of Crime and Public Safety Fund — Systems to Manage Sustainability and Assess Results, Assessment of Implementation, Public Safety and Emergency Services

Sessional Paper 616/2023-24

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

E-mail message dated October 21, 2024, from Dr. Cameron Barr to Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services, expressing concern regarding permanent supportive housing

Sessional Paper 617/2023-24

Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Social media post from the account of Robert Fenton regarding the Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024

Sessional Paper 618/2023-24

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont:

2 e-mail messages addressed to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 619/2023-24

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

Toronto Sun website article dated February 10, 2024, entitled "Gunter: Violent criminals with illegal guns are the problem"

Sessional Paper 620/2023-24

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

2 letters, one from Erin Pickard addressed to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, and one from Barb Dupuis addressed to Ms Renaud, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 621/2023-24

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

Edmonton Journal website article dated November 18, 2024, entitled "Not securing loads on back of vehicles can be deadly"

Sessional Paper 622/2023-24

Hon. Ms Gray, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

3 letters expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 623/2023-24

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nally, Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction, pursuant to the Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act, cG-1, s30(2):

Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Commission 2023-2024 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 624/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Question was rejected:

WQ6. Moved by Dr. Metz on behalf of Hon. Ms Sigurdson:

How many operators were investigated, during the period from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, for failing to provide the minimum average hours of nursing and personal services required under section 14 of the Nursing Homes Operation Regulation (Alta Reg 258/1985)?

The question being put, the motion was defeated on the voice vote. With Ms Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 15

Brar	Goehring	Renaud
Ceci	Haji	Sabir
Chapman	Hayter	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Dach	Hoyle	Sweet
Eremenko	Kasawski	Tejada

Against the motion: 44

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

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR1. Asked for by Hon. Ms Notley:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list of every fee, gift or other benefit that exceeds $500 in value that was accepted by an employee of the Premier's Office or an employee of the office of a Minister in accordance with Order in Council 237/2023, including the exact value and description of each fee, gift or other benefit that was accepted.

MR4. Asked for by Ms Sweet:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list of all grants, organized by year, provided by the Government to the non-profit corporation Results Driven Agriculture Research (RDAR) during the period from April 1, 2019, to March 31, 2024.

MR5. Asked for by Mr. Dach:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents prepared by the Government relating to the effectiveness of salt brine solutions for de-icing provincial highways.

MR8. Asked for by Mr. Dach:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list of all Community Airport Program funding recipients for each year during the period from May 1, 2019, to March 31, 2024, and, in respect of each recipient, the amount of funding received and description of the project for which funding was received.

MR11. Asked for by Ms Wright:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list of all payments, organized by year and occupation, made during the period from December 9, 2020, to March 31, 2024, under the Heroes Compensation Act to a first responder who died as a result of an accident.

MR13. Asked for by Mr. Ellingson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list of all employees and contractors employed or engaged by the Invest Alberta Corporation during the period from March 31, 2019, to March 31, 2024.

MR15. Asked for by MLA Batten:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list showing the number of payments, referred to as "compassionate payments", made by the Government to families affected by child-care closures in the Calgary area due to the E-coli outbreak declared by Alberta Health Services on September 4, 2023, and the amount of each payment.

MR16. Asked for by Mr. Deol:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list of the current infrastructure priorities that have been identified by the Minister of Infrastructure and the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors further to the objectives set out in the Premier's mandate letters to those ministers dated July 26, 2023, and July 11, 2023, respectively.

MR18. Asked for by Mr. Deol:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list of all amounts paid by the Ministry of Infrastructure to unsuccessful proponents of a procurement process involving a public-private partnership for an infrastructure project, organized by year and by project, during the period from May 1, 2019, to March 31, 2024.

The Assembly was advised that Motions for Returns MR2 and MR3 were withdrawn.

The following Motion for a Return was rejected:

MR6. Moved by Mr. Dach:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list of all amendments made during the period from March 31, 2019, to March 31, 2024, to provincial highways maintenance contracts in respect of maintenance service levels.

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

For the motion: 16

Brar	Haji	Sabir
Ceci	Hayter	Shepherd
Chapman	Hoyle	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Dach	Kasawski	Sweet
Eremenko	Renaud	Tejada
Goehring		

Against the motion: 39

Amery	Jones	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	LaGrange	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Boitchenko	Loewen	Sinclair
Bouchard	Long	Singh
Cyr	Lovely	Stephan
de Jonge	Lunty	Turton
Dreeshen	McDougall	van Dijken
Dyck	McIver	Wiebe
Fir	Nally	Williams
Getson	Nixon	Wilson
Glubish	Petrovic	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Hunter	Pitt	Yao
Johnson	Rowswell	Yaseen

Motions Other Than Government Motions

516. Moved by Mr. Long:

> Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider taking the necessary steps to develop an auxiliary workforce program for local residents, volunteer associations, and landowners to supplement the work of first responders during emergencies and disasters.

A debate followed.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, on behalf of Ms Wright, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, moved that the motion be amended by striking out "first responders during emergencies and disasters" and substituting "provincially-regulated first responders during emergencies and disasters, and by using certified training programs provided by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, firefighters, paramedics, First Nations and Métis settlements".

Sessional Paper 625/2023-24

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debated continued on the main motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:51 p.m. until Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

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

Speaker's Statement – Members' Anniversaries

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 10th anniversary of Hon. Mr. Ellis, Deputy Premier, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services, who was elected in a by-election on October 27, 2014. The Speaker presented the Member with a 10-year Mace pin.

The Speaker made a statement recognizing five years of service as a Member by Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations. The Speaker presented the Member with a 5-year Mace pin.

Members' Statements

MLA Brar, Hon. Member for Calgary-North East, made a statement regarding the negative impact of Government policies on small businesses, investors, and Albertans.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding the Government's recently launched Stop Housing Delays online portal.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the need for increased Government funding for the Family and Community Social Services program.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding the proposed Grassy Mountain coal mine project.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the Government's removal of the automobile insurance rate cap.

Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the need to protect seniors from elder abuse.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West:

> Letter dated January 2023 from Curtis Jackson, Vice President, Alberta Union of Provincial Employees, to Hon. Mrs. Sawhney, Minister of Advanced Education, requesting the removal of the Provincial Bargaining and Compensation Office from the collective bargaining process
>
> Sessional Paper 626/2023-24

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

Children's Healthcare Canada website article dated February 1, 2024, entitled "Support for Access to Healthcare for Transgender and Gender-Diverse Youth"
Sessional Paper 627/2023-24

Alberta Teachers' Association website article dated February 6, 2024, entitled "Transgender policy sparks safety concern"
Sessional Paper 628/2023-24

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

NRA Institute for Legislative Action website article dated June 17, 2024, entitled "Fallout from Trudeau's Gun Grab: Crime is Up, Number of Gun Ranges Drops"
Sessional Paper 629/2023-24

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

Chart depicting wait times for knee replacement by province in 2019 and 2023, prepared by the Canadian Institute for Health Information
Sessional Paper 630/2023-24

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont:

Letter dated October 30, 2024, from Dianne Dodsworth to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth
Sessional Paper 631/2023-24

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

Report, undated, entitled "The Case for an Alberta Highway Trust Co" prepared by the Alberta Roadbuilders and Heavy Construction Association, relating to comments made by Mr. Dach during debate on Motion for a Return MR6 on November 18, 2024
Sessional Paper 632/2023-24

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud:

8 e-mail messages expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth
Sessional Paper 633/2023-24

Hon. Ms Gray, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

3 e-mail messages to Hon. Ms Gray, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth
Sessional Paper 634/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Child and Youth Advocate Act, cC-11.5, s21(2):

Office of the Child and Youth Advocate Alberta 2023-2024 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 635/2023-24

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Quality Council of Alberta Act, cH-7.2, s24(2):

Health Quality Council of Alberta 2023-24 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 636/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 27 Education Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Williams, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for any division on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 27, Education Amendment Act, 2024.

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

For the motion: 48

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

Against the motion: 30

Al-Guneid	Ellingson	Kayande
Batten	Elmeligi	Loyola
Boparai	Eremenko	Metz
Brar	Ganley	Notley
Calahoo Stonehouse	Gray	Pancholi
Ceci	Hayter	Renaud
Chapman	Hoffman	Sabir
Dach	Ip	Schmidt
Deol	Irwin	Shepherd
Eggen	Kasawski	Tejada

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

Bill 25 Early Learning and Child Care Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Jones

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 31 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Amery

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Williams moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 34 Access to Information Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Williams moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 25 Early Learning and Child Care Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Jones

Bill 27 Education Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Williams, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:45 p.m. until Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

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

Speaker's Statement – Emergency Alert Test

The Speaker made a statement regarding the testing of the Alert Ready Emergency Alert System, which is scheduled to take place during Oral Question Period, and asking Members to turn off electronic devices to avoid disruption to the proceedings.

Members' Statements

Hon. Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding the annual Show Your 4-H Colours celebration.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Mr. Sinclair, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding Stollery Day at the Legislature.

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding several Government policies affecting residents of Lethbridge.

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding federal government policies affecting the oil and gas industry.

MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia, made a statement regarding the National Day of the Child.

Speaker's Statement – Electronic Devices in the Chamber

The Speaker made a statement reminding Members of the rules regarding the use of electronic devices in the Chamber.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

51. Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1) and for the duration of the 2024 Fall Sitting of the First Session of the 31st Legislature, the Assembly shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings for consideration of Government business, unless the Government House Leader notifies the Assembly that there shall be no evening sitting that day by providing notice under Notices of Motions in the Daily Routine or at any time prior to 6 p.m.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 36 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Schow

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Document dated November 8, 2024, prepared by the Edmonton 2 Spirit Society, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 637/2023-24

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

Report dated April 2018, entitled "Bill C-71 is a Red Herring" prepared by Gary A. Mauser, PhD

Sessional Paper 638/2023-24

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Letter dated November 12, 2024, from Brandi Gruninger, Director and Registered Psychologist, Evolution Psychology, to Ms Renaud, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 639/2023-24

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont:

E-mail message dated November 2, 2024, sender's name redacted, to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 640/2023-24

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

Calgary Herald website article dated November 20, 2024, entitled "Province plans to combine health card, driver's licence"

Sessional Paper 641/2023-24

MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia:

Pacific Standard website article dated September 19, 2016, entitled "Early Childhood Education Is Not a Profession," relating to comments made by MLA Batten during Second Reading debate on Bill 25, Early Learning and Child Care Amendment Act, 2024, on November 19, 2024

Sessional Paper 642/2023-24

Hon. Ms Gray, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

3 e-mail messages to Hon. Ms Gray, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 643/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 28 Meat Inspection Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Sigurdson

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 24 Alberta Bill of Rights Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Amery

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 24 (A3) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall on October 30, 2024) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 544/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 24 (A4) (Hon. Member for St. Albert) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 644/2023-24

Second Reading

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

Bill 33 Protection of Privacy Act — Hon. Mr. Glubish

A debate followed.

Mr. Kasawski moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Third Reading

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

Bill 28 Meat Inspection Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Sigurdson

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 28 Meat Inspection Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Sigurdson

Second Reading

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

Bill 30 Service Alberta Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nally

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 30 Service Alberta Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nally

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:58 p.m. until Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 21, 2024

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

Members' Statements

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding Holodomor Memorial Day.

Hon. Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding Holodomor Memorial Day.

MLA Hoyle, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, made a statement regarding the Canada Pension Plan and a proposed Alberta pension plan.

Mrs. Petrovic, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the Nurse Practitioner Primary Care Program.

Dr. Metz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the need to improve access to organ donation.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding Canadian Olympic and Paralympic athletes and the importance of access to sports.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Ellingson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, presented a petition from 1,300 Albertans urging the Government to work with the Calgary Board of Education to immediately begin construction on a Sage Hill-Kincora school and address other educational needs in the Calgary-Foothills riding.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

> Document, undated, entitled "Legally registered guns 'rarely' used to commit criminal acts," prepared by Greg Dunn
>
> Sessional Paper 645/2023-24

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Provincial Judges and Applications Judges Registered and Unregistered Pension Plans Regulation, AR 196/2001, sch1, s5(1) and sch2, s5(1):

> Provincial Judges and Applications Judges Registered and Unregistered Pension Plans 2022-2023 Annual Report
>
> Sessional Paper 646/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

51. Oral notice having been given November 20, 2024, moved by Hon. Mr. Williams on behalf of Hon. Mr. Schow:

> Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1) and for the duration of the 2024 Fall Sitting of the First Session of the 31st Legislature, the Assembly shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings for consideration of Government business, unless the Government House Leader notifies the Assembly that there shall be no evening sitting that day by providing notice under Notices of Motions in the Daily Routine or at any time prior to 6 p.m.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 24 Alberta Bill of Rights Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Bill 30 Service Alberta Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nally

Mr. Cyr, Acting 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 24 (A5) (Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 647/2023-24

Second Reading

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

Bill 29 Fairness and Safety in Sport Act — Hon. Mr. Schow

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. Schmidt speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, November 25, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 25, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. Johnson, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding the Affordable Housing Partnership Program.

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont, made a statement regarding the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

Mr. Wright, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding recent work to improve search and rescue operations across Alberta.

Mr. Ip, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement regarding several Government policies affecting affordability.

Mr. Wiebe, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement regarding the Government's Passenger Rail Master Plan.

MLA Boparai, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding the lack of Government support for commercial drivers.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Government Motion 51, agreed to on November 21, 2024, Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no evening sitting today.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

> Edmonton Journal website article dated November 23, 2024, entitled "Short Term Pain, Then What?"
>
> Sessional Paper 648/2023-24
>
> Poem entitled "Got no place to live – Build Housing! Got no place to live – Not Shelters!" by Maria Kruszewski
>
> Sessional Paper 649/2023-24

Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

> Document dated November 2023, entitled "Resolution 12-23F, Growth Management Board Voluntary Membership," relating to comments made by Hon. Mr. McIver during Oral Question Period on November 25, 2024
>
> Sessional Paper 650/2023-24

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont:

> E-mail message dated October 28, 2024, from Lila Webb to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth
>
> Sessional Paper 651/2023-24

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

> 4 e-mail messages expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth
>
> Sessional Paper 652/2023-24

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud:

> E-mail message dated November 15, 2024, sender's name redacted, to Ms Pancholi, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth
>
> Sessional Paper 653/2023-24

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cS-29, ss1(2) and 6(1):

Government of Alberta 2024-25 Second Quarter Fiscal Update and Economic Statement

Sessional Paper 654/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR7. Moved by Mr. Dach:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents, reports, studies, and communications, prepared by the Government during the period from May 1, 2019, to March 31, 2024, related to the consideration of raising the speed limit on provincial highways to 120 kilometres per hour.

MR9. Moved by Mr. Dach:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents, studies, data and communications prepared by the Government that were considered by the Executive Council in relation to the decision to rescind, on February 28, 2023, the proclamation that would have brought into force on March 1, 2023, the Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2022, which amends the Traffic Safety Act to require drivers in all lanes of traffic going in the same direction on divided highways or travelling in either direction on single lane highways to slow to 60 kilometres per hour when passing stopped vehicles with flashing lamps.

Debate on the following Motion for a Return was adjourned:

MR10. Moved by Ms Wright:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list showing the number of Albertans, organized by year, paid the basic minimum wage described in section 9(1)(a.1) of the Employment Standards Regulation (AR 14/1997) during the period from June 26, 2019, to March 31, 2024.

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Getson speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

517. Moved by Mr. Cyr (replaced):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of Canada to

(a) recognize the importance of preventing foreign entities from interfering with or influencing the decision-making of governments in Canada, and

(b) take all the necessary steps to protect governments in Canada from foreign interference by strengthening safeguards that protect Canadian sovereignty.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:52 p.m. until Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 26, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Hon. Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement regarding a lack of Government support for post-secondary students.

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding the Government's planned northern Alberta youth recovery centre.

Dr. Metz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the need for Government to prevent the closure of the Vecova recreation facility.

Mr. Dyck, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement regarding the importance of chiropractic care in Alberta.

MLA Calahoo Stonehouse, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of RCMP Staff Sergeant Darrel Bruno.

Hon. MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Julien Arnold.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Government Motion 51, agreed to on November 21, 2024, Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no evening sitting today.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

> 3 e-mail messages to MLA Irwin, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth
>
> Sessional Paper 655/2023-24

Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

> Report dated February 2023, entitled "Seeking Balance, Voting Inequalities in Alberta's Growth Management Boards," prepared by the Rural Municipalities of Alberta
>
> Sessional Paper 656/2023-24

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

> Statistics Canada chart, undated, entitled "Canada Inflation Rate," relating to comments made by Mr. Wright during debate on Motion for a Return MR10 on November 25, 2024
>
> Sessional Paper 657/2023-24

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

> Municipality of Crowsnest Pass press release dated November 26, 2024, entitled "Results on the Non-Binding Vote of the Electors on a Question"
>
> Sessional Paper 658/2023-24

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright:

> The Canadian Press website article dated November 26, 2024, entitled "Crowsnest Pass residents vote overwhelmingly for new Alberta coal mine"
>
> Sessional Paper 659/2023-24

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

> Report dated June 2022, entitled "Promotion of Gender Diversity and Expression and Prevention of Gender-Related Hate and Harm," prepared by the Canadian Psychological Association
>
> Sessional Paper 660/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Sigurdson, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation:

Pursuant to the Agriculture Financial Services Act, cA-12, s15(2), Agriculture Financial Services Corporation 2023-2024 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 661/2023-24

Pursuant to the Livestock Identification and Commerce Act, cL-16.2, s90(3), Livestock Identification Services Limited Report to the Minister and Summary of Activities, April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024
Sessional Paper 662/2023-24

Pursuant to the Farm Implement and Dealership Act, cF-7, s42(2), Farmers' Advocate Office Annual Report 2023-2024
Sessional Paper 663/2023-24

Pursuant to the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, cM-4, s14(2), Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council Annual Report 2023-2024
Sessional Paper 664/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s39(3):

Special Standing Committee on Members' Services Members' Allowances Amendment Order, 2024, MSC Order No. 04/24
Sessional Paper 665/2023-24

Tablings to the Clerk

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

College of Alberta School Superintendents 2023-2024 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 666/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 26 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2) — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the afternoon, including for the first division in Committee of the Whole.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 44

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

Against the motion: 32

Al-Guneid	Elmeligi	Loyola
Arcand-Paul	Eremenko	Metz
Batten	Ganley	Notley
Boparai	Goehring	Pancholi
Brar	Gray	Renaud
Calahoo Stonehouse	Hayter	Sabir
Ceci	Hoffman	Schmidt
Chapman	Hoyle	Shepherd
Dach	Ip	Tejada
Deol	Irwin	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Ellingson	Kasawski	

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

Bill 29 Fairness and Safety in Sport Act — Hon. Mr. Schow

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 44

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

Against the motion: 31

Arcand-Paul	Eremenko	Loyola
Batten	Ganley	Metz
Boparai	Goehring	Notley
Brar	Gray	Pancholi
Calahoo Stonehouse	Hayter	Renaud
Ceci	Hoffman	Sabir
Chapman	Hoyle	Schmidt
Dach	Ip	Shepherd
Deol	Irwin	Tejada
Ellingson	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Elmeligi		

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 26 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2) — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Bill 29 Fairness and Safety in Sport Act — Hon. Mr. Schow

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 24 Alberta Bill of Rights Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Amery

The question being put on the remaining clauses of Bill 24, Alberta Bill of Rights Amendment Act, 2024, the motion was agreed to on the voice vote. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 41

Amery	Jean	Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Johnson	Sawhney
Boitchenko	Jones	Schow
Bouchard	LaGrange	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Loewen	Sinclair
de Jonge	Long	Stephan
Dreeshen	Lovely	Turton
Dyck	Lunty	van Dijken
Ellis	McDougall	Williams
Fir	McIver	Wilson
Getson	Nally	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Glubish	Nicolaides	Yao
Guthrie	Nixon	Yaseen
Hunter	Petrovic	

Against the motion: 30

Arcand-Paul	Elmeligi	Kasawski
Batten	Eremenko	Loyola
Boparai	Ganley	Metz
Brar	Goehring	Notley
Calahoo Stonehouse	Gray	Pancholi
Ceci	Hayter	Renaud
Chapman	Hoffman	Sabir
Dach	Hoyle	Shepherd
Deol	Ip	Tejada
Ellingson	Irwin	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 26 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2) — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, moved that the Bill be amended in section 9(3), in the proposed section 1.92(1), by striking out "except in accordance with an order of the Minister under section 1.93" and substituting "except with the consent of the minor's parent, as defined in the Education Act, or in accordance with an order of the Minister under section 1.93".

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

For the amendment: 31

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Loyola
Arcand-Paul	Ganley	Metz
Batten	Goehring	Notley
Boparai	Gray	Pancholi
Brar	Hayter	Renaud
Ceci	Hoffman	Sabir
Chapman	Hoyle	Schmidt
Dach	Ip	Shepherd
Deol	Irwin	Tejada
Ellingson	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Elmeligi		

Against the amendment: 43

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

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 29 Fairness and Safety in Sport Act — Hon. Mr. Schow

The question being put on the clauses of Bill 29, Fairness and Safety in Sport Act, the motion was agreed to on the voice vote. With Mr. van Dijken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 43

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

Against the motion: 31

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Loyola
Arcand-Paul	Ganley	Metz
Batten	Goehring	Notley
Boparai	Gray	Pancholi
Brar	Hayter	Renaud
Ceci	Hoffman	Sabir
Chapman	Hoyle	Schmidt
Dach	Ip	Shepherd
Deol	Irwin	Tejada
Ellingson	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Elmeligi		

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 29 Fairness and Safety in Sport Act — Hon. Mr. Schow

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 24 Alberta Bill of Rights Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 26 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2) — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Ms Pitt, 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 24 (A5) (Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 647/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 26 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 667/2023-24

Second Reading

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

Bill 34 Access to Information Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Wednesday, November 27, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 27, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, made a statement regarding the New Democratic Party's position on federal policies affecting the energy sector.

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to address affordability issues.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding the Government's plan for a care-first automobile insurance system.

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, made a statement regarding a lack of Government focus on the priorities of Albertans.

Ms Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie-East, made a statement regarding the leadership principles of the United Conservative Government.

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, made a statement regarding the need for Government to address a lack of public infrastructure in Alberta.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-25, s63(2); the Health Information Act, cH-5, s95(2); and the Personal Information Protection Act, cP-6.5, s44(2):

> Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Alberta Annual Report 2023-2024
>
> Sessional Paper 668/2023-24

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

> The Conversation website article dated November 25, 2024, entitled "Danielle Smith's new policies make all Albertan youth unsafe"
>
> Sessional Paper 669/2023-24

Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Health:

> Report dated November 2024, entitled "Impact of Puberty Blockers in Gender-Dysphoric Adolescents: An evidence brief" with attached mission statement, both prepared by the New Zealand Ministry of Health
>
> Sessional Paper 670/2023-24

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre:

> Copy of a petition signed by approximately 360 Albertans expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth
>
> Sessional Paper 671/2023-24

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

> Copy of a City of Medicine Hat utility bill dated November 13, 2024, relating to comments made by Mr. Wright during debate on Motion for a Return MR10 on November 25, 2024
>
> Sessional Paper 672/2023-24

> CBC News website article dated October 30, 2024, entitled "Trudeau says he's asked spy agencies to share foreign interference information with Poilievre"
>
> Sessional Paper 673/2023-24

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday:

> Rocky Mountain Outlook website article dated November 13, 2024, entitled "Indigenous voices 'heard, respected and acted upon,' ministry says in statement responding to reconciliation bill," relating to comments made by MLA Arcand-Paul during Oral Question Period on November 26, 2024
>
> Sessional Paper 674/2023-24

Dr. Metz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Report dated November 25, 2024, entitled "Wildfire Smoke Exposure and Incident Dementia," prepared by the Journal of the American Medical Association
Sessional Paper 675/2023-24

MLA Tejada, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein:

Report, undated, entitled "Canadian Trans Youth Health Survey 2024: Alberta," prepared by the University of British Columbia
Sessional Paper 676/2023-24

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Document, undated, entitled "An Example of How Government Delays Access to Information Requests: Pretending to not Understand Them"
Sessional Paper 677/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the afternoon, including for the first division in Committee of the Whole.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 24 Alberta Bill of Rights Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Amery

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 46

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

Against the motion: 31

Batten	Goehring	Metz
Boparai	Gray	Notley
Brar	Haji	Pancholi
Ceci	Hayter	Renaud
Chapman	Hoffman	Sabir
Dach	Hoyle	Schmidt
Deol	Ip	Shepherd
Eggen	Irwin	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ellingson	Kasawski	Tejada
Elmeligi	Loyola	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eremenko		

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 24 Alberta Bill of Rights Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Amery

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 26 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2) — Hon. Min. LaGrange

The question being put on the clauses of Bill 26, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2), the motion was agreed to on the voice vote. With Mr. van Dijken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 44

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

Against the motion: 32

Arcand-Paul	Eremenko	Metz
Batten	Goehring	Notley
Boparai	Gray	Pancholi
Brar	Haji	Renaud
Ceci	Hayter	Sabir
Chapman	Hoffman	Schmidt
Dach	Hoyle	Shepherd
Deol	Ip	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eggen	Irwin	Tejada
Ellingson	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Elmeligi	Loyola	

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 27 Education Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, moved that the Bill be amended in section 9, in the proposed section 33.2(2), by striking out "the board shall" and substituting "the board shall notify the student of the board's obligations under clauses (a) and (b) and, if the student decides to proceed with the request, shall".

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

For the amendment: 32

Arcand-Paul	Eremenko	Metz
Batten	Goehring	Notley
Boparai	Gray	Pancholi
Brar	Haji	Renaud
Ceci	Hayter	Sabir
Chapman	Hoffman	Schmidt
Dach	Hoyle	Shepherd
Deol	Ip	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eggen	Irwin	Tejada
Ellingson	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Elmeligi	Loyola	

Against the amendment: 44

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

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, moved that the Bill be amended in section 12 as follows:

(a) in the proposed section 58.11 as follows:

(i) in subsection (1) by striking out "provide notice to, and seek the consent of" and substituting "provide notice to and, if required by the policies, seek the consent of";

(ii) in subsection (3) by striking out "provided consent for the student to do so in accordance with the policies established under section 58.12" and substituting "been notified under subsections (1) and (2) and, if the board's policies established under section 58.12 require the parent's consent, provided that consent in accordance with those policies";

(iii) in subsection (4) by striking out "Where no consent has been provided under this section in respect of a student" and substituting "If a parent's consent is required under this section in respect of a student and that consent is not provided, or if a parent's consent is not required in respect of a student and the parent makes a signed written request that the student be excluded from all or part of the instruction, course or program of study or use of instructional materials";

(b) in the proposed section 58.12 as follows:

(i) in subsection (1) by striking out "the provision of notice to, and the seeking the consent of" and substituting "the provision of notice to, the seeking of consent of, the provision of consent by, and the making of a request by";

(ii) in subsection (2)(a) as follows:

(A) by striking out subclause (i) and substituting the following:

(i) the form and manner of the provision of notice under section 58.11(1), which must include sufficient detail to enable the parent to make an informed decision in respect of providing consent under section 58.11(3) or making a request under section 58.11(4);

(B) in subclause (ii) by striking out "section 58.11(2)" and substituting "sections 58.11(1) and (2)";

(C) by adding the following immediately after subclause (ii):

(ii.1) whether the board is required to seek a parent's consent under section 58.11(1);

(D) by striking out subclause (iii) and substituting the following:

(iii) if the policies require the board to seek the consent of the parent of a student, the form and manner of that consent, which must provide the parent with the option to provide consent for the student to take part in all or part of a course or program of study, or use all or part of instructional materials or an exercise, referred to in section 58.11;

(iii.1) the form and manner in which a parent of a student may submit a request under section 58.11(4) for the student to be excluded from the instruction, course or program of study or use of instructional materials;

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to on the voice vote. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 32

Arcand-Paul	Eremenko	Metz
Batten	Goehring	Notley
Boparai	Gray	Pancholi
Brar	Haji	Renaud
Ceci	Hayter	Sabir
Chapman	Hoffman	Schmidt
Dach	Hoyle	Shepherd
Deol	Ip	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eggen	Irwin	Tejada
Ellingson	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Elmeligi	Loyola	

Against the amendment: 44

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

Hon. Mr. Nicolaides, Minister of Education, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

A Section 7 is amended in the proposed section 18.1

(a) in subsection (2) by striking out "A board" and substituting "Subject to subsection (3.1), a board";

(b) by adding the following after subsection (3):

(3.1) Subsection (2) does not apply where the learning and teaching resources are used or provided to provide religious instruction.

(3.2) Where the use or provision under subsection (3.1) is by an external party, a board shall not permit that use or provision unless the external party is approved by the Minister.

B Section 9 is amended in the proposed section 33.2

(a) by striking out subsection (2) and substituting the following:

(2) Subject to subsection (4), if a student requests that a new preferred name or pronouns be used by teachers, teacher leaders and other school staff when referring to the student in school, the board shall notify the student's parent of the request.

(b) in subsection (3)

(i) by striking out "in school" and substituting "in school,";

(ii) by striking out clauses (a) and (b) and substituting the following:

(a) in the case of a student who is 16 or 17 years of age, until the student's parent is notified under subsection (2), or

(b) in the case of a student who is under 16 years of age,

(i) until the student's parent is notified under subsection (2), and

(ii) unless the parent provides consent for the new preferred name or pronouns to be used by teachers, teacher leaders and other school staff when referring to the student in school.

(c) in subsection (4)(a) by striking out "or seeking the parent's consent".

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

For the amendment: 43

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

Against the amendment: 32

Arcand-Paul	Eremenko	Metz
Batten	Goehring	Notley
Boparai	Gray	Pancholi
Brar	Haji	Renaud
Ceci	Hayter	Sabir
Chapman	Hoffman	Schmidt
Dach	Hoyle	Shepherd
Deol	Ip	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eggen	Irwin	Tejada
Ellingson	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Elmeligi	Loyola	

The question being put on the remaining clauses of Bill 27, Education Amendment Act, 2024, the motion was agreed to on the voice vote. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 44

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

Against the motion: 32

Arcand-Paul	Eremenko	Metz
Batten	Goehring	Notley
Boparai	Gray	Pancholi
Brar	Haji	Renaud
Ceci	Hayter	Sabir
Chapman	Hoffman	Schmidt
Dach	Hoyle	Shepherd
Deol	Ip	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eggen	Irwin	Tejada
Ellingson	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Elmeligi	Loyola	

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(4), the Committee recessed at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2024 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 25 Early Learning and Child Care Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Jones

Bill 26 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2) — Hon. Min. LaGrange

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 27 Education Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

Mr. van Dijken, Deputy 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 27 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) — Defeated on division
Sessional Paper 678/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 27 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) — Defeated on division
Sessional Paper 679/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 27 (A3) (Minister of Education) — Agreed to on division
Sessional Paper 680/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 25 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 681/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the evening, including for the first division in Committee of the Whole.

Committee of the Whole

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

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 30 Service Alberta Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nally

Mr. van Dijken, Deputy 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 30 (A1) (Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 682/2023-24

Second Reading

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

Bill 32 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2) ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 45

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

Against the motion: 15

Arcand-Paul	Eremenko	Kasawski
Brar	Goehring	Renaud
Ceci	Haji	Sabir
Chapman	Hayter	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Dach	Hoyle	Tejada

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

Bill 33 Protection of Privacy Act — Hon. Mr. Glubish

A debate followed.

MLA Arcand-Paul moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 35 All-season Resorts Act — Hon. Mr. Schow

A debate followed.

Hon. Ms Sigurdson moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 32 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2) ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:29 p.m. until Thursday, November 28, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 28, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington, made a statement regarding the negative impact of the Government's education policies on students.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Mr. Haji, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding a lack of funding for Government-owned social housing.

Mr. Sinclair, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the actions of the Prime Minister of Canada.

Mr. Ellingson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth.

Hon. MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the need for Government to invest in Alberta's book publishing industry.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 215 Prohibiting Ownership of Agricultural Lands (Pension Plans and Trust Corporations) Act — Mr. van Dijken

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

CityNews Edmonton website article dated June 26, 2024, entitled "AGLC seizes $5.3M in illegal cigarettes, shisha from Edmonton warehouses"
Sessional Paper 683/2023-24

True North website article dated November 28, 2024, entitled "Terrorist apprehensions at Canada-U.S. border far exceed southern counterpart"
Sessional Paper 684/2023-24

Social media post, undated, from the account of NDP Lie Detector, entitled "Nenshi Mocks Christians"
Sessional Paper 685/2023-24

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington:

Report, undated, entitled "The State of Sex-Ed in Canada," prepared by Action Canada for Sexual Health & Rights
Sessional Paper 686/2023-24

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

E-mail message dated October 29, 2024, from Ryder Richard to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth
Sessional Paper 687/2023-24

MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia:

Public Interest Alberta website article dated November 25, 2024, entitled "New Research shows 1 in 5 Children in Alberta are Living in Poverty as UCP Cuts Services to Children and Youth in Care"

Sessional Paper 688/2023-24

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

SMG Medical Complex website page entitled "Investors"

Sessional Paper 689/2023-24

SMG Medical Complex website page entitled "Letters of Support"

Sessional Paper 690/2023-24

Tablings to the Clerk

Acting Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Amery, Minister of Justice, pursuant to the Public's Right to Know Act, cP-47, s6(1):

Report on Crime and Justice Statistics 2019/20 to 2023/24

Sessional Paper 691/2023-24

Acting Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Fir, Minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women, pursuant to the Alberta Foundation for the Arts Act, cA-19, s14(2):

Alberta Foundation for the Arts 2023-24 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 692/2023-24

Acting Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Williams, Minister of Mental Health and Addiction, pursuant to the Mental Health Act, cM-13, s47(2):

Office of the Alberta Health Advocates, Mental Health Patient Advocate 2023-2024 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 693/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 25 Early Learning and Child Care Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Jones

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 30 Service Alberta Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nally

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 25 Early Learning and Child Care Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Jones

Bill 30 Service Alberta Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nally

Second Reading

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

Bill 33 Protection of Privacy Act — Hon. Mr. Glubish

A debate followed.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

> Bill 33, Protection of Privacy Act, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.
>
> Sessional Paper 694/2023-24

A debate followed on the amendment.

Debate adjourned on the amendment, Mr. Haji speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, December 2, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, December 2, 2024

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Stanley B. Cassin, Member for Calgary-North West, 1986 to 1989, who passed away on October 2, 2024.

Members' Statements

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding the federal Impact Assessment Act.

Mr. Ip, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting patients and front-line healthcare workers.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding World Nuclear Energy Day.

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement regarding World AIDS Day.

Mr. Cyr, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Alex Janvier.

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding several Government healthcare policies.

Notices of Motions

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 213 Cancer Care Delivery Standards Act — Ms Goehring

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Getson, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Election Act, cE-1, s4(7), and the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, cE-2, s4(2):

> Chief Electoral Officer Annual Report 2023-2024
>
> Sessional Paper 695/2023-24

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont:

> Document dated February 1, 2024, entitled "QTHC's Statement on the UCP's Proposed Gender Policies," prepared by The Queer & Trans Health Collective
>
> Sessional Paper 696/2023-24

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

> Letter, undated, from Esther Kupsch to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth
>
> Sessional Paper 697/2023-24

Letter, undated, from Dr. Cameron Barr to Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services, expressing concerning regarding Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped support

Sessional Paper 698/2023-24

Letter, undated, from Skye Vermeulen, unaddressed, expressing concern regarding Family Support for Children with Disabilities support

Sessional Paper 699/2023-24

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday:

Report, undated, entitled "Transgender Women Athletes and Elite Sport: A Scientific Review," prepared by E-Alliance, relating to comments made by MLA Arcand-Paul during Second Reading debate on Bill 29, Fairness and Safety in Sport Act, on November 26, 2024

Sessional Paper 700/2023-24

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

The Guardian website article dated November 27, 2024, entitled "Pakistan army and police accused of firing on Imran Khan supporters"

Sessional Paper 701/2023-24

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

10 e-mail messages expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 702/2023-24

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

Canadian Union of Public Employees document dated February 2, 2024, entitled "CUPE condemns Danielle Smith's attacks on trans youth," with attached web page entitled "Resist Attacks That Divide Us: CUPE stands with trans people"

Sessional Paper 703/2023-24

Canadian Labour Congress document dated February 1, 2024, entitled "Statement by Bea Bruske: Canada's unions are calling out Alberta Premier's attempt to use trans and gender-diverse children, youth and adults to score political points"

Sessional Paper 704/2023-24

Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park:

The Fort Saskatchewan Record website article dated November 28, 2024, entitled "Hands off our pensions"

Sessional Paper 705/2023-24

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

Document, undated, entitled "Parliamentary Committee Notes: Decreased Funding Levels for the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)"
Sessional Paper 706/2023-24

CTV News Calgary website article dated November 28, 2024, entitled "Alberta will patrol shared border with Montana as tariff threat looms: Premier"
Sessional Paper 707/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall:

Letter dated November 20, 2024, from Diane McLeod, Information and Privacy Commissioner, to Hon. Mr. Nally, Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction, providing the Commissioner's comments and recommendations regarding Bill 34, Access to Information Act
Sessional Paper 708/2023-24

Dr. Metz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

55 pieces of correspondence expressing concern regarding the closure of Vecova recreation facility
Sessional Paper 709/2023-24

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Jones, Minister of Jobs, Economy and Trade, pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act, cW-15, s93(5):

Workers' Compensation Board Alberta 2023 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 710/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(1) in order to proceed to consideration of Government business for the remainder of the afternoon sitting.

Government Motions

53. Moved by Hon. Ms Smith:

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 92A of The Constitution Act, 1867, the Alberta Legislature has exclusive legislative jurisdiction over the exploration, development, conservation, management and production of non-renewable natural resources in Alberta,

   (b) the Government of Canada has proposed the Oil and Gas Sector Greenhouse Gas Emissions Cap Regulations ("Federal Initiative"), which would, if implemented, cap oil and gas production in Alberta, result in a production cut of at least one million barrels of oil per day and effectively prohibit future oil and gas production growth in Alberta,

   (c) the Federal Initiative will damage the economic and social well-being of Albertans by eliminating hundreds of thousands of jobs, cause the insolvency of tens of thousands of Alberta businesses, and lead to the loss of hundreds of billions of dollars in tax and royalty revenue by the Government of Alberta to support public social programs and infrastructure for Albertans,

   (d) the Government of Alberta is, on behalf of the people of Alberta, the owner of the majority of oil and gas resources in Alberta and has a duty to ensure the value of those resources are maximized for Albertans,

   (e) the Government of Alberta is committed to its continued partnership with private industry to maximize the value of Alberta's oil and gas resources by granting mineral interests to corporations ("interest holders") in exchange for resource royalties and income tax payments paid by interest holders to the Government of Alberta,

   (f) it is the intent of the Government of Alberta to more than double the production of oil and gas in the province of Alberta from current production levels while promoting and incentivizing the mass development and implementation of emissions reduction technologies related to oil and gas production, and

   (g) the Government of Alberta remains committed to ensuring that current and future Albertans continue to own and control oil and gas resources in Alberta, receive the full benefit of the development of those resources and are not restricted in the marketing or sale of those resources by any other government.

2. The Legislative Assembly is of the opinion that the Federal Initiative is unconstitutional on the basis that it is not directed at a matter falling within section 91 of The Constitution Act, 1867, and impermissibly intrudes into an area of exclusive provincial jurisdiction, namely the exploration, development, conservation, management, and production of non-renewable natural resources as set out in section 92A of The Constitution Act, 1867.

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

(a) ensure that the Government of Alberta and any provincial entity, as defined in the Alberta Sovereignty Within a United Canada Act, refrain from participating in the implementation or enforcement of the Federal Initiative within Alberta, to the extent legally permissible;

(b) use all legal means necessary to oppose the implementation or enforcement of the Federal Initiative in Alberta, including launching a legal challenge in the Alberta Courts;

(c) ensure that oil and gas production facilities and related infrastructure that are owned by an interest holder in Alberta ("interest holder facilities") are considered to be "essential infrastructure", as defined in the Critical Infrastructure Defence Act;

(d) prohibit the entry by any individual, including an employee or contractor of the Government of Canada, to an interest holder facility, excepting the interest holder and their employees and contractors, or anyone else specifically authorized to enter that interest holder facility by the Government of Alberta;

(e) declare that all information or data related directly or indirectly to greenhouse gas emissions that are collected by interest holders at an interest holder facility ("Emissions Data") are proprietary information and data that are owned exclusively by the Government of Alberta, and require all emissions data to be reported or disclosed by an interest holder only to the Government of Alberta;

(f) use the Conventional Oil Royalty-in-Kind (CORIK) program to sell oil through the Alberta Petroleum Marketing Commission to purchasers around the world, work collaboratively with industry to expand the Bitumen Royalty-in-Kind (BRIK) program and develop a similar natural gas royalty-in-kind program, to ensure the Government and industry can maximize the value of Alberta's oil and gas resources, expand pipeline capacity, develop new markets for industry and minimize economic risk to future oil and gas resource development caused by the hostile policies of the Government of Canada; and

(g) work collaboratively with the governments of the United States of America, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Northwest Territories, and Yukon, as well as First Nation governments located in those jurisdictions and in Alberta, to substantially increase pipeline capacity from Alberta to tidewater ports and to the United States of America.

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the afternoon.

Debate resumed.

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

For the motion: 47

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

Against the motion: 15

Al-Guneid	Chapman	Hayter
Arcand-Paul	Dach	Hoyle
Boparai	Eremenko	Renaud
Brar	Goehring	Sabir
Ceci	Haji	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 34 Access to Information Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 45

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

Against the motion: 15

Al-Guneid	Dach	Hoyle
Arcand-Paul	Eremenko	Renaud
Brar	Goehring	Sabir
Ceci	Haji	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Chapman	Hayter	Sweet

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

Bill 35 All-season Resorts Act — Hon. Mr. Schow

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. Amery speaking.

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

Bill 34 Access to Information Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:49 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 35 All-season Resorts Act — Hon. Mr. Schow

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the evening, including for the first division in Committee of the Whole.

Debate resumed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 31 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Amery

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 46

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

Against the motion: 13

Al-Guneid	Elmeligi	Loyola
Batten	Hoffman	Metz
Boparai	Irwin	Shepherd
Deol	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eggen		

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

Bill 33 Protection of Privacy Act — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Debate continued on the amendment moved by Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, on November 28, 2024, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

> Bill 33, Protection of Privacy Act, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.
>
> Sessional Paper 694/2023-24

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

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

For the motion: 45

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

Against the motion: 13

Al-Guneid	Elmeligi	Loyola
Batten	Hoffman	Metz
Boparai	Irwin	Shepherd
Deol	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eggen		

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

Bill 36 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Schow

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 31 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Bill 33 Protection of Privacy Act — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Bill 35 All-season Resorts Act — Hon. Mr. Schow

Bill 36 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Schow

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)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 34 Access to Information Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

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 34 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre on behalf the Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 711/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 34 (A2) (Hon. Member for Airdrie-East) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 712/2023-24

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:27 p.m. until Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

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

Members' Statements

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

Mrs. Petrovic, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding upcoming changes to use of photo radar in Alberta.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding healthcare wait times.

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, made a statement regarding the future naming of a Canadian Space Agency lunar rover.

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, made a statement regarding the Alberta Works Barriers to Full Employment Program and its effects on a constituent.

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting affordability.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given December 2, 2024:

Bill 213 Cancer Care Delivery Standards Act — Ms Goehring

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations:

> Report dated March 27, 2024, entitled "Potential Economic Impact of the Proposed Federal Oil and Gas Emissions Cap," prepared by Deloitte, relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Smith during debate on Government Motion 53 on December 2, 2024
>
> Sessional Paper 713/2023-24

Report dated January 2024, entitled "Economic Impacts of a Greenhouse Gas Emissions Cap on the Oil and Gas Sector," prepared by The Conference Board of Canada, relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Smith during debate on Government Motion 53 on December 2, 2024

Sessional Paper 714/2023-24

Financial Post website article dated November 6, 2024, entitled "Ottawa's Proposed Emissions Cap May Make Production Unfeasible," relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Smith during debate on Government Motion 53 on December 2, 2024

Sessional Paper 715/2023-24

Business Council of Canada document dated November 4, 2024, entitled "Emissions cap will make Canadians poorer and harm energy ties with the U.S.," relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Smith during debate on Government Motion 53 on December 2, 2024

Sessional Paper 716/2023-24

Business Council of Alberta document, undated, expressing concern regarding the proposed federal oil and gas emissions cap, relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Smith during debate on Government Motion 53 on December 2, 2024

Sessional Paper 717/2023-24

Montreal Economic Institute document dated November 4, 2024, entitled "Emissions cap: many jobs lost for very few gains, finds MEI," relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Smith during debate on Government Motion 53 on December 2, 2024

Sessional Paper 718/2023-24

Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers document dated November 4, 2024, entitled "CAPP statement on the federal government draft emissions cap announcement," relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Smith during debate on Government Motion 53 on December 2, 2024

Sessional Paper 719/2023-24

Canadian Association of Energy Contractors document dated November 4, 2024, entitled "CAOEC Rejects the Federal Government's Proposed Emissions Cap," relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Smith during debate on Government Motion 53 on December 2, 2024

Sessional Paper 720/2023-24

Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters document dated November 4, 2024, entitled "Statement from Dennis Darby, President & CEO, Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters, on the Proposed Emissions Cap for Canada's Oil and Gas Sector," relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Smith during debate on Government Motion 53 on December 2, 2024

Sessional Paper 721/2023-24

Canada Powered by Women document dated November 2024, entitled "Canada's emissions cap: What's the impact on prosperity," relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Smith during debate on Government Motion 53 on December 2, 2024
Sessional Paper 722/2023-24

Calgary Herald website article dated November 26, 2024, entitled "Companies are hiring; Oilpatch jobs hit a 10-year high," relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Smith during debate on Government Motion 53 on December 2, 2024
Sessional Paper 723/2023-24

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

Canadian Shooting Sports Association cartoon, undated, entitled "Invest"
Sessional Paper 724/2023-24

Canadian Shooting Sports Association website article, undated, entitled "Fail! Bill Blair Cuts CBSA Funding, Redefines the Word 'Invest' (CSSA)"
Sessional Paper 725/2023-24

Social media post dated April 13, 2024, from the account of Naheed Nenshi, regarding a candidate showcase in Claresholm
Sessional Paper 726/2023-24

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

4 e-mail messages expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth
Sessional Paper 727/2023-24

Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park:

2 pieces of correspondence, both to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth
Sessional Paper 728/2023-24

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

The Tyee website article, dated December 2, 2024, entitled "In Alberta, Queer Families Are 'Not OK' "
Sessional Paper 729/2023-24

Dr. Metz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

12 e-mail messages expressing concern regarding primary care physician compensation
Sessional Paper 730/2023-24

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

Canadian Medical Association document dated February 20, 2024, entitled "CMA strongly opposes government efforts to restrict access to care"

Sessional Paper 731/2023-24

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont:

E-mail message dated October 29, 2024, from Dylan Bauer to Ms Hayter, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 732/2023-24

Mr. Ellingson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills:

Report dated May 2024, entitled "Alberta's Disappearing Advantage: The Crisis in Alberta Wages, and How to Fix It," prepared by the Centre for Future Work

Sessional Paper 733/2023-24

Hon. Ms Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas:

Canadian Chamber of Commerce document dated December 7, 2023, entitled "Statement regarding the federal government's announcement of the oil and gas cap framework"

Sessional Paper 734/2023-24

CBC News website article dated November 4, 2024, entitled "Alberta Premier Smith says she's 'pissed' about oil and gas cap, eyeing legal challenge"

Sessional Paper 735/2023-24

Penticton Herald website article dated November 21, 2024, entitled "Town concerned by emissions cap"

Sessional Paper 736/2023-24

MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia:

St. Albert Gazette website article dated October 18, 2024, entitled "Eighteen young Albertans died while receiving intervention services since April. Sixteen were Indigenous."

Sessional Paper 737/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Hon. Mr. Williams, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the afternoon, including for the first division in Committee of the Whole.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 26 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2) — Hon. Min. LaGrange

A debate followed.

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, on behalf of Hon. Ms Gray, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

> Bill 26, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2), be not now read a Third time but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.
>
> Sessional Paper 738/2023-24

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated on the voice vote. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 35

Al-Guneid	Elmeligi	Loyola
Arcand-Paul	Eremenko	Metz
Batten	Ganley	Notley
Boparai	Goehring	Pancholi
Brar	Gray	Renaud
Calahoo Stonehouse	Haji	Sabir
Ceci	Hayter	Schmidt
Chapman	Hoffman	Shepherd
Dach	Hoyle	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Deol	Irwin	Sweet
Eggen	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Ellingson	Kayande	

Against the amendment: 47

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

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

For the motion: 47

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

Against the motion: 35

Al-Guneid	Elmeligi	Loyola
Arcand-Paul	Eremenko	Metz
Batten	Ganley	Notley
Boparai	Goehring	Pancholi
Brar	Gray	Renaud
Calahoo Stonehouse	Haji	Sabir
Ceci	Hayter	Schmidt
Chapman	Hoffman	Shepherd
Dach	Hoyle	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Deol	Irwin	Sweet
Eggen	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Ellingson	Kayande	

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

Bill 27 Education Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

A debate followed.

Hon. Ms Gray, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

> Bill 27, Education Amendment Act, 2024, be not now read a Third time but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.
>
> Sessional Paper 739/2023-24

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated on the voice vote. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 33

Al-Guneid	Elmeligi	Kayande
Batten	Eremenko	Loyola
Boparai	Ganley	Metz
Brar	Goehring	Notley
Calahoo Stonehouse	Gray	Pancholi
Ceci	Haji	Sabir
Chapman	Hayter	Schmidt
Dach	Hoffman	Shepherd
Deol	Hoyle	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eggen	Irwin	Sweet
Ellingson	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

Against the amendment: 47

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

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

For the motion: 47

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

Against the motion: 33

Al-Guneid	Elmeligi	Kayande
Batten	Eremenko	Loyola
Boparai	Ganley	Metz
Brar	Goehring	Notley
Calahoo Stonehouse	Gray	Pancholi
Ceci	Haji	Sabir
Chapman	Hayter	Schmidt
Dach	Hoffman	Shepherd
Deol	Hoyle	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eggen	Irwin	Sweet
Ellingson	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

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

Bill 29 Fairness and Safety in Sport Act — Hon. Mr. Schow

A debate followed.

Hon. Ms Gray, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

> Bill 29, Fairness and Safety in Sport Act, be not now read a Third time but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.
>
> Sessional Paper 740/2023-24

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated on the voice vote. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 33

Al-Guneid	Elmeligi	Kayande
Batten	Eremenko	Loyola
Boparai	Ganley	Metz
Brar	Goehring	Notley
Calahoo Stonehouse	Gray	Pancholi
Ceci	Haji	Sabir
Chapman	Hayter	Schmidt
Dach	Hoffman	Shepherd
Deol	Hoyle	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eggen	Irwin	Sweet
Ellingson	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

Against the amendment: 47

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

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

For the motion: 47

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

Against the motion: 33

Al-Guneid	Elmeligi	Kayande
Batten	Eremenko	Loyola
Boparai	Ganley	Metz
Brar	Goehring	Notley
Calahoo Stonehouse	Gray	Pancholi
Ceci	Haji	Sabir
Chapman	Hayter	Schmidt
Dach	Hoffman	Shepherd
Deol	Hoyle	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eggen	Irwin	Sweet
Ellingson	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 26 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2) — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Bill 27 Education Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

Bill 29 Fairness and Safety in Sport Act — Hon. Mr. Schow

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 32 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2) ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Hon. Ms Gray, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requested that the vote on the clauses of Bill 32 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, 3, 6, 7, 8, and 10
Block B: sections 4, 5, and 9

The question was put on the clauses in Block B, which was agreed to on the voice vote. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 75

Al-Guneid	Goehring	Nicolaides
Amery	Gray	Nixon
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Guthrie	Notley
Batten	Haji	Pancholi
Boitchenko	Hayter	Petrovic
Boparai	Hoffman	Rowswell
Bouchard	Horner	Sabir
Brar	Hoyle	Sawhney
Ceci	Hunter	Schmidt
Chapman	Irwin	Schow
Cyr	Jean	Schulz
Dach	Johnson	Shepherd
de Jonge	Kasawski	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Deol	Kayande	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Dreeshen	LaGrange	Sinclair
Dyck	Loewen	Singh
Eggen	Long	Turton
Ellingson	Lovely	van Dijken
Ellis	Loyola	Wiebe
Elmeligi	Lunty	Williams
Eremenko	McDougall	Wilson
Fir	McIver	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Ganley	Metz	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Getson	Nally	Yao
Glubish	Neudorf	Yaseen

Against the motion: 0

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 32 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2) ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Mr. van Dijken, Deputy 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 32 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 741/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 32 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 742/2023-24

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Williams, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:58 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2024 — 7:30 P.M.

Hon. Mr. Williams, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the evening, including for the first division in Committee of the Whole.

Government Motions

52. Moved by Hon. Mr. Williams on behalf of Hon. Mr. Schow:

> Be it resolved that pursuant to section 3 of the Statutes Repeal Act, SA 2013, cS-19.3, the following statute, appearing on the list of statutes to be repealed which was tabled in the Assembly by the Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of the Minister of Justice on April 8, 2024, (Sessional Paper 288/2023-24), not be repealed:
>
> 1. An Act to Strengthen Municipal Government (2017 c13) s1(4), (39) to (41).

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

54. Moved by Hon. Mr. Williams on behalf of Hon. Mr. Schow:

> Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the 2024 Fall Sitting of the Assembly shall stand adjourned upon the Government House Leader advising the Assembly that the business for the Sitting is concluded.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

55. Moved by Hon. Mr. Williams on behalf of Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that

(a) the 2023-2024 Annual Report of the Office of the Child and Youth Advocate be referred to the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices for review;

(b) The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued;

(c) in accordance with section 21(4) of the Child and Youth Advocate Act, the Committee shall report back to the Assembly within 90 days of the report being referred to it if the Assembly is then sitting or, if it is not then sitting, within 15 days after the commencement of the next sitting.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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 34 Access to Information Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

The question was put on the remaining clauses of Bill 34, Access to Information Act, which was agreed to on the voice vote. With Mr. van Dijken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 44

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

Against the motion: 17

Brar	Eremenko	Kasawski
Calahoo Stonehouse	Ganley	Pancholi
Ceci	Goehring	Sabir
Chapman	Haji	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Dach	Hayter	Sweet
Elmeligi	Hoyle	

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 35 All-season Resorts Act — Hon. Mr. Schow

MLA Calahoo Stonehouse, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, on behalf of MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, moved that the Bill be amended by adding the following immediately after section 6(4):

> (5) Nothing in this section is to be construed as in any way derogating from or adding to the rights of aboriginal peoples recognized and affirmed under Part 2 of the Constitution Act, 1982, or the rights of Indians under the Transfer Agreement as defined in the Public Lands Act.

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

For the amendment: 17

Brar	Eremenko	Kasawski
Calahoo Stonehouse	Ganley	Pancholi
Ceci	Goehring	Sabir
Chapman	Haji	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Dach	Hayter	Sweet
Elmeligi	Hoyle	

Against the amendment: 42

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

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 31 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Bill 36 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Schow

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 34 Access to Information Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 35 All-season Resorts Act — Hon. Mr. Schow

Mr. van Dijken, Deputy 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 31 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 743/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 31 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 744/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 34 (A3) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 745/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 34 (A4) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 746/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 34 (A5) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 747/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 34 (A6) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 748/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 34 (A7) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 749/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 35 (A1) (Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 750/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 35 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 751/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 35 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 752/2023-24

Third Reading

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

Bill 32 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2) ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Ms Chapman moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Williams, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:25 p.m. until Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Dyck, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement regarding the Government's plan to develop artificial intelligence data centres.

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont, made a statement regarding the anniversary of the École Polytechnique massacre and gender-based violence.

Mrs. Petrovic, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the Government's accomplishments during the 2024 Fall Sitting.

MLA Boparai, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding the need to increase awareness and funding for menopausal health.

Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the meaning of Christmas.

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the need to address the rise of racism in Alberta.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 210 Employment Standards (Protecting Workers' Tips) Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Ms Gray

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Financial Post website article dated December 4, 2024, entitled " 'We're in a recession,' says former Bank of Canada governor Stephen Poloz"
Sessional Paper 753/2023-24

The Canadian Press website article dated May 30, 2024, entitled "Former BoC governor Stephen Poloz warns on low business investment, lost productivity"
Sessional Paper 754/2023-24

Statistics Canada document dated November 29, 2024, entitled "Gross domestic product, income and expenditure, third quarter 2024"
Sessional Paper 755/2023-24

Coldwell Banker Horizon Realty document dated October 11, 2024, entitled "Is Canada Losing Investor Confidence? What it Means for Real Estate"

Sessional Paper 756/2023-24

Document dated March 2024, entitled "Economic Trends," prepared by the Ministry of Treasury Board and Finance

Sessional Paper 757/2023-24

Calgary Herald website article dated October 4, 2024, entitled "Varcoe: Investment poised to grow in Alberta into 2025, as economy strengthens and interest rates fall"

Sessional Paper 758/2023-24

National Post website article dated December 4, 2024, entitled "Alberta plan to address border issues 'solid,' Canada needs single security agency: border security expert"

Sessional Paper 759/2023-24

Ms Al-Guneid, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore:

Social media post, undated, from the account of Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP, regarding Government actions creating uncertainty for the oil and gas sector

Sessional Paper 760/2023-24

CBC News website article dated November 28, 2024, entitled " ' Black cloud': Alberta's latest fight with Ottawa could drive oilpatch investment away"

Sessional Paper 761/2023-24

New York Times website article dated November 23, 2024, entitled Alberta Breaks With the Canadian Pension Model," relating to comments made by Ms Al-Guneid during Third Reading debate on Bill 26, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2), on December 3, 2024

Sessional Paper 762/2023-24

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

Report, undated, entitled "Edmonton's Living Wage Report 2024," prepared by the Edmonton Social Planning Council

Sessional Paper 763/2023-24

Mr. McDougall, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek:

The Telegraph website article dated December 3, 2024, entitled "Spain's Socialists ban trans women from female sports"

Sessional Paper 764/2023-24

Hon. MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Letter dated December 3, 2024, from Carole Armes to Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services, expressing concern regarding the need for accessibility legislation

Sessional Paper 765/2023-24

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

E-mail message dated November 26, 2024, from the Delton School parent council to Hon. Mr. Nicolaides, Minister of Education, and Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding funding for the replacement of Delton School

Sessional Paper 766/2023-24

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow:

American Mathematical Society article dated April 2022, entitled "Courts, Commissions, and Consultations: How Mathematicians Are Working to End Gerrymandering"

Sessional Paper 767/2023-24

MLA Calahoo Stonehouse, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

The Canadian Press website article dated December 4, 2024, entitled "First Nations want Impact Assessment Act review for Pathways Alliance project"

Sessional Paper 768/2023-24

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

E-mail message dated December 2, 2024, from Taramay Curtis to MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, expressing concern regarding the need for affordable housing

Sessional Paper 769/2023-24

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nicolaides, Minister of Education, pursuant to the Education Act, cE-0.3, s225.7(3):

Alberta Teaching Profession Commission Annual Report 2023-24

Sessional Paper 770/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the afternoon, including for the first division in Committee of the Whole.

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 33 Protection of Privacy Act — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

(a) in section 3

(i) in subsection (1) by striking out clause (t), and

(ii) by striking out subsection (5);

(b) in section 29(6)(a) by striking out "section 4(1)(a), (t) or (w)" and substituting "section 4(1)(a) or (t)".

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

Batten	Ellingson	Loyola
Boparai	Elmeligi	Sabir
Calahoo Stonehouse	Hoffman	Schmidt
Dach	Irwin	Shepherd
Deol	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eggen		

Against the amendment: 44

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

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 35 All-season Resorts Act — Hon. Mr. Schow

The question being put on the clauses of Bill 35, All-season Resorts Act, the motion was agreed to on the voice vote. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 41

Amery	Jean	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Johnson	Schow
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Schulz
Bouchard	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Long	Sinclair
de Jonge	Lovely	Singh
Dreeshen	Lunty	Stephan
Ellis	McDougall	Turton
Fir	Nally	van Dijken
Getson	Neudorf	Wiebe
Glubish	Nicolaides	Williams
Guthrie	Nixon	Wilson
Horner	Petrovic	Yaseen
Hunter	Rowswell	

Against the motion: 17

Batten	Ellingson	Metz
Boparai	Elmeligi	Sabir
Calahoo Stonehouse	Hoffman	Schmidt
Dach	Irwin	Shepherd
Deol	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eggen	Loyola	

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 35 All-season Resorts Act — Hon. Mr. Schow

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 33 Protection of Privacy Act — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Mr. van Dijken, Deputy 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 33 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 771/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 33 (A2) (Hon. Member for Airdrie-East) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 772/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 33 (A3) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 773/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 33 (A4) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 774/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 33 (A5) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 775/2023-24

Third Reading

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

Bill 33 Protection of Privacy Act — Hon. Mr. Glubish

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 44

Amery	Jean	Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Johnson	Sawhney
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Schow
Bouchard	Loewen	Schulz
Cyr	Long	Sigurdson (Highwood)
de Jonge	Lovely	Sinclair
Dreeshen	Lunty	Singh
Dyck	McDougall	Stephan
Ellis	McIver	Turton
Fir	Nally	van Dijken
Getson	Neudorf	Wiebe
Glubish	Nicolaides	Williams
Guthrie	Nixon	Wilson
Horner	Petrovic	Yaseen
Hunter	Pitt	

Against the motion: 17

Batten	Ellingson	Metz
Boparai	Elmeligi	Sabir
Calahoo Stonehouse	Hoffman	Schmidt
Dach	Irwin	Shepherd
Deol	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eggen	Loyola	

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

Bill 34 Access to Information Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 46

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

Against the motion: 17

Batten	Ellingson	Metz
Boparai	Elmeligi	Sabir
Calahoo Stonehouse	Hoffman	Schmidt
Dach	Irwin	Shepherd
Deol	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eggen	Loyola	

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

Bill 32 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2) ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Shepherd speaking.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 33 Protection of Privacy Act — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Bill 34 Access to Information Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024 — 7:30 P.M.

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the evening.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 35 All-season Resorts Act — Hon. Mr. Schow

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 31 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Amery

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 46

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

Against the motion: 33

Al-Guneid	Elmeligi	Kayande
Batten	Eremenko	Loyola
Boparai	Ganley	Metz
Brar	Goehring	Notley
Calahoo Stonehouse	Gray	Renaud
Ceci	Haji	Sabir
Chapman	Hayter	Schmidt
Dach	Hoffman	Shepherd
Deol	Hoyle	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eggen	Irwin	Sweet
Ellingson	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

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

Bill 32 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2) ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 46

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

Against the motion: 33

Al-Guneid	Elmeligi	Kayande
Batten	Eremenko	Loyola
Boparai	Ganley	Metz
Brar	Goehring	Notley
Calahoo Stonehouse	Gray	Renaud
Ceci	Haji	Sabir
Chapman	Hayter	Schmidt
Dach	Hoffman	Shepherd
Deol	Hoyle	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eggen	Irwin	Sweet
Ellingson	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 31 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Bill 32 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2) ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 35 All-season Resorts Act — Hon. Mr. Schow

Hon. Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Tabling Returns and Reports.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

> 19 e-mail messages to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding legislation with respect to transgender youth
>
> Sessional Paper 776/2023-24

> Copy of a petition containing approximately 1,200 names urging the Government to reverse the decision to close Alberta's long-COVID outpatient clinics
>
> Sessional Paper 777/2023-24

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 36 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Schow

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 36 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Schow

Speaker's Statement — 2024 Fall Sitting

The Speaker gave a statement thanking the employees of the Legislative Assembly Office for their work during this Sitting.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 54, agreed to on December 3, 2024, and on advice from Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, to the Assembly that the business for the Fall Sitting is concluded, the Assembly adjourned at 10:33 p.m. until February 2025.

FOURTH SITTING

FEBRUARY 25, 2025, TO MAY 14, 2025

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Members Hon. Gordon J. Graydon, Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, 2001 to 2008, who passed away on December 7, 2024; Hon. Hugh Lakin Planche, Member for Calgary-Glenmore, 1975 to 1986, who passed away on December 15, 2024; and Dr. Rajinder "Raj" Singh Pannu, Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, 1997 to 2008, who passed away on January 30, 2025.

Introduction of New Member

The Speaker invited Hon. Ms Gray, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to proceed to the main doors of the Chamber and escort MLA Miyashiro into the Chamber.

The Speaker announced that he had received from the Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta the report of the Returning Officer for the constituency of Lethbridge-West containing the results of the by-election conducted on December 18, 2024, which states that a by-election was held in the constituency of Lethbridge-West and that Rob Miyashiro was duly elected as the Member for Lethbridge-West.

MLA Miyashiro joined Hon. Ms Gray and was escorted to the Mace. Hon. Ms Gray presented MLA Miyashiro to the Speaker, and the Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West took his seat in the Assembly.

Members' Statements

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices.

Ms de Jonge, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore, made a statement regarding the Government's recovery model for treating addiction.

Hon. Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices.

Mrs. Petrovic, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding Rowan House.

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices.

Hon. MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding a proposed Alberta music commissioner.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the issue of proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian products and the impact this will have on Alberta consumers and the Alberta economy.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 37 Mental Health Services Protection Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Williams

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Document dated February 8, 2025, entitled "Exclusive: How the RCMP, CBSA, and Trudeau Government Lost U.S. Trust in the Fentanyl Fight," prepared by Sam Cooper, relating to comments made by Mr. Wright in the Assembly on February 25, 2025

Sessional Paper 786/2023-25

Toronto Sun website article dated February 12, 2025, entitled "HUNTER: CBSA officers put border blame on Trudeau, refugee board," relating to comments made by Mr. Wright in the Assembly on February 25, 2025

Sessional Paper 787/2023-25

Document dated February 13, 2025, entitled "Exclusive: Secretary of State Warned B.C. Mayor U.S. Agencies Are Withholding Evidence Due to Canada's Legal Loopholes and Lack of Fentanyl Prosecutions," prepared by Sam Cooper, relating to comments made by Mr. Wright in the Assembly on February 25, 2025

Sessional Paper 788/2023-25

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

E-mail message dated January 22, 2025, from Virginia Hartley to Mr. Haji, regarding the need for increased salaries for educational support staff

Sessional Paper 789/2023-25

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday:

Sherwood Park News website article dated December 12, 2024, entitled "Kevin O'Leary to build world's largest data centre in Alberta"

Sessional Paper 790/2023-25

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington:

E-mail message dated February 24, 2025, from Tyne Fox to Ms Chapman, regarding the need for increased salaries for educational support staff
Sessional Paper 791/2023-25

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

St. Albert Gazette website article dated February 20, 2025, entitled "Town hall attendees want more detail on new disability program"
Sessional Paper 792/2023-25

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

E-mail message dated January 17, 2025, from Vivian Pastó Arencibia to Mr. Dach, regarding the need for increased salaries for educational support staff
Sessional Paper 793/2023-25

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to a motion agreed to by the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services on November 9, 2023:

Special Standing Committee on Members' Services, Members' Compensation, Benefits and Allowances Review Subcommittee, Final Report of the Members' Compensation, Benefits and Allowances Review Subcommittee
Sessional Paper 794/2023-25

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Chiropractors of Alberta 2023-2024 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 795/2023-25

College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Alberta Annual Report 2023-2024
Sessional Paper 796/2023-25

Alberta College of Paramedics 2023-2024 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 797/2023-25

College of Respiratory Therapists of Alberta Annual Report 2023-2024
Sessional Paper 798/2023-25

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services, pursuant to the Advocate for Persons with Disabilities Act, cA-5.5, s4(2):

Advocate for Persons with Disabilities Annual Report 2023-2024
Sessional Paper 799/2023-25

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(8), Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, provided notice to the Assembly that the Daily Routine shall continue beyond 3:00 p.m.

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the issue of proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian products and the impact this will have on Alberta consumers and the Alberta economy.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was in order. Leave being granted, the Speaker put the question to the Assembly, which was agreed to unanimously. The Speaker then called upon Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, to speak to the motion.

A debate on the motion followed pursuant to Standing Order 30(5).

Debate concluded pursuant to Standing Order 30(5)(b).

Intersessional Deposits

Pursuant to Standing Order 38.1(3), the following documents were deposited with the Clerk of the Assembly and are deemed to have been laid before the Assembly:

Mr. Getson, Chair, Select Special Conflicts of Interest Act Review Committee, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s48:

> Select Special Conflicts of Interest Act Review Committee, Final Report, Review of the Conflicts of Interest Act, Thirty-First Legislature, First Session, January 2025, deposited on January 14, 2025
>
> Sessional Paper 778/2023-25

Hon. Mr. Nally, Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-25, s86:

> Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Annual Report 2023-2024, deposited on January 27, 2025
>
> Sessional Paper 779/2023-25

Hon. Mr. Sigurdson, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, pursuant to the Farm Implement and Dealership Act, cF-7, s42(2):

> Farmers' Advocate Office updated Annual Report 2023-2024, deposited on February 12, 2025
>
> Sessional Paper 780/2023-25

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s39(3):

> Special Standing Committee on Members' Services Constituency Services Amendment Order, 2025, MSC Order No. 01/25, deposited on February 13, 2025
>
> Sessional Paper 781/2023-25

> Special Standing Committee on Members' Services Members' Allowances Amendment Order, 2025, MSC Order No. 02/25, deposited on February 13, 2025
>
> Sessional Paper 782/2023-25

> Special Standing Committee on Members' Services Executive Council Salaries and Members' Committee Allowances Amendment Order, 2025, MSC Order No. 03/25, deposited on February 13, 2025
>
> Sessional Paper 783/2023-25

Mr. Rowswell, Chair, Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, pursuant to the Personal Information Protection Act, cP-6.5, s63(2):

> Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship Final Report – Review of the Personal Information Protection Act, Thirty-First Legislature, First Session, February 2025, deposited on February 21, 2025
>
> Sessional Paper 784/2023-25

Mr. Getson, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Child and Youth Advocate Act, cC-11.5, s21(4):

> Standing Committee on Legislative Offices Report on the Review of the Office of the Child and Youth Advocate 2023-2024 Annual Report, deposited on February 24, 2025
>
> Sessional Paper 785/2023-25

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Lunty, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding recent Government investments to improve security at the Alberta-U.S. border.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the Government's fiscal practices and priorities.

Mr. McDougall, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the Government's plan for Calgary's Green Line LRT project.

Hon. Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement regarding allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices.

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding the benefits of workers and families settling in northern Alberta instead of commuting long distances.

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement regarding a lack of Government action to address the drug poisoning crisis affecting Indigenous Albertans.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, gave oral notice of the intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

> Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly
>
> (a) recognize the serious questions that have been raised with respect to the Minister of Health and Premier and their alleged political interference and that of senior Government staff in the management of the healthcare system in Alberta,
>
> (b) recognize the serious questions that have been raised with respect to the Minister of Infrastructure and an alleged land transaction in which a property was purchased by the Government in a manner that may not be at arm's length or in the best interest of the public, and
>
> (c) urge the Government to take all necessary steps to immediately commence an independent, transparent and judicially led investigation into political interference and corruption in accordance with the Public Inquiries Act.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 38 Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Nally

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

> New York Times website article dated June 17, 2022, entitled "Lavish Money Laundering Schemes Exposed in Canada"
>
> Sessional Paper 800/2023-25

National Post website article dated December 5, 2024, entitled "Canada now a 'low-risk, high-profit' hot spot for fentanyl super labs – a sore spot for Washington"

Sessional Paper 801/2023-25

CTV News website article dated November 7, 2024, entitled " 'Highly sophisticated' fentanyl 'superlab' shut down in Alberta," relating to comments made by Mr. Wright in the Assembly on February 25, 2025

Sessional Paper 802/2023-25

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington:

E-mail message dated February 26, 2025, from Alissa Fownes to Ms Chapman, regarding the need for increased salaries for educational support staff

Sessional Paper 803/2023-25

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

Edmonton Journal website article dated December 16, 2024, entitled "Opinion: Let's do better for our neighbours most in need"

Sessional Paper 804/2023-25

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

St. Albert Gazette website article dated February 20, 2025, entitled "Hundreds of Albertans still waiting for life lease repayments"

Sessional Paper 805/2023-25

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

Social media post dated January 31, 2025, from the account of MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, depicting MLA Eremenko's participation in a Street Cats patrol in downtown Calgary

Sessional Paper 806/2023-25

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(8), Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, provided notice to the Assembly that the Daily Routine shall continue beyond 3:00 p.m.

Motions Under Standing Order 42

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

(a) recognize the serious questions that have been raised with respect to the Minister of Health and Premier and their alleged political interference and that of senior Government staff in the management of the healthcare system in Alberta,

(b) recognize the serious questions that have been raised with respect to the Minister of Infrastructure and an alleged land transaction in which a property was purchased by the Government in a manner that may not be at arm's length or in the best interest of the public, and

(c) urge the Government to take all necessary steps to immediately commence an independent, transparent and judicially led investigation into political interference and corruption in accordance with the Public Inquiries Act.

Pursuant to Standing Order 42(1.1), Hon. Ms Hoffman commented on the request for unanimous consent.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

56. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that the membership of the Assembly's committees be replaced as follows:

a) on the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, that Mr. Stephan replace Mr. Dyck;

b) on the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, that Mrs. Petrovic replace Mr. Lunty, and that MLA Miyashiro replace Ms Renaud;

c) on the Standing Committee on Private Bills, that Ms Lovely replace Mr. Stephan as Deputy Chair, and that Ms Lovely replace Mr. Stephan;

d) on the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing, that Hon. Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk replace Mr. Yao as Chair, that Mr. Long replace Mr. Yao, that Mr. Long replace Hon. Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk as Deputy Chair, and that Mr. Bouchard replace Mrs. Johnson;

e) on the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, that Mrs. Johnson replace Mr. Cyr;

f) on the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services, that Hon. Mr. Hunter replace Mr. Rowswell;

g) on the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future, that Mr. Sinclair replace Mr. Cyr, and that Ms Lovely replace Mr. Yao;

h) on the Standing Committee on Families and Communities, that Mr. van Dijken replace Ms Lovely as Chair, that Mr. van Dijken replace Ms Lovely, that Mr. Cyr replace Mr. Long, and that Mr. McDougall replace Mr. Boitchenko;

i) on the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, that Mr. Yao replace Mr. McDougall, and that Mr. Boitchenko replace Mr. Sinclair.

A debate followed.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, moved that the motion be amended as follows:

(a) in clause (a) by adding ", and that Mr. Wright replace Mr. Bouchard" immediately after "that Mr. Stephan replace Mr. Dyck";

(b) in clause (c) by striking out "Ms Lovely" wherever it occurs and substituting "Mr. Cyr";

(c) in clause (g) by striking out "Ms Lovely" and substituting "Mr. van Dijken";

(d) in clause (h) by striking out "that Mr. van Dijken replace Ms Lovely as Chair, that Mr. van Dijken replace Ms Lovely, that Mr. Cyr replace Mr. Long, and".

Sessional Paper 807/2023-25

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

The question being put, the motion as amended was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 37 Mental Health Services Protection Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Williams

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Schow moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:40 p.m. until Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 27, 2025

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

Members' Statements

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, made a statement regarding allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices.

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding recent Government investments to support municipal fire services.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding recent comments made by Hon. Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Cochrane, concerning allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding Holi.

MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia, made a statement regarding the Government's management of Alberta's healthcare system.

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 39 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

> Edmonton Journal website article dated February 26, 2025, entitled "Wednesday's letters: Mandatory drug treatment sites laudable," relating to comments made by Mr. Wright during Second Reading debate on Bill 37, Mental Health Services Protection Amendment Act, 2025, on February 26, 2025
>
> Sessional Paper 808/2023-25

> News release dated October 31, 2024, entitled "Federal Investigators take down the largest, most sophisticated drug superlab in Canada," prepared by the Pacific Region RCMP Federal Policing program
>
> Sessional Paper 809/2023-25

Document dated November 1, 2024, entitled "RCMP Bust B.C. Fentanyl Superlab Linked to Mexico and Transnational Exports," prepared by Sam Cooper
Sessional Paper 810/2023-25

National Post website article dated December 3, 2024, entitled "Trump's fentanyl ultimatum puts Canada's 'super labs' under microscope"
Sessional Paper 811/2023-25

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader:

2025-26 Main Estimates Schedule, First Session, 31st Legislature
Sessional Paper 812/2023-25

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

3 e-mail messages addressed to MLA Irwin, regarding the need for increased salaries for educational support staff
Sessional Paper 813/2023-25

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

8 holiday greeting cards from Hon. Ms Hoffman
Sessional Paper 814/2023-25

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

E-mail message dated February 14, 2025, from Marilynn Tanguay to Mr. Haji, regarding allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices
Sessional Paper 815/2023-25

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington:

Letter, undated, from Lisa Robinson to Ms Chapman, regarding the need for increased salaries for educational support staff
Sessional Paper 816/2023-25

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

Calgary Herald website article dated January 31, 2025, entitled "Opinion: Green Line a partnership in name only"
Sessional Paper 817/2023-25

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Temporary Recess

The Speaker recessed the Assembly at 2:49 p.m. until 3:15 p.m.

Budget Address / Messages From Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, delivered certain Messages from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker read the Messages to the Assembly (the Members standing).

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related documents:

Pursuant to the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cS-29, s4.1(1):

2025-26 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, General Revenue Fund
Sessional Paper 818/2023-25

2025-26 Government Estimates, General Revenue Fund
Sessional Paper 819/2023-25

Pursuant to the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cS-29, ss1(2) and 5(4):

Budget 2025, Government of Alberta 2025-28 Strategic Plan
Sessional Paper 820/2023-25

Budget 2025, Ministry Business Plans
Sessional Paper 821/2023-25

Government Motions

Prior to moving Government Motion 57, Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related document, pursuant to the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cS-29, ss1(2) and 5(4):

Budget 2025, Fiscal Plan 2025-28
Sessional Paper 822/2023-25

57. Moved by Hon. Mr. Horner:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the business plans and fiscal policies of the Government, as presented in the Assembly on February 27, 2025.

A debate followed.

Hon. Ms Gray moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(6) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:37 p.m. until Monday, March 10, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 10, 2025

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Hon. Gordon J. Graydon, Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, 2001 to 2008, who passed away on December 7, 2024.

Speaker's Statement – Commonwealth Day

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of Commonwealth Day 2025.

Members' Statements

Mr. McDougall, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the restoration of the Grants in Place of Taxes program.

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement regarding the importance of Canadian unity amid U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods.

Mr. Boitchenko, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding the proposed Budget 2025.

MLA Calahoo Stonehouse, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the recent removal of the Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake from the Government caucus.

Mrs. Petrovic, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding International Women's Day.

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, made a statement regarding Ramadan.

Speaker's Statement – Oral Question Period and Members' Statements Rotations

Honourable Members, I would like to inform you that there has been a slight modification to the Oral Question Period and Members' Statements rotations as a result of a recent change in the caucus composition in the Assembly.

The Member for Lesser Slave Lake, who now sits as an independent, is entitled to one question per week, starting with question 9 on Day 4 of the Oral Question Period rotation, which is this Thursday, and one Member's Statement every three weeks, starting on Day 92 of the Projected Sitting Days Calendar, which is March 26th. As a result, the Members' Statements rotation has reverted to a three-week rotation. This is week 1 of the Members' Statements rotation.

Members will find a revised Projected Sitting Days Calendar and Oral Question Period rotation on their desks.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bills:

Bill 40 Professional Governance Act — Hon. Mrs. Sawhney

Bill 41 Wildlife Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Loewen

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

61. Be it resolved that the membership of the Assembly's committees be replaced as follows:

a) on the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, that Mr. Cyr replace Mr. Sinclair;

b) on the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing, that Mr. Wiebe replace Hon. Mr. Long as Deputy Chair, and that Mr. Sinclair replace Hon. Mr. Long;

c) on the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services, that Mrs. Petrovic replace Hon. Mr. Long;

d) on the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future, that Mr. Cyr replace Mr. Sinclair;

e) on the Standing Committee on Families and Communities, that Mrs. Johnson replace Hon. Mr. Long.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given February 27, 2025:

Bill 39 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Washington Post website article dated December 24, 2023, entitled "Fentanyl super labs in Canada pose new threat for U.S. opioid epidemic"
Sessional Paper 823/2023-25

Edmonton Journal website article dated January 28, 2025, entitled " 'Merchants of death': Top player in Alberta's largest-ever fentanyl lab case sentenced to 16 years in prison"
Sessional Paper 824/2023-25

The Bureau website article dated March 10, 2025, entitled "Exclusive: Chinese Narco Suspect Caught in Private Meeting with Trudeau, Investigated by DEA, Linked to Panama, Caribbean, Mexico – Police Sources"
Sessional Paper 825/2023-25

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

3 e-mail messages regarding the Government's plan for Calgary's Green Line LRT project
Sessional Paper 826/2023-25

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington:

2 e-mail messages dated January 26, 2025, from Rebecca to Hon. Mr. Nicolaides, Minister of Education, regarding the need for increased salaries for educational support staff
Sessional Paper 827/2023-25

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(8), Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, provided notice to the Assembly that the Daily Routine shall continue beyond 3:00 p.m.

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

E-mail message dated January 22, 2025, from Leah McNally to Mr. Haji, regarding the need for increased salaries for educational support staff
Sessional Paper 828/2023-25

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance:

Errata for pages 1 and 3 of the 2025-26 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, General Revenue Fund, tabled on February 27, 2025
Sessional Paper 829/2023-25

Pursuant to the Insurance Act, cI-3, s601(2), Automobile Insurance Rate Board 2024 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 830/2023-25

Pursuant to the Provincial Judges and Applications Judges Registered and Unregistered Pension Plans Regulation, AR 196/2001, sch1, s5(1) and sch2, s5(1), Provincial Judges and Applications Judges Registered and Unregistered Pension Plans 2023-2024 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 831/2023-25

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Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Orders 8(1) and 39(1)(a) in order to proceed to consideration of Government Motion 61.

Government Motions

61. Oral notice having been given March 10, 2025, moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that the membership of the Assembly's committees be replaced as follows:

a) on the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, that Mr. Cyr replace Mr. Sinclair;

b) on the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing, that Mr. Wiebe replace Hon. Mr. Long as Deputy Chair, and that Mr. Sinclair replace Hon. Mr. Long;

c) on the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services, that Mrs. Petrovic replace Hon. Mr. Long;

d) on the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future, that Mr. Cyr replace Mr. Sinclair;

e) on the Standing Committee on Families and Communities, that Mrs. Johnson replace Hon. Mr. Long.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Hon. Ms Gray, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to transfer sponsorship of Bill 214, Eastern Slopes Protection Act, to MLA Miyashiro, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR10. Moved by Ms Wright:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list showing the number of Albertans, organized by year, paid the basic minimum wage described in section 9(1)(a.1) of the Employment Standards Regulation (AR 14/1997) during the period from June 26, 2019, to March 31, 2024.

MR12. Moved by Hon. Mr. Sabir on behalf of Dr. Metz:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all surveillance reports prepared by the Ministry of Health between May 1, 2019, and March 31, 2024, relating to the incidence of sexually transmitted infections and diseases in Alberta.

MR17. Moved by Hon. Mr. Sabir on behalf of Mr. Deol:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents prepared by the Ministry of Infrastructure that set out which parts of the Red Deer Hospital Redevelopment capital project will be delivered using the public-private partnership model.

MR19. Moved by Hon. Mr. Sabir on behalf of Ms Sweet:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all reports, evaluations, communications and recommendations prepared by the Government relating to the 2023 wildfire season of March 1, 2023, to October 31, 2023.

The following Motion for a Return was accepted as amended:

MR14. Moved by Hon. Mr. Sabir on behalf of MLA Batten:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The number of stop orders issued, by year and location, to persons not authorized to provide child-care facilities under the Early Learning and Child Care Act, during the period from May 1, 2019, to March 31, 2024.

Hon. Mr. Jones, Minister of Jobs, Economy and Trade, moved that the motion be amended to read:

> That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
> The number of stop orders issued, by year and location, to persons not authorized to provide child-care facilities under the Early Learning and Child Care Act, *during the period from February 1, 2021, to March 31, 2024*.
>
> Sessional Paper 832/2023-25

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 206 Child and Youth Advocate (Parent and Guardian Advisor) Amendment Act, 2024 — Mr. Cyr

Mr. Lunty, Acting 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 206 (A1) (Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul) — Adjourned
>
> Sessional Paper 833/2023-25

Motions Other Than Government Motions

518. Moved by Hon. Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk:

> Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to undertake a policy review, with the objective of expanding protection for Albertans who are at risk of anaphylaxis caused by severe life-threatening allergic reactions, on the feasibility of facilitating the availability and use of epinephrine autoinjectors by the following categories of entities that interact with the public:
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> (a) businesses,
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> (b) municipal fire departments,

(c) emergency medical services operators,

(d) school bus carriers.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hunter, Hon. Member for Taber-Warner, the Assembly adjourned at 5:27 p.m. until Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

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

Members' Statements

Hon. Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement regarding Government actions that resemble those of U.S. President Donald Trump.

Mr. Boitchenko, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding an infrastructure memorandum of understanding among the Government, the City of Edmonton, and OEG Inc.

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont, made a statement regarding the reduction of Government support for sexual assault centres and women's shelters.

Mr. Wright, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods unit.

MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia, made a statement regarding the concerns of Calgary-Acadia constituents with respect to the proposed Budget 2025.

Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the lack of Government action to implement recommendations of a 2021 facility-based continuing care review.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given March 10, 2025:

Bill 40 Professional Governance Act — Hon. Mrs. Sawhney

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Letter, undated, from Greg Christenson to Christenson Communities residents regarding new regulations affecting life leases

Sessional Paper 834/2023-25

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

Social media post from the account of Hon. Mr. Turton, Minister of Children and Family Services, and responses to that post, regarding the ongoing labour action by educational support staff

Sessional Paper 835/2023-25

MLA Brar, Hon. Member for Calgary-North East:

Chart, undated, entitled "Christenson Group of Companies – Simplified Queue Information Updated December 30, 2024," prepared by the Alberta Life Lease Protection Society

Sessional Paper 836/2023-25

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington:

E-mail message dated February 26, 2025, from Krystle Hoogendoorn to Hon. Mr. Nicolaides, Minister of Education, and Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, regarding the need for increased salaries for educational support staff

Sessional Paper 837/2023-25

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

4 e-mail messages regarding the Government's plan for Calgary's Green Line LRT project

Sessional Paper 838/2023-25

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(5)(b), the Assembly adjourned at 2:52 p.m. until Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

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

Members' Statements

Hon. Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding investments in the education system in the proposed Budget 2025.

Hon. Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices.

Mrs. Johnson, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding the federal government's proposed oil and gas emissions cap.

MLA Tejada, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding recent changes to the Government caucus.

Mr. Lunty, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding Alberta Francophonie Month.

Mr. Haji, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding insufficient funding to address affordability in the proposed Budget 2025.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given March 10, 2025:

Bill 41 Wildlife Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Loewen

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Getson, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s20(2):

> Report of the Auditor General, March 2025: School Authority Compliance with Annual Reporting Requirements, Education
>
> Sessional Paper 839/2023-25
>
> Report of the Auditor General, March 2025: Report on Post-secondary Institutions 2024, Advanced Education
>
> Sessional Paper 840/2023-25
>
> Report of the Auditor General, March 2025: Primary Care Networks, Progress Report, Health
>
> Sessional Paper 841/2023-25

Report of the Auditor General, March 2025: Economy and Efficiency of Cash Management, Assessment of Implementation, Treasury Board and Finance
Sessional Paper 842/2023-25

Report of the Auditor General, March 2025: Procurement Processes, Assessment of Implementation, Transportation and Economic Corridors
Sessional Paper 843/2023-25

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

The Bureau website article dated March 6, 2025, entitled " 'Trade-Based Money Laundering is the Fentanyl Crisis': Sources Expose Chinese-Mexican-Canadian Crime Convergence"
Sessional Paper 844/2023-25

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

E-mail message dated March 12, 2025, from Jessie Cadman to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations; Hon. Ms Fir, Minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women; and Hon. Mr. Turton, Minister of Children and Family Services, expressing concern regarding funding cuts to the Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton
Sessional Paper 845/2023-25

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington:

E-mail message dated February 27, 2025, from Abbie Stein-MacLean to Hon. Mr. Nicolaides, Minister of Education, regarding the need for increased salaries for educational support staff
Sessional Paper 846/2023-25

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre:

The Taber Times article dated March 5, 2025, entitled "Hunter to seek clarity on AHS firing fiasco"
Sessional Paper 847/2023-25

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont:

CTV News website article dated March 11, 2025, entitled " 'It just hurts my heart': Edmonton sexual assault centre laments funding loss while province denies cut"
Sessional Paper 848/2023-25

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

E-mail message dated February 2, 2025, sender's name redacted, to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, and Hon. Mr. Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, regarding the Government's plan for Calgary's Green Line LRT project
Sessional Paper 849/2023-25

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Government Organization Act, cG-10, s10(3):

Alberta Boilers Safety Association Annual Report 2024
Sessional Paper 850/2023-25

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(5)(b), the Assembly adjourned at 2:57 p.m. until Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 13, 2025

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Ip, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement regarding allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding investments to increase healthcare capacity in the Edmonton region in the proposed Budget 2025.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding several Government policies and actions.

Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding Alberta's economic relationship with the rest of Canada.

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding the need for increased salaries for educational support staff.

Ms Wright, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding her professional experiences with educational support staff and the need to increase their salaries.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Cartoon, undated, entitled "Today's Canada"
Sessional Paper 851/2023-25

The Bureau website article dated March 12, 2025, entitled "BC Fentanyl Ring 'Negotiated' With Sinaloa Chief 'El Mayo', Court Filings Allege"
Sessional Paper 852/2023-25

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

E-mail message dated February 27, 2025, from Lachlaine Gordon to MLA Irwin, regarding the need for increased salaries for educational support staff
Sessional Paper 853/2023-25

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont:

Red Deer Advocate website article, undated, entitled "Sexual assault support centres waiting for more funding from province," relating to comments made by Ms Hayter during Oral Question Period on March 12, 2025
Sessional Paper 854/2023-25

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington:

E-mail message dated February 27, 2025, from Gina Whitlow to Ms Chapman, regarding the need for increased salaries for educational support staff
Sessional Paper 855/2023-25

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

2 e-mail messages dated December 20, 2024, senders' names redacted, to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, and Hon. Mr. Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, regarding the Government's plan for Calgary's Green Line LRT project
Sessional Paper 856/2023-25

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

E-mail message dated February 25, 2025, from Kelsie to MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia, regarding the need for affordable housing
Sessional Paper 857/2023-25

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Turton, Minister of Children and Family Services, pursuant to the Protection Against Family Violence Act, cP-27, s19(2):

Family Violence Death Review Committee 2023-2024 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 858/2023-25

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 38 Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Nally

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Hon. Ms Hoffman speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, March 17, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 17, 2025

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

Members' Statements

Mr. McDougall, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding investments in infrastructure in the proposed Budget 2025.

MLA Hoyle, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, made a statement regarding allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices.

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding investments into northern Alberta in the proposed Budget 2025.

Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding Social Work Week.

Mr. Wiebe, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement regarding the negative effects of trade tariffs.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the importance of Canadian unity and values.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 44 Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Sigurdson

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Report dated January 2025, entitled "Current State: Critical & Urgent," prepared by Inclusion Alberta

Sessional Paper 859/2023-25

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont:

Global News website article dated March 11, 2025, entitled "Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton says funding cuts forcing pause on intakes for some services"

Sessional Paper 860/2023-25

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

3 e-mail messages, senders' names redacted, to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, and Hon. Mr. Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, regarding the Government's plan for Calgary's Green Line LRT project

Sessional Paper 861/2023-25

MLA Hoyle, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South:

2 e-mail messages dated February 21, 2025, from Virginia Hartley and Shirley Guenette to Hon. Ms Gray, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, and MLA Hoyle, regarding the need for increased salaries for educational support staff

Sessional Paper 862/2023-25

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington:

E-mail message dated March 13, 2025, from Amanda Koza to Ms Chapman, regarding the need for increased salaries for educational support staff

Sessional Paper 863/2023-25

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday:

Document dated March 12, 2025, entitled "Reasserting Our Sovereignty: Defending Treaty Nations and Challenging the Government of Canada and Alberta's Misleading Claims of Authority," prepared by the Tribes and Nations of Treaty No. 6 Territory

Sessional Paper 864/2023-25

News release dated March 3, 2025, entitled "Treaty 8 Sovereignty – Mikisew Cree First Nation Rejects U.S. Annexation of Canada," prepared by Chief Billy-Joe Tuccaro, Mikisew Cree First Nation

Sessional Paper 865/2023-25

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud:

Report dated January 2025, entitled "Too Little, Too Late," prepared by Inclusion Alberta

Sessional Paper 866/2023-25

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

Edmonton Journal website article dated March 13, 2025, entitled "Opinion: Survivors bear brunt of Alberta's sexual assault centre cuts"

Sessional Paper 867/2023-25

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, pursuant to the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Act, cP-21, s7(2):

Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities 2023-2024 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 868/2023-25

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than 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 206 Child and Youth Advocate (Parent and Guardian Advisor) Amendment Act, 2024 — Mr. Cyr

The question being put that Bill 206, Child and Youth Advocate (Parent and Guardian Liaison) Amendment Act, 2024*, be reported, the motion was agreed to on the voice vote. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 43

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

Against the motion: 14

Al-Guneid	Hayter	Shepherd
Boparai	Hoffman	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Calahoo Stonehouse	Hoyle	Sweet
Dach	Irwin	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eremenko	Metz	

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 206 Child and Youth Advocate (Parent and Guardian Liaison) Amendment Act, 2024* — Mr. Cyr

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 206 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul on March 10, 2025) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 833/2023-25

**Title amended by amendment A1*

Motions Other Than Government Motions

519. Moved by Mr. Dach:

> Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize the need for reliable Government project funding to build a modern, effective, and well-planned public transit network that includes complementary and collaborative municipal, regional, and intercity components to meet the critical and essential public transit needs of the province.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, the Assembly adjourned at 5:36 p.m. until Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

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

Members' Statements

Dr. Metz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices.

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, made a statement regarding Canadian Agricultural Safety Week.

Hon. Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices.

Ms de Jonge, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore, made a statement regarding control of Alberta's natural resources.

MLA Miyashiro, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding Bill 214, Eastern Slopes Protection Act.

Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding the need for additional funding for the Family Supports for Children with Disabilities Program in the proposed Budget 2025.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given March 17, 2025:

Bill 44 Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Sigurdson

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

E-mail message dated March 17, 2025, from Aakhil Lakhani to MLA Irwin, expressing concern regarding funding cuts to the Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton

Sessional Paper 869/2023-25

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

2 e-mail messages, senders' names redacted, to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, and Hon. Mr. Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, regarding the Government's plan for Calgary's Green Line LRT project

Sessional Paper 870/2023-25

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont:

E-mail message dated March 14, 2025, from Mary Jane James to Members of the Standing Committee on Families and Communities, expressing concern regarding funding cuts to the Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton

Sessional Paper 871/2023-25

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Loewen, Minister of Forestry and Parks:

Response to Written Question WQ7, asked for by Ms Sweet on May 27, 2024

Sessional Paper 872/2023-25

Response to Written Question WQ8, asked for by Ms Sweet on May 27, 2024

Sessional Paper 873/2023-25

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Ellis, Deputy Premier, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services:

Response to Written Question WQ9, asked for by Ms Sweet on May 27, 2024

Sessional Paper 874/2023-25

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(5)(b), the Assembly adjourned at 2:52 p.m. until Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Broyce G. Jacobs, Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, 2001 to 2004 and 2008 to 2012, who passed away on March 14, 2025.

Members' Statements

Mr. Wiebe, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement regarding investments into northern Alberta in the proposed Budget 2025.

Hon. Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the Government's plans concerning the cleanup of abandoned oil wells.

Mr. Bouchard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the importance of supporting small businesses.

Hon. Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding Ramadan.

MLA Boparai, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Pitt, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following petitions for Private Bills:

> of Hon. Rick Casson, Chair, Board of Directors, on behalf of the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta for the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta Act
>
> of Loren Agrey, President, on behalf of Burman University for the Burman University Amendment Act, 2025

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 46 Information and Privacy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Privilege – Incident Between Members

Hon. Mr. Williams, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding an incident which occurred on March 18, 2025, within the parliamentary precincts, in which the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud allegedly used abusive language and harassed the Hon. Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 45 Critical Infrastructure Defence Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont:

E-mail message dated March 11, 2025, from Baylee Giroux to Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, expressing concern regarding funding cuts to the Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton

Sessional Paper 875/2023-25

Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park:

Letter dated January 17, 2025, from Leslie Park to Mr. Kasawski, expressing concern regarding capacity at the Strathcona Community Hospital

Sessional Paper 876/2023-25

MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia:

5 e-mail messages to MLA Batten, expressing concern regarding allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices, relating to comments made by MLA Batten during her Member's Statement on March 11, 2025

Sessional Paper 877/2023-25

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

CBC News website article dated August 13, 2015, entitled "Health minister cancels $3B contract, will not expand private services in Alberta"

Sessional Paper 878/2023-25

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

2 e-mail messages, senders' names redacted, to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, and Hon. Mr. Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, regarding the Government's plan for Calgary's Green Line LRT project

Sessional Paper 879/2023-25

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

E-mail message dated March 10, 2025, from Mike Kunicki to MLA Irwin, expressing concern regarding funding cuts to the Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton

Sessional Paper 880/2023-25

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

Western Standard website article dated October 11, 2023, entitled "Alberta NDP MLA says Israel guilty of genocide, barbaric acts"

Sessional Paper 881/2023-25

Rebel News website article dated October 11, 2023, entitled "Alberta NDP MLA says Israelis are 'barbarians,' guilty of genocide"

Sessional Paper 882/2023-25

Privilege – Incident Between Members

Hon. Mr. Williams, Deputy Government House Leader, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding an incident which occurred on March 18, 2025, within the parliamentary precincts, in which the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud allegedly used abusive language and harassed the Hon. Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services.

The Speaker heard from Hon. Mr. Williams.

The Speaker advised that, as requested by Hon. Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, he would hear additional arguments on the following Monday.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(5)(b), the Assembly adjourned at 3:16 p.m. until Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 20, 2025

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

Speaker's Statement – International Francophonie Day

The Speaker made a statement recognizing March 20, 2025, as International Francophonie Day.

Members' Statements

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding International Francophonie Day (remarks made in French).

Mr. Lunty, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding funding for new school construction projects in the proposed Budget 2025.

Mr. Haji, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the Government's lack of focus on affordability issues.

Hon. Mr. Hunter, Hon. Member for Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding tariffs on agricultural products and Alberta's economic relationship with the rest of Canada.

Dr. Elmeligi, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, made a statement regarding distribution and storage fees for small liquor producers in the proposed Budget 2025.

MLA Tejada, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement encouraging Albertans to express opposition to several Government policies and actions.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given March 19, 2025:

Bill 46 Information and Privacy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

> Graph, undated, entitled "Real GDP per Capita Growth in the OECD, 2015-Q1 to 2024-Q3," prepared by OECD Data Explorer
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> Sessional Paper 883/2023-25
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> The Bureau website article dated March 20, 2025, entitled "Indian National Convicted in Washington for Smuggling 170 Pounds of Ecstasy from Canada for Transnational Drug Syndicate"
>
> Sessional Paper 884/2023-25

Calgary Herald website article dated March 20, 2025, entitled "Nelson: Team Canada will use and abuse Alberta"

Sessional Paper 885/2023-25

Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations:

Globe and Mail website article dated June 29, 2021, entitled "Report calls for public takeover of old oil and gas wells to fund their cleanup," relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Smith during Oral Question Period on March 18, 2025

Sessional Paper 886/2023-25

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services:

Document, undated, entitled "Currently listed entities," prepared by the Government of Canada, Public Safety Canada

Sessional Paper 887/2023-25

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

E-mail message dated March 12, 2025, from Shane Fallows to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding several Government policies and actions

Sessional Paper 888/2023-25

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Message From Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, delivered a Message from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker read the Message to the Assembly (the Members standing).

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following document pursuant to the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cS-29, s4(5):

2024-25 Supplementary Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund, including the 2024-25 Fiscal Plan Update

Sessional Paper 889/2023-25

Government Motions

58. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

> Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Assembly shall meet in the evening on Monday, March 24, 2025, for consideration of Government business, unless the Government House Leader notifies the Assembly that there shall be no evening sitting that day by providing notice under Notices of Motions in the Daily Routine or at any time prior to 6 p.m.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

59. Moved by Hon. Mr. Horner:

> Be it resolved that the Message from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2024-2025 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

60. Moved by Hon. Mr. Horner:

> Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 61(2), the Committee of Supply shall be called to consider the 2024-2025 Supplementary Supply Estimates for three hours on Monday, March 24, 2025.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Mr. Getson, Chair, Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future, presented the following report:

> Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(10), the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future has reviewed the 2025-26 proposed estimates and business plans for the Ministries of Advanced Education; Agriculture and Irrigation; Arts, Culture and Status of Women; Executive Council; Immigration and Multiculturalism; Infrastructure; Jobs, Economy and Trade; Technology and Innovation; and Tourism and Sport.

Ms Lovely, Chair, Standing Committee on Families and Communities, presented the following report:

> Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(10), the Standing Committee on Families and Communities has reviewed the 2025-26 proposed estimates and business plans for the Ministries of Children and Family Services; Education; Health; Justice; Mental Health and Addiction; Public Safety and Emergency Services; Seniors, Community and Social Services; and Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction.

Mr. Rowswell, Chair, Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, presented the following report:

> Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(10), the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship has reviewed the 2025-26 proposed estimates and business plans for the Ministries of Affordability and Utilities; Energy and Minerals; Environment and Protected Areas; Forestry and Parks; Indigenous Relations; Municipal Affairs; Transportation and Economic Corridors; and Treasury Board and Finance.

The question being put on the resolutions for the 2025-26 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates for the General Revenue Fund for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2026, the motion was agreed to on the voice vote. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 46

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

Against the motion: 16

Dach	Hoffman	Sabir
Deol	Irwin	Schmidt
Ellingson	Kasawski	Shepherd
Elmeligi	Loyola	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eremenko	Metz	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Gray		

The question being put on the resolutions for the 2025-26 Government Estimates for the General Revenue Fund for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2026, the motion was agreed to on the voice vote. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 45

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

Against the motion: 17

Dach	Hoffman	Schmidt
Deol	Irwin	Shepherd
Ellingson	Kasawski	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Elmeligi	Loyola	Sinclair
Eremenko	Metz	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Gray	Sabir	

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair and Ms Pitt reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2025-26 Offices of the Legislative Assembly, General Revenue Fund, and the 2025-26 Government Estimates, General Revenue Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to His Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2026:

Support to the Legislative Assembly	$89,683,000
Office of the Auditor General	$30,212,000
Office of the Ombudsman	$4,651,000
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	$12,608,000

Office of the Ethics Commissioner	$1,091,000
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	$9,237,000
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	$16,873,000
Office of the Public Interest Commissioner	$1,468,000
Advanced Education	
Expense	$2,834,146,000
Capital Investment	$1,050,000
Financial Transactions	$990,900,000
Affordability and Utilities	
Expense	$119,581,000
Capital Investment	$25,000
Financial Transactions	$94,279,000
Agriculture and Irrigation	
Expense	$788,336,000
Capital Investment	$9,215,000
Arts, Culture and Status of Women	
Expense	$222,049,000
Capital Investment	$2,331,000
Financial Transactions	$2,590,000
Children and Family Services	
Expense	$1,225,203,000
Capital Investment	$1,310,000
Education	
Expense	$5,977,805,000
Capital Investment	$565,000
Financial Transactions	$17,285,000
Energy and Minerals	
Expense	$683,390,000
Capital Investment	$500,000
Environment and Protected Areas	
Expense	$550,024,000
Capital Investment	$45,231,000
Financial Transactions	$808,000
Executive Council	
Expense	$67,382,000
Capital Investment	$25,000

Forestry and Parks

Expense	$364,929,000
Capital Investment	$106,514,000
Financial Transactions	$14,110,000

Health

Expense	$22,353,994,000
Capital Investment	$30,430,000
Financial Transactions	$162,789,000

Immigration and Multiculturalism

Expense	$41,823,000
Capital Investment	$25,000

Indigenous Relations

Expense	$230,284,000
Capital Investment	$25,000

Infrastructure

Expense	$501,925,000
Capital Investment	$1,857,746,000
Financial Transactions	$13,964,000

Jobs, Economy and Trade

Expense	$2,216,618,000
Capital Investment	$8,150,000

Justice

Expense	$692,601,000
Capital Investment	$17,599,000

Mental Health and Addiction

Expense	$1,775,525,000
Capital Investment	$16,625,000

Municipal Affairs

Expense	$1,367,335,000
Capital Investment	$145,000

Public Safety and Emergency Services

Expense	$1,243,209,000
Capital Investment	$23,315,000
Financial Transactions	$37,118,000

Seniors, Community and Social Services

Expense	$10,255,349,000
Capital Investment	$4,072,000
Financial Transactions	$19,700,000

Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction

Expense	$211,573,000
Capital Investment	$72,330,000
Financial Transactions	$5,500,000

Technology and Innovation

Expense	$921,498,000
Capital Investment	$158,628,000
Financial Transactions	$25,000,000

Tourism and Sport

Expense	$133,983,000
Capital Investment	$25,000

Transportation and Economic Corridors

Expense	$1,833,019,000
Capital Investment	$1,561,812,000
Financial Transactions	$129,461,000

Treasury Board and Finance

Expense	$214,145,000
Capital Investment	$75,000
Contingency	$4,000,000,000

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 42 Appropriation Act, 2025 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Williams, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:40 p.m. until Monday, March 24, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 24, 2025

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Cyr, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, made a statement regarding Government investments to support cancer care.

MLA Calahoo Stonehouse, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the views of Alberta New Democratic Party Leader Naheed Nenshi concerning the actions and policies of the Premier.

Mr. Lunty, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding the lack of support from the New Democratic Party for Albertans in the Edmonton Capital Region.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to support Canadian unity and values amid proposed trade tariffs.

Mr. Wright, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding his recent appointment as Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Health (South).

Ms Al-Guneid, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the Alberta Energy Regulator and its board.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 47 Automobile Insurance Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

Tabling Returns and Reports

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday:

> Publication dated March 2025, entitled "Zine & Heard: Amplifying Voices of Youth from Care"
>
> Sessional Paper 890/2023-25

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

> 9 e-mail messages to MLA Irwin, expressing concern regarding funding cuts to the Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton
>
> Sessional Paper 891/2023-25

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

St. Albert Gazette article dated March 20, 2025, entitled "Municipalities want end to oil and gas property tax loopholes"

Sessional Paper 892/2023-25

Report dated June 2024, entitled "Feedback for the Third Comprehensive Review of the Market Basket Measure: Assessing the Inequity of the Market Basket Measure in Measuring Poverty for People with Disabilities in Canada," prepared by Inclusion Canada

Sessional Paper 893/2023-25

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

Calgary Herald website article dated March 24, 2025, entitled "2-week old Smith interview drives Day 1 of election"

Sessional Paper 894/2023-25

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

St. Albert Gazette article dated March 20, 2025, entitled "Alberta ERs closed for 34,400 hours in 2024"

Sessional Paper 895/2023-25

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud:

Letter dated March 11, 2025, from Kimberley Ketsa to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding funding cuts to the Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton

Sessional Paper 896/2023-25

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Long, Minister of Infrastructure:

Response to Motion for a Return 16, asked for by Mr. Deol on November 18, 2024

Sessional Paper 897/2023-25

Response to Motion for a Return 18, asked for by Mr. Deol on November 18, 2024

Sessional Paper 898/2023-25

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Wilson, Minister of Indigenous Relations:

Metis Settlements Appeal Tribunal Annual Report 2024

Sessional Paper 899/2023-25

Privilege – Incident Between Members

The Speaker invited Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, to comment on a purported question of privilege raised by Hon. Mr. Williams, Deputy Government House Leader, on March 19, 2025, regarding an incident which occurred on March 18, 2025, within the parliamentary precincts, in which the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud allegedly used abusive language and harassed the Hon. Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services.

Apology by Member

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, apologized for her conduct.
The Speaker accepted the apology.

Speaker's Statement – Incident Between Members

Hon. members, the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud has apologized, and as is typically our custom here in Alberta on purported matters of privilege, an apology ends the matter. That's not to say that the Speaker provides no comment on such actions that take place in the Assembly, and I have a number of comments for the Assembly this afternoon.

It is not impossible, notwithstanding the apology, that a contempt for the Assembly may have been likely, but a breach of privilege seemed unlikely. I would, however, like to add that if a prima facie case breach is found on a matter of privilege, the Speaker is well within their right and would retain the latitude to entertain a motion to refer the matter to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing despite it not being the traditional precedent of the Assembly. For clarity's sake, should the Speaker find a matter of privilege in the future, the Speaker ought to take into consideration that apology, should it be made, and may still consider a motion to send the matter of privilege to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing. With that said, in the case of the Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, I do accept the apology and consider this matter having been dealt with and concluded.

Before we proceed, I have further commentary to add that I would like the Assembly to consider in this matter. It should be known that I'm aware of what was said in the Chamber following the adjournment of the Assembly on March 18, 2025, as acknowledged by the Member for Edmonton-Whitemud and heard by Members of the Assembly. Those comments are more than a little concerning. This type of language is entirely inappropriate in any workplace and certainly is unbecoming of the Member.

The Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud and I are both parents, as was on display here in the Assembly, and I hope that today can be a lesson that all Members will learn from. While I have no direct knowledge of what was said following the adjournment, if these statements were true, the conduct would be an egregious breach of parliamentary decorum. The language should be considered the most unparliamentary. This sort of behaviour ought to be condemned in the strongest possible way and has no place in our workplace in the Assembly or anywhere in the precinct. I am disappointed in the Member's conduct, but I appreciate the fulsome apology that she has made today. Other Members might be well served to take note of the sincere apology that was made today by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, and I hope that it impacts her conduct in the future.

With that said, over the past 24 months there have been multiple occasions where Members' conduct has been called into question, and Members on both sides of the Assembly have, at times, felt unsafe in their workplace. Furthermore, there have been, additionally, deeply concerning workplace interactions involving other Members that have happened around the precinct, and in some cases these incidents may be described as workplace harassment. I believe Members should be held to a higher standard. I am convinced that we must take strides to address such poor conduct as we have seen here and that followed last week.

I am not certain that the comments and behaviours such as the ones that are under scrutiny today are best dealt with through the mechanism of a question of privilege. It should be known that most parliaments across Canada have conduct codes dealing with Member-to-Member issues of workplace interactions. Alberta, however, does not. So in treating this as an ongoing and serious matter, I am calling a meeting of the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services on April 15 to discuss the matter of a Member code of conduct. In the meantime, order and decorum ought to be at the very top of mind for all Members of the Assembly.

I consider this matter dealt with and concluded.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 206 Child and Youth Advocate (Parent and Guardian Liaison) Amendment Act, 2024 — Mr. Cyr

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 46

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

Against the motion: 12

Arcand-Paul	Dach	Miyashiro
Brar	Haji	Renaud
Ceci	Hoffman	Sabir
Chapman	Ip	Tejada

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 206 Child and Youth Advocate (Parent and Guardian Liaison) Amendment Act, 2024 — Mr. Cyr

Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(1) in order to immediately proceed to consideration of Motions Other Than Government Motions.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

520. Moved by Mr. Boitchenko:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the federal government to recognize the Government of Alberta's

(a) role as a reliable and responsible energy supplier, and

(b) efforts to

(i) become a global commercial energy hub for natural gas transportation and liquid extraction, and

(ii) bring Alberta energy products to international markets based on the demand for ethically sourced oil and gas and worldwide energy security.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 57

Amery	Haji	Petrovic
Arcand-Paul	Hoffman	Renaud
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Hunter	Rowswell
Boitchenko	Ip	Sabir
Bouchard	Jean	Sawhney
Brar	Johnson	Schow
Ceci	Jones	Schulz
Chapman	LaGrange	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Loewen	Singh
Dach	Long	Stephan
de Jonge	Lovely	Tejada
Dreeshen	Lunty	Turton
Dyck	McDougall	van Dijken
Eggen	McIver	Wiebe
Ellis	Miyashiro	Williams
Elmeligi	Nally	Wilson
Fir	Neudorf	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Getson	Nicolaides	Yao
Glubish	Nixon	Yaseen

Against the motion: 0

Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(1) in order to consider Government Business for the remainder of the afternoon sitting.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 38 Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Nally

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Hon. MLA Ceci speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2025 — 7:30 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Supplementary Supply Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Ms Pitt reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2024-25 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to His Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025, for the purposes indicated:

Arts, Culture and Status of Women	
Expense	$405,000
Energy and Minerals	
Expense	$41,651,000
Environment and Protected Areas	
Financial Transactions	$3,291,000
Forestry and Parks	
Expense	$251,378,000
Health	
Expense	$26,200,000
Immigration and Multiculturalism	
Expense	$809,000
Indigenous Relations	
Expense	$3,353,000

Jobs, Economy and Trade

Expense	$91,631,000
Capital Investment	$3,887,000

Municipal Affairs

Expense	$9,381,000

Public Safety and Emergency Services

Expense	$45,479,000

Technology and Innovation

Financial Transactions	$15,000,000

Committee of Supply has also approved the following amounts to be transferred:

Transfer from **Health** Expense vote to **Mental Health and Addiction** Expense vote	$137,502,000

Transfer from **Arts, Culture and Status of Women** Expense vote:

to **Children and Family Services** Expense vote	$7,250,000
to **Indigenous Relations** Expense vote	$1,363,000
to **Justice** Expense vote	$2,100,000

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 43 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2025 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:42 p.m. until Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

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

Members' Statements

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the negative impact of recent actions of the Government.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding a proposed care-first automobile insurance program.

Mr. Ip, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement regarding allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding a proposed Alberta disability assistance program.

MLA Brar, Hon. Member for Calgary-North East, made a statement regarding the need for Government action to address the root causes of crime.

Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the need for Government to address staffing issues in the continuing care system.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 48 iGaming Alberta Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

Tabling Returns and Reports

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday:

> E-mail message dated March 10, 2025, from Shannon Fuhrer to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding funding cuts to the Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton
>
> Sessional Paper 900/2023-25

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

> Inclusion Alberta media release dated March 20, 2025, entitled "Government of Alberta depriving tens of thousands of AISH recipients poverty relief by clawing back Canada Disability Benefit"
>
> Sessional Paper 901/2023-25

> 3 pieces of correspondence between an individual, name redacted, and Ms Renaud, expressing concern regarding the costs of living with a disability
>
> Sessional Paper 902/2023-25

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Alberta Health Act, cA-19.5, s6(2):

Office of the Alberta Health Advocates 2023-2024 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 903/2023-25

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 42 Appropriation Act, 2025 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 47

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

Against the motion: 14

Al-Guneid	Ellingson	Metz
Batten	Eremenko	Schmidt
Boparai	Hoyle	Shepherd
Calahoo Stonehouse	Irwin	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Deol	Kayande	

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

Bill 43 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2025 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 39 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Hon. Ms Sigurdson speaking.

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 42 Appropriation Act, 2025 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 43 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2025 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, made a statement regarding Government action to address U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods.

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Ms de Jonge, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore, made a statement regarding the Government's plan to compensate primary care physicians.

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(8), Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, provided notice to the Assembly that the Daily Routine shall continue beyond 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding an upcoming event the Premier will be attending alongside Ben Shapiro.

Mr. Boitchenko, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding the Trade Winds to Success Training Society.

Mr. Ellingson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement regarding actions the New Democratic Party is taking to address U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the impact a proposed reduction of benefits will have for severely disabled Albertans.

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, made a statement regarding allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Ms Pitt, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

> In accordance with Standing Order 99, the Standing Committee on Private Bills has reviewed the petitions that were presented to the Assembly on March 19, 2025, and I can advise the Assembly that the petitions comply with Standing Orders 90 to 94.

Notices of Motions

MLA Miyashiro, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill Pr5 Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta Act — MLA Miyashiro

Mrs. Johnson, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill Pr6 Burman University Amendment Act, 2025 — Mrs. Johnson

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given March 25, 2025:

Bill 48 iGaming Alberta Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

Tabling Returns and Reports

Dr. Metz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Report dated March 2025, entitled "Operation Profit: Private Surgical Contracts Deliver Higher Costs and Longer Waits," prepared by the Parkland Institute

Sessional Paper 904/2023-25

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

CTV News Calgary website article dated March 25, 2025, entitled "Police seize 17.5 kg of drugs as part of trafficking investigation in Calgary, Edmonton"

Sessional Paper 905/2023-25

CBC News website article dated March 24, 2025, entitled "U.S. border patrol seizes over 52 kg of cocaine bound for Canada"

Sessional Paper 906/2023-25

MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia:

Alberta Politics website article dated March 26, 2025, entitled "Startling increases in outsourced surgical costs tend to corroborate claims of contract irregularities made by fired AHS CEO: Parkland study"

Sessional Paper 907/2023-25

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday:

Kainaiwa Nation document dated February 4, 2025, entitled "Coal Mining, Community Update"

Sessional Paper 908/2023-25

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow:

3 pieces of correspondence expressing concern regarding coal mining on the eastern slopes

Sessional Paper 909/2023-25

E-mail message dated February 25, 2025, from Emily Grenon to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices

Sessional Paper 910/2023-25

2 pieces of correspondence, one from Ryan Thompson, and one from Margaret Cole, both addressed to MLA Kayande, expressing concern regarding a tax increase on wine

Sessional Paper 911/2023-25

E-mail message dated March 11, 2025, from Tiffany Stones to MLA Kayande, expressing concern regarding an upcoming event the Premier will be attending alongside Ben Shapiro

Sessional Paper 912/2023-25

Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Report dated March 2025, entitled "Access Denied: How the Changing Accessibility of Health-Care Services in Alberta Impacts Equity," prepared by Rebecca Graff-McRae

Sessional Paper 913/2023-25

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

E-mail message dated March 14, 2025, from Katie to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding several Government policies and actions

Sessional Paper 914/2023-25

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

The Globe and Mail website article dated March 26, 2025, entitled "Alberta public health system losing staff, funding as province increases spending on private facilities"

Sessional Paper 915/2023-25

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

CBC News website article dated March 26, 2025, entitled "Alberta to claw back federal disability benefit from AISH recipients"

Sessional Paper 916/2023-25

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Amery, Minister of Justice, pursuant to the Statutes Repeal Act, cS-19.3, s2(1):

Report, undated, entitled "Statutes Repeal Act – 2025 List"

Sessional Paper 917/2023-25

Speaker's Statement – Electronic Devices in the Chamber

The Speaker made a statement reminding Members of the rules regarding the use of electronic devices in the Chamber.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 42 Appropriation Act, 2025 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 43 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2025 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Second Reading

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

Bill 40 Professional Governance Act — Hon. Mrs. Sawhney

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Dyck speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 27, 2025

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Haji, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding Eid al-Fitr (some remarks made in Arabic and Somali).

Mr. Lunty, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding the federal New Democratic Party and the Liberal Party of Canada.

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington, made a statement regarding curling and Canadian values.

Mr. Dyck, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement regarding the proposed Upper Smoky subregional plan.

Dr. Metz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the Government's management of Alberta's healthcare system.

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, made a statement regarding challenges faced by Albertans accessing the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Program.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 49 Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given March 26, 2025:

Bill Pr5 Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta Act — MLA Miyashiro

Bill Pr6 Burman University Amendment Act, 2025 — Mrs. Johnson

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

> Calgary Herald website article dated March 27, 2025, entitled "Changing the Game: Expanding into new areas will help the city build a resilient economy in a time of tariffs"
>
> Sessional Paper 918/2023-25

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

> The Bureau website article dated March 27, 2025, entitled "Fool Me Once: The Cost of Carney-Trudeau Tax Games"
>
> Sessional Paper 919/2023-25

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 42 Appropriation Act, 2025 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Hon. Mr. Horner moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 43 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2025 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Hon. Mr. Horner moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Motions

57. Moved by Hon. Mr. Horner:

> Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the business plans and fiscal policies of the Government, as presented in the Assembly on February 27, 2025.

A debate followed.

MLA Miyashiro moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the afternoon.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 42 Appropriation Act, 2025 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 45

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

Against the motion: 17

Brar	Goehring	Sabir
Calahoo Stonehouse	Gray	Schmidt
Dach	Haji	Shepherd
Deol	Hoffman	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eggen	Irwin	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Ellingson	Renaud	

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

Bill 43 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2025 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 42 Appropriation Act, 2025 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 43 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2025 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(6) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:05 p.m. until Monday, April 7, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 7, 2025

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

Speaker's Statement —The Battle of Vimy Ridge

The Speaker made a statement recognizing April 9, 2025, as the National Day of Remembrance for the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

Members' Statements

Mr. Wiebe, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement regarding recently announced Government initiatives to improve the delivery of acute health care.

Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to respond to recently announced U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods.

Hon. Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding Government support for those diagnosed with eating disorders.

MLA Miyashiro, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding Green Shirt Day.

Ms Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie-East, made a statement regarding Alberta's economic relationship with the rest of Canada.

Dr. Elmeligi, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting wildlife corridors.

Notices of Motions

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, gave oral notice of the intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

(a) acknowledge that the recently implemented tariffs by the Government of the United States will have serious negative impacts on Alberta's workers, small-business owners and key industries, including energy, agriculture and manufacturing,

(b) recognize the urgent threat presented by these tariffs to Albertans' retirement plans as a result of ongoing economic instability and investment losses, and

(c) urge the Government to

(i) publicly express its opposition to the tariffs announced by President Donald Trump on behalf of the Government of the United States, which are harming Alberta's economy, and

(ii) take all necessary steps to protect major industries in Alberta by strengthening and expanding domestic and international markets for Alberta products, and implement comprehensive supports for impacted workers and families to help mitigate any negative impacts on jobs, pensions and retirement savings.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given March 27, 2025:

Bill 49 Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Copy of a petition containing 16 signatures, urging the Government to end the practice of daylight saving time

Sessional Paper 920/2023-25

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Report, undated, entitled "Accessible Alberta: Recommendations for provincial accessibility legislation," prepared by the Office of the Advocate for Persons with Disabilities

Sessional Paper 921/2023-25

Mr. Getson, Chair, Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future:

Responses to questions raised on March 12, 2025, Ministry of Jobs, Economy and Trade, 2025-26 Main Estimates Debate

Sessional Paper 922/2023-25

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

Parkland Institute media release dated March 26, 2025, entitled "Private surgical contracts drive up costs and wait times as real public hospital funding declines"

Sessional Paper 923/2023-25

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

The Bureau website article dated April 7, 2025, entitled "Follow the Money: Diaspora Researchers Map CCP Influence on Canadian Prime Ministers in Voter Education Push"

Sessional Paper 924/2023-25

The Bureau website article dated April 7, 2025, entitled "BREAKING: Chinese Information Operation Using 'Positive and Negative' Narratives to Influence Chinese Canadian Voters on PM Carney, Election Monitor Says"

Sessional Paper 925/2023-25

The Bureau website article dated March 31, 2025, entitled "REPOST: Beijing's control of media in Canada enabled election interference: CSIS documents"

Sessional Paper 926/2023-25

The Bureau website article dated April 5, 2025, entitled " 'It's the Community. It's the Family. It's the City': U.S. Experts Warn Canada Is Losing the Fight Against PRC Criminal Networks – Washington Has Run Out of Patience"

Sessional Paper 927/2023-25

National Post website article dated April 3, 2025, entitled "Liberals drop Edmonton candidate who praised Hamas, Hezbollah in video"

Sessional Paper 928/2023-25

Postmedia News website article dated April 1, 2025, entitled "LILLEY UNLEASHED: Carney won't repeal anti-pipeline legislation"

Sessional Paper 929/2023-25

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

E-mail message dated April 3, 2025, from Jessie Cadman to Hon. Mr. Turton, Minister of Children and Family Services, expressing concern regarding funding cuts to the Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton

Sessional Paper 930/2023-25

MLA Miyashiro, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

Lethbridge Herald website article dated April 2, 2025, entitled "We can't trust headwaters to the government"

Sessional Paper 931/2023-25

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Child and Youth Advocate Act, cC-11.5, s9.1(5):

Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Mandatory Reviews of Child Deaths, for the period dated October 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025

Sessional Paper 932/2023-25

Motions Under Standing Order 42

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

(a) acknowledge that the recently implemented tariffs by the Government of the United States will have serious negative impacts on Alberta's workers, small-business owners and key industries, including energy, agriculture and manufacturing,

(b) recognize the urgent threat presented by these tariffs to Albertans' retirement plans as a result of ongoing economic instability and investment losses, and

(c) urge the Government to

(i) publicly express its opposition to the tariffs announced by President Donald Trump on behalf of the Government of the United States, which are harming Alberta's economy, and

(ii) take all necessary steps to protect major industries in Alberta by strengthening and expanding domestic and international markets for Alberta products, and implement comprehensive supports for impacted workers and families to help mitigate any negative impacts on jobs, pensions and retirement savings.

Pursuant to Standing Order 42(1.1) and (1.2), Ms Pancholi and Hon. Mr. Schow commented on the request for unanimous consent.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 208 Psycho-Educational Assessment Access Act — Ms Hayter

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated on the voice vote. With Ms Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 16

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Kayande
Arcand-Paul	Hayter	Metz
Batten	Hoffman	Renaud
Boparai	Hoyle	Sweet
Calahoo Stonehouse	Irwin	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Deol		

Against the motion: 42

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

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

Bill 209 Reconciliation Implementation Act — MLA Arcand-Paul

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

521. Moved by Hon. Ms Hoffman (replaced):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take all necessary steps to

(a) commence a public inquiry, in accordance with section 2 of the Public Inquiries Act, into recent allegations of improper procurement contracts entered into by Alberta Health Services, including with respect to chartered surgical facilities,

(b) appoint at least one commissioner who is a judge of the Court of Appeal, the Court of King's Bench or the Court of Justice in Alberta, and

(c) declare that section 7 of the Public Inquiries Act applies with respect to the public inquiry.

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the afternoon.

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned, Hon. Ms Hoffman speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

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

Members' Statements

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to fund bilateral cochlear implants for adults.

Mrs. Petrovic, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding National Tourism Week.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding a lack of Government action to improve access to affordable rental housing.

Mr. Cyr, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, made a statement regarding recent Government investments in the Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul constituency.

MLA Boparai, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding Sikh Heritage Month.

Mr. Ellingson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting disabled Albertans.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 50 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. McIver

Bill 51 Education Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Copy of a petition signed by 325 Albertans urging the Government to provide financial coverage for bilateral cochlear implants

Sessional Paper 933/2023-25

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

Business Examiner website article dated April 4, 2025, entitled "ICBA: Mark Carney's Vow to Keep Anti-pipeline Law Weakens Canada in Fight Against Trump"

Sessional Paper 934/2023-25

The Globe and Mail website article dated April 7, 2025, entitled "Election interference watchdog detects Beijing effort to influence Chinese Canadians on Carney"

Sessional Paper 935/2023-25

Toronto Sun website article dated April 2, 2025, entitled "EDITORIAL: Carney's wrong on pipeline law"

Sessional Paper 936/2023-25

The Bureau website article dated April 2, 2025, entitled "Canada Is Losing the Battle for Its Own Sovereignty: Garry Clement"

Sessional Paper 937/2023-25

The Bureau website article dated April 6, 2025, entitled "Retired Toronto Police Executive Who Joined Chinese International School Flagged in Canada's Election Interference Inquiry Replaces Paul Chiang as Liberal Candidate"

Sessional Paper 938/2023-25

Vancouver Sun website article dated July 17, 2023, entitled "Federal government eyes RCMP's future as a national force, may drop contract policing for small communities"

Sessional Paper 939/2023-25

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday:

National Post website article dated August 19, 2024, entitled "What the mixed verdict in the Coutts Freedom Convoy blockade trial really means"

Sessional Paper 940/2023-25

CBC News website article dated May 28, 2020, entitled "Controversial bill targeting rail blockade protesters soon to be Alberta law"

Sessional Paper 941/2023-25

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

Calgary Herald website article dated April 7, 2025, entitled "Varcoe: No need for Alberta to panic, Danielle Smith says, as oil prices tumble to $61 amid economic havoc in the U.S."

Sessional Paper 942/2023-25

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre:

Rural Municipalities of Alberta news release dated April 5, 2022, entitled "The RMA Formally Opposes the Creation of an Alberta Provincial Police Service"

Sessional Paper 943/2023-25

Rural Municipalities of Alberta Resolution 12-24F: Accountability in the Establishment of an Independent Agency Police Service in Alberta

Sessional Paper 944/2023-25

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont:

E-mail message dated February 24, 2025, sender's name redacted, to Hon. Mr. Nicolaides, Minister of Education, expressing support for Bill 208, Psycho-Educational Assessment Access Act, relating to comments made by Ms Hayter during Second Reading debate on Bill 208 on April 7, 2025

Sessional Paper 945/2023-25

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

2 e-mail messages, both from Amanda, one addressed to MLA Irwin and one addressed to Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services, expressing concern regarding the Government's rental housing policies, relating to comments made by MLA Irwin during her Member's Statement on April 8, 2025

Sessional Paper 946/2023-25

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 38 Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Nally

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Williams moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 45 Critical Infrastructure Defence Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Amery

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Williams moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 47 Automobile Insurance Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. Sabir speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding the Northern and Regional Economic Development Program.

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement regarding concerns of the Blackfoot people with respect to coal mining in the eastern slopes.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding benefits and misconceptions concerning the coal industry.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the negative environmental effects of the Government's coal mining policies.

Hon. Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding the Destroyed Temples of Ukraine exhibit at the Alberta Legislature Visitor Centre.

Dr. Metz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the negative health effects associated with coal mining.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

International Tax Review website article dated June 6, 2023, entitled "Brookfield faces allegations of tax avoidance ahead of AGM"

Sessional Paper 947/2023-25

CBC News website article dated April 4, 2025, entitled "Carney's former firm Brookfield has been accused of breaching Indigenous rights in 4 countries"

Sessional Paper 948/2023-25

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow:

4 e-mail messages expressing concern regarding the Premier's recent interview with Breitbart News

Sessional Paper 949/2023-25

E-mail message dated January 10, 2025, from Edward Alberts to MLA Kayande regarding the need to invest in soccer facilities in Calgary

Sessional Paper 950/2023-25

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre:

Alberta Sheriff Branch Officers Association news release dated April 9, 2025, entitled "Alberta Sheriff Branch Officers Association Responds to Bill 49 Proposal: Welcoming Change with Caution"

Sessional Paper 951/2023-25

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

4 e-mail messages, three addressed to Hon. Mr. Jean, Minister of Energy and Minerals, and one reply from the Office of the Minister of Energy and Minerals, regarding coal mining in the eastern slopes

Sessional Paper 952/2023-25

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

E-mail message from Priya to Mr. Haji, expressing concern regarding coal mining in the eastern slopes

Sessional Paper 953/2023-25

Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park:

25 letters from members of Sherwood Park United Church, expressing concern regarding recent legislation affecting transgender youth

Sessional Paper 954/2023-25

MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia:

Letter dated April 7, 2025, from Andrea Waywanko to MLA Batten, expressing concern regarding the elimination of the Alberta Child and Youth Support Program

Sessional Paper 955/2023-25

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

Excerpt from a document entitled "Livingstone-Porcupine Hills Land Footprint Management Plan," depicting objectives related to land-use management

Sessional Paper 956/2023-25

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

4 e-mail messages to Ms Renaud, expressing concern regarding Government policies related to AISH payments

Sessional Paper 957/2023-25

Mr. Boitchenko, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon:

Document, undated, untitled, regarding methods for the removal of selenium from water

Sessional Paper 958/2023-25

MLA Miyashiro, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

Excerpt of the minutes from a City of Lethbridge city council meeting, dated February 25, 2025, relating to concerns regarding coal mining in the eastern slopes

Sessional Paper 959/2023-25

3 pieces of correspondence, all addressed to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, and Hon. Mr. Jean, Minister of Energy and Minerals, expressing concern regarding coal mining in the eastern slopes

Sessional Paper 960/2023-25

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 46 Information and Privacy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

A debate followed.

Mr. Deol moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 48 iGaming Alberta Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

A debate followed.

Mr. Dyck moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 41 Wildlife Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Loewen

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. Schmidt speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 10, 2025

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

Members' Statements

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, made a statement regarding allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices.

Ms de Jonge, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore, made a statement regarding comments made by the Leader of the Alberta New Democratic Party and the Prime Minister of Canada concerning the Premier.

MLA Tejada, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding Alberta separatism and the importance of unity amid U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding funding for the Family and Community Support Services program in Budget 2025.

MLA Brar, Hon. Member for Calgary-North East, made a statement regarding the need for Government action to address affordability issues affecting his constituents.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to explore ways to improve rural bus service.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 52 Energy and Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Neudorf

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

CBC News website article dated February 7, 2025, entitled "Want to get rid of fentanyl? Tackle money-laundering first, say experts"
Sessional Paper 961/2023-25

Document dated October 11, 2024, entitled " 'An easy target': the Canadian bank favoured by money launderers," prepared by Joshua Franklin and Stefania Palma
Sessional Paper 962/2023-25

Financial Post website article dated October 9, 2024, entitled "Terence Corcoran: The dirty truth about money-laundering laws"
Sessional Paper 963/2023-25

The Globe and Mail website article dated April 10, 2025, entitled "Liberal candidate Peter Yuen, chosen to replace Paul Chiang, linked to pro-Beijing group, events"
Sessional Paper 964/2023-25

National Post website article dated April 10, 2025, entitled "Carney 'did a terrible job' as Bank of England governor, says former British PM"
Sessional Paper 965/2023-25

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday:

Government of Alberta webpage entitled "Wahkohtowin Law and Governance Lodge East Campus Village"
Sessional Paper 966/2023-25

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader:

Screenshot of a social media video post from the account of Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, concerning Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped
Sessional Paper 967/2023-25

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud:

Screenshot of an e-mail message sent on behalf of Leann Wagner, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Alberta Health, instructing recipients to redirect requests from the Office of the Auditor General for interviews concerning allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices to legal counsel, relating to comments made by Ms Pancholi during Oral Question Period on April 10, 2025

Sessional Paper 968/2023-25

Mr. Dyck, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie:

CBC News website article dated April 10, 2025, entitled "Alberta sheriffs say extra training, more pay needed to become police"

Sessional Paper 969/2023-25

MLA Tejada, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein:

Alberta Republicans website page depicting the positions of Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta concerning a referendum on Alberta separating from Canada

Sessional Paper 970/2023-25

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

E-mail message dated March 18, 2025, from William Barr to Hon. Mr. Jean, Minister of Energy and Minerals, expressing concern regarding coal mining in the eastern slopes

Sessional Paper 971/2023-25

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 49 Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Amery moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 38 Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Nally

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 40

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

Against the motion: 13

Arcand-Paul	Gray	Irwin
Calahoo Stonehouse	Haji	Kasawski
Dach	Hoffman	Shepherd
Deol	Ip	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Goehring		

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

Bill 38 Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Nally

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:17 p.m. until Monday, April 14, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 14, 2025

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Dr. Rajinder "Raj" Pannu, Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, 1997 to 2008, who passed away on January 30, 2025.

Members' Statements

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, made a statement regarding Alberta's economic relationship with the rest of Canada.

MLA Hoyle, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, made a statement regarding allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding the visit to Alberta by a delegation from the Council of State Governments Midwest.

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices.

Mr. McDougall, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the visit to Alberta by a delegation from the Council of State Governments Midwest.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding Government policies related to Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped payments.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Yao, Chair, Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, presented the following report pursuant to Standing Order 55 and the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, cA-23, s6(4)(c):

> Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Annual Report 2024-2025
>
> Sessional Paper 972/2023-25

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 53 Compassionate Intervention Act — Hon. Mr. Williams

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre:

> Letter dated April 11, 2025, from Brian Sauvé, President and CEO, National Police Federation, to Hon. Mr. Ellis, Deputy Premier, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services, expressing concern regarding statements made by Hon. Mr. Ellis during Second Reading debate on Bill 49, Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, on April 10, 2025
>
> Sessional Paper 973/2023-25

Mr. Dyck, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie:

National Post website article dated April 3, 2025, entitled "OnlyFans creator who joined NDP campaign trail dropped over 'disrespectful' Holocaust video"
Sessional Paper 974/2023-25

Western Standard website article dated April 5, 2025, entitled "NDP candidate's remarks on Jews spark controversy"
Sessional Paper 975/2023-25

Edmonton Journal website article dated July 14, 2020, entitled "Union leader under fire for comments linking UCP strategies to Nazis"
Sessional Paper 976/2023-25

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday:

Copy of a petition expressing support for Bill 209, Reconciliation Implementation Act
Sessional Paper 977/2023-25

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

Document dated April 9, 2025, entitled "What lies ahead for community-level homelessness planning in Alberta?" prepared by Nick Falvo Consulting
Sessional Paper 978/2023-25

Hon. Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Cochrane:

Calgary Herald website article dated April 11, 2025, entitled "Braid: Government tries to deflect auditor general to lawyers – No way, says Doug Wylie"
Sessional Paper 979/2023-25

Calgary Herald website article dated April 12, 2025, entitled "Opinion: One inquiry to rule them all; separate probes into Alberta Health decisions limit transparency"
Sessional Paper 980/2023-25

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud:

Rocky Mountain Outlook website article dated April 12, 2025, entitled "UCP MLAs address federal election safety, coal and gender questions at Barrhead fundraiser," relating to comments made by Ms Pancholi during Oral Question Period on April 14, 2025
Sessional Paper 981/2023-25

The New York Times website article dated April 14, 2025, entitled "This Canadian Conservative Is Playing 'Good Cop' With Trump," relating to comments made by Ms Pancholi during Oral Question Period on April 14, 2025
Sessional Paper 982/2023-25

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s39(3):

> Special Standing Committee on Members' Services Constituency Services Amendment Order, 2025 (No. 2), Order No. MSC 04/25
>
> Sessional Paper 983/2023-25

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations:

> Return to Order of the Assembly MR1, asked for by Hon. Ms Notley on November 18, 2024:
>
> A list of every fee, gift or other benefit that exceeds $500 in value that was accepted by an employee of the Premier's Office or an employee of the office of a Minister in accordance with Order in Council 237/2023, including the exact value and description of each fee, gift or other benefit that was accepted.
>
> Sessional Paper 984/2023-25
>
> Return to Order of the Assembly MR13, asked for by Mr. Ellingson on November 18, 2024:
>
> A list of all employees and contractors employed or engaged by the Invest Alberta Corporation during the period from March 31, 2019, to March 31, 2024.
>
> Sessional Paper 985/2023-25

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Sigurdson, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation:

> Return to Order of the Assembly MR4, asked for by Ms Sweet on November 18, 2024:
>
> A list of all grants, organized by year, provided by the Government to the non-profit corporation Results Driven Agriculture Research (RDAR) during the period from April 1, 2019, to March 31, 2024.
>
> Sessional Paper 986/2023-25

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors:

> Returns to Orders of the Assembly MR5 and MR8, both asked for by Mr. Dach on November 18, 2024:
>
> MR5. Copies of all documents prepared by the Government relating to the effectiveness of salt brine solutions for de-icing provincial highways.
>
> Sessional Paper 987/2023-25

MR8. A list of all Community Airport Program funding recipients for each year during the period from May 1, 2019, to March 31, 2024, and, in respect of each recipient, the amount of funding received and description of the project for which funding was received.

Sessional Paper 988/2023-25

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Jones, Minister of Jobs, Economy and Trade:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR11, asked for by Ms Wright on November 18, 2024:

A list of all payments, organized by year and occupation, made during the period from December 9, 2020, to March 31, 2024, under the Heroes Compensation Act to a first responder who died as a result of an accident.

Sessional Paper 989/2023-25

Return to Order of the Assembly MR15, asked for by MLA Batten on November 18, 2024:

A list showing the number of payments, referred to as "compassionate payments", made by the Government to families affected by child-care closures in the Calgary area due to the E-coli outbreak declared by Alberta Health Services on September 4, 2023, and the amount of each payment.

Sessional Paper 990/2023-25

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 209 Reconciliation Implementation Act — MLA Arcand-Paul

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 18

Arcand-Paul	Elmeligi	Kasawski
Brar	Goehring	Miyashiro
Ceci	Gray	Renaud
Chapman	Haji	Sabir
Dach	Hoffman	Tejada
Eggen	Ip	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

Against the motion: 44

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

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

Bill 210 Employment Standards (Protecting Workers' Tips) Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Ms Gray

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. Jones speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

521. Moved by Hon. Ms Hoffman:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take all necessary steps to

(a) commence a public inquiry, in accordance with section 2 of the Public Inquiries Act, into recent allegations of improper procurement contracts entered into by Alberta Health Services, including with respect to chartered surgical facilities,

(b) appoint at least one commissioner who is a judge of the Court of Appeal, the Court of King's Bench or the Court of Justice in Alberta, and

(c) declare that section 7 of the Public Inquiries Act applies with respect to the public inquiry.

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

For the motion: 29

Al-Guneid	Ganley	Metz
Arcand-Paul	Goehring	Miyashiro
Brar	Gray	Pancholi
Calahoo Stonehouse	Guthrie	Renaud
Ceci	Haji	Sabir
Chapman	Hayter	Shepherd
Dach	Hoffman	Sinclair
Eggen	Ip	Tejada
Ellingson	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Elmeligi	Kayande	

Against the motion: 45

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

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington, moved, pursuant to Standing Order 8(1.2), that the Assembly consider Motion 522, the motion other than a Government motion that is next in precedence on the Order Paper. The question being put, the motion under Standing Order 8(1.2) was agreed to.

522. Moved by Ms Chapman:

> Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take the necessary steps to address overcrowded classrooms by hiring additional teaching staff to ensure that all Alberta classrooms meet the recommended class size based on grade level for Kindergarten to Grade 12, as set out in the 2003 Alberta's Commission on Learning Report "Every Child Learns, Every Child Succeeds."

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. Sabir speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Williams, Minister of Mental Health and Addiction, made a statement regarding the Government's recovery-focused approach to addressing addiction.

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices.

Mrs. Johnson, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding the Government's recovery-focused approach to addressing addiction.

Mr. Haji, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding recent Government action affecting the affordability of child care.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding Vaisakhi.

Dr. Metz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting the rate of cancelled surgeries.

MLA Calahoo Stonehouse, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices.

Presenting Petitions

MLA Miyashiro, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, presented a petition from over 6,000 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation to immediately terminate the Grassy Mountain coal project proposed by Northback Holdings for the following reasons: 1) Northback has not provided verifiable practices to control selenium contamination in the Oldman River basin; 2) the risks of substantial harm to the environment, water and the agrifood economy of southern Alberta far exceed the benefits of the proposed coal mine.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given April 14, 2025:

Bill 53 Compassionate Intervention Act — Hon. Mr. Williams

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services:

CityNews website article dated April 9, 2025, entitled "Passover begins soon. For many Jews, the celebrations will occur amid anxieties and division"
Sessional Paper 991/2023-25

Document dated May 26, 2016, entitled "IHRA non-legally binding working definition of antisemitism," prepared by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance
Sessional Paper 992/2023-25

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

Lakeland Today website article, undated, entitled "Cyr disavows claims of support by Alberta Republican Party"
Sessional Paper 993/2023-25

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

The Bureau website article dated April 14, 2025, entitled "AI-Driven Election Interference from China, Russia, and Iran Expected, Canadian Security Officials Warn"
Sessional Paper 994/2023-25

The Bureau website article dated April 14, 2025, entitled "CSIS Warned Beijing Would Brand Conservatives as Trumpian. Now Carney's Campaign Is Doing It"
Sessional Paper 995/2023-25

National Post website article dated April 14, 2025, entitled "Carney apologizes for fake Trump-style buttons, Liberal staffers 'reassigned' "
Sessional Paper 996/2023-25

The Niagara Independent website article, undated, entitled "Canada's sleeper election issue: the loss of charitable status for religious organizations"
Sessional Paper 997/2023-25

B.I.G. Charity Law Group website article, undated, entitled "Why removing Charitable Status from Churches and Mosques is a Bad Idea"
Sessional Paper 998/2023-25

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday:

Letter dated January 17, 2024, from Mr. Cyr, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, to Hon. Mr. Wilson, Minister of Indigenous Relations, expressing concern regarding the transition to federal funding oversight for Jordan's Principle
Sessional Paper 999/2023-25

Social media post from the account of Mr. Cyr, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, containing information regarding Jordan's Principle
Sessional Paper 1000/2023-25

Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park:

18 letters from members of Sherwood Park United Church, expressing concern regarding recent legislation affecting transgender youth
Sessional Paper 1001/2023-25

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont:

Report, undated, entitled "Strength in Numbers: The 2023-2024 ACWS Report on Domestic Violence Shelter Impact in Alberta," prepared by the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters
Sessional Paper 1002/2023-25

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

2 pieces of correspondence, both dated April 4, 2025, both from Vicki Koersen, one addressed to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, and one addressed to MLA Irwin, expressing concern regarding several recent Government actions and polices
Sessional Paper 1003/2023-25

MLA Miyashiro, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

Report dated 2024, entitled "Giving Together," prepared by the Community Foundation for Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta
Sessional Paper 1004/2023-25

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 44 Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Sigurdson

A debate followed.

Mr. van Dijken moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 49 Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

A debate followed.

Hon. Ms Sigurdson moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 41 Wildlife Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Loewen

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 47 Automobile Insurance Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Ms Hayter moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 41 Wildlife Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Loewen

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:45 p.m. until Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Bouchard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the importance of standing against antisemitism.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding recent actions of the Minister of Health.

Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding Easter.

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, made a statement regarding recent actions of the Minister of Health.

Mr. Dyck, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement regarding recent Government investments to support the education system.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the actions of the Premier related to the upcoming federal election.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

> The Bureau website article dated April 10, 2025, entitled "Canadian Police Raid Sophisticated Vancouver Fentanyl Labs, But Insist Millions of Pills Not Destined for U.S."
>
> Sessional Paper 1005/2023-25

Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park:

> Strathcona County Bylaw 28-2024, Council Code of Conduct
>
> Sessional Paper 1006/2023-25

Hon. Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Cochrane:

Letter dated February 25, 2025, from Hon. Mr. Guthrie to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, tendering his resignation as Minister of Infrastructure

Sessional Paper 1007/2023-25

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services:

Report dated April 7, 2025, entitled "Antisemitism Reaches Record Levels," prepared by B'nai Brith Canada

Sessional Paper 1008/2023-25

Report, undated, entitled "Annual Audit of Antisemitic Incidents 2024," prepared by the League for Human Rights B'nai Brith Canada

Sessional Paper 1009/2023-25

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall:

Report, undated, entitled "Government of Alberta Funding Requests vs. Approvals," prepared by the Alberta Law Foundation

Sessional Paper 1010/2023-25

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

4 pieces of correspondence expressing concern regarding Government policies related to Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped payments

Sessional Paper 1011/2023-25

Hon. Mr. Turton, Minister of Children and Family Services:

Report dated January 25, 2025, entitled "ADL Global 100 Survey: Antisemitism Exists on the Margins of Canadian Society," prepared by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance

Sessional Paper 1012/2023-25

Report, undated, entitled "B'nai Brith's Seven-Point Plan to Tackle Antisemitism," prepared by B'nai Brith Canada

Sessional Paper 1013/2023-25

Report dated January 2024, entitled "IHRA Reflections on Terminology for Holocaust Comparison," prepared by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance

Sessional Paper 1014/2023-25

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont:

4 pieces of correspondence expressing concern regarding Government policies related to automobile insurance

Sessional Paper 1015/2023-25

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 50 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. McIver

A debate followed.

MLA Tejada moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 48 iGaming Alberta Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 47 Automobile Insurance Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Dach speaking.

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

Bill 48 iGaming Alberta Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 17, 2025

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding allegations of political interference in public sector procurement practices.

Mr. Wright, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding Oral Health Month.

Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the need for increased Government funding for home-care services.

Mr. McDougall, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the proposed Taylor Family Campus Centre at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology.

Hon. MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding Bill 211, Arts and Creative Economy Advisory Council Act.

Hon. Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the benefits of enhanced rock weathering.

Speaker's Statement – Oral Question Period and Members' Statements Rotations

Honourable Members, I would like to inform you that there has been a slight modification to the Oral Question Period and Members' Statements rotations as a result of a recent change in the caucus composition in the Assembly. Subject to any arrangements made between Members for today, the Member for Airdrie-Cochrane, who now sits as an independent, is entitled to one question per week starting with question 9 on Day 2 of the Oral Question Period rotation, which is Tuesday, April 29, 2025, and one Member's Statement every three weeks, starting on Day 112 of the Projected Sitting Days Calendar, which is May 14, and week 2 of the Members' Statements rotation.

Members will find the revised Projected Sitting Days Calendar and Oral Question Period rotation on their desks.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

> Copy of a petition signed by 37,004 Albertans urging the Government to increase funding for home-care services, relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Sigurdson during her Member's Statement on April 17, 2025
>
> Sessional Paper 1016/2023-25

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

> 2 e-mail messages to MLA Irwin, one from Carol Anne and one from Nik Gauthier, expressing concern regarding Government policies related to Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped payments
>
> Sessional Paper 1017/2023-25

MLA Miyashiro, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

> Lethbridge Herald article dated April 16, 2025, entitled "On the exorbitant price of Tylenol in Alberta"
>
> Sessional Paper 1018/2023-25

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

> Edmonton Journal website article dated April 16, 2025, entitled "UCP caucus expels outspoken MLA Peter Guthrie amid new accusations," relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Hoffman during Oral Question Period on April 17, 2025
>
> Sessional Paper 1019/2023-25

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

62. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

> Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1) and for the duration of the 2025 Spring Sitting of the First Session of the 31st Legislature, the Assembly shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings for consideration of Government business, unless the Government House Leader notifies the Assembly that there shall be no evening sitting that day by providing notice under Notices of Motions in the Daily Routine or at any time prior to 6 pm.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 49 Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Williams moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 37 Mental Health Services Protection Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Williams

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 44 Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Sigurdson

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 50 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. McIver

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Ms Sweet speaking.

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 37 Mental Health Services Protection Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Williams

Bill 44 Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Sigurdson

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Orders 3(6) and 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, April 28, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 28, 2025

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

Members' Statements

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding the vehicular attack at the Lapu-Lapu Day festival in Vancouver on April 26, 2025, that killed 11 people.

MLA Tejada, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding the vehicular attack at the Lapu-Lapu Day festival in Vancouver on April 26, 2025, that killed 11 people.

Mrs. Johnson, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement recognizing the Ponoka Storm U15 girls' soccer team.

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement regarding the National Day of Mourning and requested that a moment of silence be observed.

Mr. Cyr, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, made a statement regarding forgiveness and divisiveness in politics.

Ms Wright, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding the National Day of Mourning.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Cyr, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

> Standing Committee on Private Bills Final Report, Bill Pr5, Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta Act, Bill Pr6, Burman University Amendment Act, 2025, Thirty-First Legislature, First Session, April 2025
>
> Sessional Paper 1020/2023-25

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to the report.

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 54 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

> National Post website article dated April 24, 2025, entitled "Canada's terrible, horrible, no good, very bad decade. The numbers prove it"
>
> Sessional Paper 1021/2023-25

Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park:

> St. Albert Gazette article dated April 20, 2025, entitled "St. Albert mayor frustrated by GoA move to axe conduct codes"
>
> Sessional Paper 1022/2023-25

Hon. Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Cochrane:

> Copy of Ministerial Order 808/2025 from Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Health, dated January 30, 2025
>
> Sessional Paper 1023/2023-25

Letter dated April 25, 2025, from Hon. Mr. Guthrie to Doug Wylie, Auditor General of Alberta, concerning allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices

Sessional Paper 1024/2023-25

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Letter dated April 25, 2025, from the National Disability Network to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, and Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services, expressing concern regarding Government policies related to Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped payments

Sessional Paper 1025/2023-25

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre:

Letter dated April 14, 2025, from Rob Hill, Deputy Commissioner, Commanding Officer Alberta RCMP, to Hon. Mr. Ellis, Deputy Premier, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services, expressing concern regarding statements made by Hon. Mr. Ellis during Second Reading debate on Bill 49, Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, on April 10, 2025

Sessional Paper 1026/2023-25

MLA Miyashiro, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

Lethbridge Herald website article dated April 25, 2025, entitled "It's clear the UCP doesn't have the best interests of Albertans at heart"

Sessional Paper 1027/2023-25

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Musical arrangement of O Canada, prepared by Stuart Beatch for the Chronos Vocal Ensemble

Sessional Paper 1028/2023-25

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 210 Employment Standards (Protecting Workers' Tips) Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Ms Gray

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 15

Al-Guneid	Deol	Metz
Batten	Gray	Renaud
Boparai	Hayter	Shepherd
Ceci	Hoyle	Sweet
Chapman	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

Against the motion: 41

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

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

Bill 211 Arts and Creative Economy Advisory Council Act — Hon. MLA Ceci

Debate adjourned, Hon. MLA Ceci speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

522. Moved by Ms Chapman:

> Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take the necessary steps to address overcrowded classrooms by hiring additional teaching staff to ensure that all Alberta classrooms meet the recommended class size based on grade level for Kindergarten to Grade 12, as set out in the 2003 Alberta's Commission on Learning Report "Every Child Learns, Every Child Succeeds."

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:28 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 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 51 Education Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

A debate followed.

MLA Tejada moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 52 Energy and Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Neudorf

A debate followed.

MLA Miyashiro moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 40 Professional Governance Act — Hon. Mrs. Sawhney

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 45 Critical Infrastructure Defence Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Amery

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 40 Professional Governance Act — Hon. Mrs. Sawhney

Bill 45 Critical Infrastructure Defence Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:53 p.m. until Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

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

Speaker's Statement – Western Tricorne Hat

The Speaker made a statement regarding his new uniquely Albertan tricorne hat made by Smithbilt Hats in Calgary.

Members' Statements

MLA Calahoo Stonehouse, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the actions of the Premier and the recent federal election campaign.

Ms de Jonge, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore, made a statement regarding the Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada.

MLA Boparai, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding Government policies and actions concerning health care.

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, made a statement regarding National Volunteer Week.

MLA Miyashiro, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding National Volunteer Week.

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont, made a statement regarding the importance of women and collaboration in politics.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given April 28, 2025:

Bill 54 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Tabling Returns and Reports

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday:

Policy Options website article dated May 3, 2022, entitled "Ontario's iGaming market will hurt First Nations and others"
Sessional Paper 1029/2023-25

Supreme Court of Canada decision R. v. Pamajewon, [1996] 2 S.C.R. 821
Sessional Paper 1030/2023-25

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

CBC News website article dated November 8, 2018, entitled "AISH, income support, seniors benefits indexed to cost of living under new bill"
Sessional Paper 1031/2023-25

Hon. Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Cochrane:

Letter dated March 17, 2025, from Hon. Mr. Guthrie to Doug Wylie, Auditor General of Alberta, with attached handwritten notes, concerning allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices
Sessional Paper 1032/2023-25

Letter dated April 25, 2025, from Hon. Mr. Guthrie to Doug Wylie, Auditor General of Alberta, with attached handwritten notes, concerning allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices
Sessional Paper 1033/2023-25

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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 48 iGaming Alberta Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

MLA Brar, Hon. Member for Calgary-North East, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

(a) in section 2(2)

(i) in clause (d) by striking out "and", and

(ii) by adding the following after clause (d):

(d.1) to establish and maintain an online program to promote responsible gaming with respect to online lottery schemes based on the principle of harm reduction, and

(b) in section 5(2)

(i) in clause (c) by striking out "the corporation, and" and substituting "the corporation,", and

(ii) by adding the following after clause (c):

(c.1) evaluating the effectiveness of the corporation's online program to promote responsible gaming and providing strategic direction to the corporation with respect to the program, and

(c) in section 19(1)

(i) in clause (b) by striking out "during the year, and" and substituting "during the year,", and

(ii) by adding the following after clause (b):

(b.1) a summary of the corporation's activities with respect to its online program to promote responsible gaming, and

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	Ellingson	Ip
Brar	Elmeligi	Kasawski
Ceci	Ganley	Miyashiro
Chapman	Goehring	Schmidt
Dach	Haji	Tejada
Eggen		

Against the amendment: 38

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

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 48 iGaming Alberta Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

Mr. Cyr, Acting 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 48 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-North East) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 1034/2023-25

Second Reading

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

Bill 39 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 46 Information and Privacy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 39 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 46 Information and Privacy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 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 53 Compassionate Intervention Act — Hon. Mr. Williams

A debate followed.

Mr. Getson moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 37 Mental Health Services Protection Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Williams

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, moved that the Bill be amended by striking out section 12.

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: 14

Batten	Ganley	Shepherd
Boparai	Hoffman	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Calahoo Stonehouse	Hoyle	Sweet
Deol	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eremenko	Metz	

Against the amendment: 40

Amery	Johnson	Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schow
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Schulz
Bouchard	Long	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Lovely	Singh
de Jonge	Lunty	Stephan
Dreeshen	McDougall	Turton
Dyck	McIver	Wiebe
Ellis	Nally	Williams
Fir	Neudorf	Wilson
Getson	Nicolaides	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Glubish	Nixon	Yao
Horner	Petrovic	Yaseen
Jean		

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 37 Mental Health Services Protection Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Williams

Bill 44 Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Sigurdson

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 37 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 1035/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 44 (A1) (Hon. Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 1036/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 44 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1037/2023-25

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Williams, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:28 p.m. until Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Speaker's Statement – Tabling Returns and Reports

Honourable Members, prior to moving to the introduction of guests today, I do have a brief statement that I would like to make with respect to the Daily Routine.

In an April 22, 1993, ruling on the matter of tabling sensitive documents, Speaker Schumacher expressed extreme concern about the tabling of documents of a private or confidential matter. In his ruling on May 8, 2007, Speaker Kowalski reminded the Assembly that Alberta is one of the few jurisdictions in which voluntary tablings, those documents other than documents required to be tabled by statute or the Standing Orders, are allowed to be tabled, and Speaker Kowalski cautioned that the Assembly be very careful with the privilege we have in here with respect to tablings.

It is indeed the Member who is tabling the document who bears responsibility for the document itself. Even though Members have absolute privilege in this Assembly, that does not mean that that document produced by the Assembly could not become the content of a legal proceeding. As such, I encourage Members to weigh very carefully the oaths that they may have otherwise made when it comes to tabling such confidential documents.

Honourable Members, further to that, I will remain steadfast that it is up to the Assembly as to whether or not they wish to continue to permit voluntary tablings.

Members' Statements

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding funding for employment supports in Budget 2025.

Hon. Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding Bill 54, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2025.

Hon. Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of His Holiness Pope Francis.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding recent actions and comments of the Premier.

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement regarding First Nations and Alberta separatism.

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, made a statement regarding the actions of the Premier and the recent federal election campaign.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Wright, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat:

Report dated May 2024, entitled "Contract Policing Assessment: 'What We Heard,' " prepared by Public Safety Canada

Sessional Paper 1038/2023-25

E-mail message dated May 13, 2024, sender's name redacted, to Mr. Wright, with attached document entitled "Desert Blume Homeowners Association – Security Proposal"

Sessional Paper 1039/2023-25

Hon. Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Cochrane:

Letter dated March 17, 2025, from Hon. Mr. Guthrie to Doug Wylie, Auditor General of Alberta, with attached handwritten notes, concerning allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices

Sessional Paper 1040/2023-25

Hon. Mr. Ellis, Deputy Premier, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services:

Report dated February 2024, entitled "Alberta RCMP HR Executive Summary," prepared by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Sessional Paper 1041/2023-25

Letter dated August 21, 2024, from Rae-Ann Lajeunesse, Deputy Minister, Public Safety and Emergency Services, to Rob Hill, Deputy Commissioner, Commanding Officer, Alberta RCMP, concerning Government funding for policing services

Sessional Paper 1042/2023-25

Letter dated April 11, 2025, from Brian Sauvé, President and CEO, National Police Federation, to Hon. Mr. Ellis, concerning the number of officers in the Alberta RCMP

Sessional Paper 1043/2023-25

Letter dated December 6, 2023, from Curtis Zablocki, Deputy Commissioner, Commanding Officer, "K" Division, to Hon. Mr. Ellis, with attached document entitled "Provincial Police Service Multi-Year Financial Plan (MYFP), April 1, 2024 to 2029"

Sessional Paper 1044/2023-25

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

E-mail message dated April 14, 2025, sender's name redacted, to Hon. Ms Hoffman, expressing concern regarding Government policies related to health care for seniors

Sessional Paper 1045/2023-25

E-mail message dated April 23, 2025, from Cristy Rusnell, to Naheed Nenshi, Leader of the Alberta New Democratic Party, expressing concern regarding surgical wait times

Sessional Paper 1046/2023-25

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Letter dated April 16, 2025, from Margaret Ireland to Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services, expressing concern regarding Government policies related to Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped payments

Sessional Paper 1047/2023-25

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont:

Letter, undated, from Meghan to Ms Hayter, expressing support for Bill 210, Employment Standards (Protecting Workers' Tips) Amendment Act, 2024, relating to comments made by Ms Hayter during Second Reading debate on Bill 210 on April 28, 2025

Sessional Paper 1048/2023-25

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Long, Minister of Infrastructure:

Supplemental response to questions raised by Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, March 20, 2025, Ministry of Infrastructure, 2025-26 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 1049/2023-25

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 47 Automobile Insurance Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to on the voice vote. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 41

Amery	Johnson	Schow
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schulz
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Bouchard	Long	Singh
Cyr	Lovely	Stephan
de Jonge	Lunty	Turton
Dyck	McDougall	van Dijken
Ellis	McIver	Wiebe
Fir	Nally	Williams
Getson	Neudorf	Wilson
Glubish	Nicolaides	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Nixon	Yao
Hunter	Petrovic	Yaseen
Jean	Rowswell	

Against the motion: 18

Batten	Hayter	Renaud
Boparai	Hoffman	Schmidt
Calahoo Stonehouse	Hoyle	Shepherd
Deol	Irwin	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ellingson	Kayande	Sweet
Eremenko	Metz	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 50 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. McIver

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to on the voice vote. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 41

Amery	Johnson	Schow
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schulz
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Bouchard	Long	Singh
Cyr	Lovely	Stephan
de Jonge	Lunty	Turton
Dyck	McDougall	van Dijken
Ellis	McIver	Wiebe
Fir	Nally	Williams
Getson	Neudorf	Wilson
Glubish	Nicolaides	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Nixon	Yao
Hunter	Petrovic	Yaseen
Jean	Rowswell	

Against the motion: 16

Boparai	Hoffman	Renaud
Calahoo Stonehouse	Hoyle	Shepherd
Deol	Irwin	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ellingson	Kayande	Sweet
Eremenko	Metz	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Hayter		

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 52 Energy and Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Neudorf

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 47 Automobile Insurance Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 50 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. McIver

Bill 52 Energy and Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Neudorf

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:58 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 40 Professional Governance Act — Hon. Mrs. Sawhney

Bill 41 Wildlife Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Loewen

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 41 (A1) (Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 1050/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 40 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1051/2023-25

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 49 Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to on the voice vote. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 43

Amery	Johnson	Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schow
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Schulz
Bouchard	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Long	Singh
de Jonge	Lovely	Stephan
Dreeshen	Lunty	Turton
Dyck	McDougall	van Dijken
Ellis	McIver	Wiebe
Fir	Nally	Williams
Getson	Neudorf	Wilson
Glubish	Nicolaides	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Nixon	Yao
Hunter	Petrovic	Yaseen
Jean		

Against the motion: 18

Arcand-Paul	Ellingson	Kasawski
Brar	Elmeligi	Miyashiro
Ceci	Ganley	Renaud
Chapman	Goehring	Sabir
Dach	Haji	Schmidt
Eggen	Ip	Tejada

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 51 Education Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 49 Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

Bill 51 Education Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:29 p.m. until Thursday, May 1, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 1, 2025

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Hon. Hugh L. Planche, Member for Calgary-Glenmore, 1975 to 1986, who passed away on December 15, 2024.

Members' Statements

MLA Calahoo Stonehouse, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding recent actions and comments of the Premier.

Mrs. Petrovic, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding Sexual Violence Awareness Month.

MLA Brar, Hon. Member for Calgary-North East, made a statement regarding recent actions and comments of the Premier concerning Alberta separatism.

Mr. Wright, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the relationship between Alberta and the federal government.

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont, read a letter from an Albertan regarding the need for increased funding for women's shelters.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding separatism in Canada.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 55 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Wright, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat:

> Report dated January 7, 2025, entitled "Future Lives: Social mobility in question," prepared by Policy Horizons Canada
>
> Sessional Paper 1052/2023-25
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> Postmedia website article dated April 23, 2025, entitled "Bell: The horror show Mark Carney and the Liberals want deep-sixed now"
>
> Sessional Paper 1053/2023-25

National Post website article dated April 22, 2025, entitled "Michael Higgins: We are heading for a nightmare – even the government thinks so"
Sessional Paper 1054/2023-25

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

E-mail message dated April 11, 2025, sender's name redacted, to Hon. Ms Hoffman, expressing concern regarding surgery costs and wait times
Sessional Paper 1055/2023-25

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland:

National Post website article dated November 26, 2021, entitled "NP View: David Suzuki highlights the dangerous lawlessness of climate activists"
Sessional Paper 1056/2023-25

Canadian Press website article dated February 17, 2022, entitled "RCMP say Coastal GasLink site in northern B.C. 'attacked,' causing significant damage"

Sessional Paper 1057/2023-25

National Post website article dated February 16, 2022, entitled " 'A truck fortress with kids': How dozens of children could make it harder to end Ottawa protest"
Sessional Paper 1058/2023-25

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday:

Letter dated April 30, 2025, from Chief Sheldon Sunshine, Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, and Chief Billy-Joe Tuccaro, Mikisew Cree First Nation, to Prime Minister Mark Carney, expressing concern regarding the upholding of First Nations treaties in Alberta
Sessional Paper 1059/2023-25

Letter dated April 30, 2025, from Chief Sheldon Sunshine, Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, and Chief Billy-Joe Tuccaro, Mikisew Cree First Nation, to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding actions and comments of the Premier with respect to Alberta separatism
Sessional Paper 1060/2023-25

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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 46 Information and Privacy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Mr. Ip, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, moved that the Bill be amended by striking out section 2(9).

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: 12

Arcand-Paul	Ip	Schmidt
Calahoo Stonehouse	Irwin	Shepherd
Dach	Kasawski	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Hoffman	Renaud	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

Against the amendment: 41

Amery	Jones	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	LaGrange	Schow
Boitchenko	Loewen	Schulz
Bouchard	Long	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Lovely	Singh
de Jonge	Lunty	Stephan
Dreeshen	McDougall	Turton
Dyck	McIver	Wiebe
Ellis	Nally	Williams
Fir	Neudorf	Wilson
Getson	Nicolaides	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Nixon	Yao
Hunter	Petrovic	Yaseen
Jean	Rowswell	

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 46 Information and Privacy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Mr. Cyr, Acting 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 46 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 1061/2023-25

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 53 Compassionate Intervention Act — Hon. Mr. Williams

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 53 Compassionate Intervention Act — Hon. Mr. Williams

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:29 p.m. until Monday, May 5, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 5, 2025

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Speaker's Statement – Members' Anniversaries

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 10th anniversary of the following Members, who were elected on May 5, 2015: Hon. MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo; Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung; Hon. Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View; Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs; Hon. Ms Gray, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition; Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora; Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert; Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall; Hon. Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar; Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre; Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview; Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning; Hon. Mr. Hunter, Hon. Member for Taber-Warner; Hon. Mr. Loewen, Minister of Forestry and Parks; Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services; Ms Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie-East; Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock; Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo; and Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. The Speaker presented each Member with a 10-year Mace pin. The Deputy Speaker presented the Speaker with a 10-year Mace pin.

Members' Statements

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding Red Dress Day.

MLA Calahoo Stonehouse, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding Red Dress Day (some remarks made in Cree).

Ms de Jonge, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore, made a statement regarding the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands by Allied forces.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement recognizing the 10th anniversary of the New Democratic Party forming Government.

Mr. Wiebe, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement regarding recent engagement sessions with Albertans in relation to refocusing the healthcare system.

Hon. MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement recognizing the 10th anniversary of the New Democratic Party forming Government.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, gave oral notice of the intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

> Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to
>
> (a) acknowledge the seriousness of the measles outbreak in Alberta after the largest single week increase in reported cases since the outbreak began in 2024,
>
> (b) condemn anti-vaccine misinformation on the safety of vaccines and the seriousness of measles,
>
> (c) develop and release a robust plan to increase Alberta's rates of immunization, and
>
> (d) increase Albertans' trust in public health by restoring the ability of the Chief Medical Officer of Health to issue regular updates on measles, vaccines and other public health matters.

Tabling Returns and Reports

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday:

> 7 press releases from several First Nations expressing concerning regarding the upholding of First Nations treaties in Alberta
>
> Sessional Paper 1062/2023-25

6 pieces of correspondence from several First Nations to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concerning regarding the upholding of First Nations treaties in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1063/2023-25

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood:

Assembly of First Nations press release dated May 5, 2025, recognizing the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ Peoples

Sessional Paper 1064/2023-25

Motions Under Standing Order 42

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to

(a) acknowledge the seriousness of the measles outbreak in Alberta after the largest single week increase in reported cases since the outbreak began in 2024,

(b) condemn anti-vaccine misinformation on the safety of vaccines and the seriousness of measles,

(c) develop and release a robust plan to increase Alberta's rates of immunization, and

(d) increase Albertans' trust in public health by restoring the ability of the Chief Medical Officer of Health to issue regular updates on measles, vaccines and other public health matters.

Pursuant to Standing Order 42(1.1) and (1.2), Hon. Ms Hoffman and Hon. Min. LaGrange commented on the request for unanimous consent.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 211 Arts and Creative Economy Advisory Council Act — Hon. MLA Ceci

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated on the voice vote. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 15

Brar	Elmeligi	Miyashiro
Ceci	Haji	Renaud
Chapman	Hoffman	Sabir
Dach	Ip	Schmidt
Eggen	Kasawski	Tejada

Against the motion: 44

Amery	Johnson	Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Sawhney
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Schow
Bouchard	Loewen	Schulz
Cyr	Long	Sigurdson (Highwood)
de Jonge	Lovely	Singh
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Ellis	McIver	Wiebe
Fir	Nally	Williams
Getson	Neudorf	Wilson
Glubish	Nicolaides	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Nixon	Yao
Hunter	Petrovic	Yaseen
Jean	Pitt	

Motions Other Than Government Motions

523. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schmidt:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to

(a) affirm the fundamental importance of the "polluter pays" principle that the costs of well cleanup and remediation should be borne by the entities responsible for their operation,

(b) ensure that no public funds are allocated to entities for the purpose of cleaning up or remediating liabilities, and

(c) strengthen existing regulations and enforcement mechanisms to protect current and future taxpayers by holding responsible parties that are accountable.

A debate followed.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, moved that the motion be amended as follows:

(a) by renumbering clauses (a), (b) and (c) as clauses (b), (c) and (d);

(b) by adding the following before clause (b):

(a) recognize that the vast majority of oil and gas producers take their asset retirement obligations seriously and properly decommission and reclaim oil and gas sites at the end of a project,

(c) in clause (b)

(i) by striking out "affirm" and substituting "continue to affirm",

(ii) by striking out "the "polluter pays" principle" and substituting "the "polluter pays" principle adhered to by the Government",

(iii) by striking out "cleanup" and substituting "decommissioning", and

(iv) by striking out "entities" and substituting "licensees";

(d) in clause (c)

(i) by striking out "ensure" and substituting "continue to ensure", and

(ii) by striking out "entities" and substituting "licensees";

(e) in clause (d)

(i) by striking out "strengthen existing" and substituting "continue to review and strengthen existing", and

(ii) by striking out "holding responsible parties that are accountable" and substituting "continuing to hold responsible parties accountable".

Sessional Paper 1065/2023-25

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

Debate continued on the motion as amended.

The question being put, the motion as amended was agreed to.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

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)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 40 Professional Governance Act — Hon. Mrs. Sawhney

Bill 41 Wildlife Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Loewen

Bill 45 Critical Infrastructure Defence Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Amery

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 44 Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Sigurdson

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 49 Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

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 41 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis on April 30, 2025) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1050/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 49 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1066/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 49 (A2) (Hon. Deputy Premier, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 1067/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 45 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1068/2023-25

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 44 Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Sigurdson

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 44 Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Sigurdson

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:44 p.m. until Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Speaker's Statement – Members' Anniversaries

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 10th anniversary of Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, and Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, who were elected on May 5, 2015. The Speaker presented each Member with a 10-year Mace pin.

Speaker's Statement – 80th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands by Canadian and Allied forces.

Members' Statements

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, made a statement regarding the need for disability access legislation in Alberta.

Mr. Lunty, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding the Alberta New Democratic Party.

Dr. Metz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the need for disability access legislation in Alberta.

Hon. Mr. Hunter, Hon. Member for Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the economic relationship between Alberta and the federal government.

Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, read a statement from an Albertan regarding the need for more Government support for home care for Albertans with disabilities.

MLA Tejada, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding the impact a proposed reduction of benefits will have on Albertans with disabilities.

Notices of Motions

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, gave oral notice of the intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

(a) recognize that Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 and Treaty No. 8 between the Crown and First Nations predate the creation of Alberta,

(b) acknowledge that existing aboriginal and treaty rights are recognized and affirmed under section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982, and are binding on federal and provincial governments, and

(c) take all necessary steps to prevent a referendum on the independence of Alberta from Canada, which would be a clear breach of the Government's treaty obligations.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

E-mail message dated April 7, 2025, from Joan Laurie to Hon. Ms Hoffman, expressing concern regarding wait times for joint surgery

Sessional Paper 1069/2023-25

E-mail message dated April 14, 2025, from Shannen to Hon. Ms Hoffman, expressing concern regarding changes in funding for eye exams

Sessional Paper 1070/2023-25

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood:

E-mail message dated May 2, 2025, from Jennifer to MLA Irwin, expressing concern regarding recent comments and actions of the Premier, with attached Canadian Press website article dated August 8, 2014, entitled "Alberta's Wildrose party calls for inquiry into Redford's expenses"

Sessional Paper 1071/2023-25

Mr. Wright, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat:

Calgary Herald website article dated February 8, 2023, entitled "Opinion: It no longer makes sense for Alberta to rely on the RCMP for policing"

Sessional Paper 1072/2023-25

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow:

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion: an International Journal article, undated, entitled "The benefits of inclusion: disability and work in the 21st century," relating to comments made by MLA Kayande during his Member's Statement on May 6, 2025

Sessional Paper 1073/2023-25

MLA Hoyle, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South:

Letter dated March 10, 2025, from Rajesh Kumar to MLA Hoyle, expressing concern regarding changes in funding to Inclusion Alberta

Sessional Paper 1074/2023-25

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung:

Calgary Herald website article dated May 6, 2025, entitled "Premier at heart of province's political upheaval"

Sessional Paper 1075/2023-25

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont:

Letter, undated, from Taylor to Ms Hayter and Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services, expressing concern regarding funding for women's shelters, relating to comments made by Ms Hayter during her Member's Statement on May 1, 2025

Sessional Paper 1076/2023-25

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

E-mail message dated May 5, 2025, from Janice Manchul to Ms Renaud, expressing concern regarding the treatment of disabled Albertans in the healthcare system

Sessional Paper 1077/2023-25

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows:

Edmonton Journal website article dated November 8, 2018, entitled "AISH and seniors benefits will increase with cost of living under NDP bill"

Sessional Paper 1078/2023-25

CBC News website article dated November 4, 2019, entitled "People with severe disabilities feel 'duped' by Alberta government, AISH recipient says"

Sessional Paper 1079/2023-25

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Health:

Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2), College of Registered Nurses of Alberta 2023-2024 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 1080/2023-25

Pursuant to the Public Health Act, cP-37, s7(2), Public Health Appeal Board 2024 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 1081/2023-25

Motions Under Standing Order 42

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

(a) recognize that Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 and Treaty No. 8 between the Crown and First Nations predate the creation of Alberta,

(b) acknowledge that existing aboriginal and treaty rights are recognized and affirmed under section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982, and are binding on federal and provincial governments, and

(c) take all necessary steps to prevent a referendum on the independence of Alberta from Canada, which would be a clear breach of the Government's treaty obligations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 42(1.1) and (1.2), MLA Arcand-Paul and Hon. Mr. Schow commented on the request for unanimous consent.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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 38 Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Nally

MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia, moved that the Bill be amended in section 3 as follows:

(a) in subsection (2)

(i) in clause (a)(iv), in the proposed section 9(2)(d), as follows:

(A) in subclause (iii) by striking out "subject to subsection (5.1),";

(B) in subclause (iv) by striking out "subject to subsection (5.2),", and

(ii) by striking out clause (b);

(b) in subsection (3) as follows:

(i) by striking out clause (a) and substituting the following:

(a) by repealing subsection (3) and substituting the following:

(3) The Advocate must complete the review under subsection (2) and make the report of the review referred to in section 15.4(1) available to the public within one year from the earlier of the following:

(a) the date on which the Chief Medical Examiner provides notification of the death under section 32.1 of the Fatality Inquiries Act;

(b) the date on which the Advocate first collects information from the Registrar of Vital Statistics under subsection (8) about the death of the deceased person.

(ii) by striking out clause (d);

(c) by striking out subsection (8).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated on the voice vote. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 15

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Metz
Batten	Hayter	Schmidt
Boparai	Hoyle	Shepherd
Deol	Irwin	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ellingson	Kayande	Sweet

Against the amendment: 44

Amery	Johnson	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schow
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Schulz
Bouchard	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Long	Singh
de Jonge	Lovely	Stephan
Dreeshen	Lunty	Turton
Dyck	McDougall	van Dijken
Ellis	McIver	Wiebe
Fir	Nally	Williams
Getson	Neudorf	Wilson
Glubish	Nicolaides	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Nixon	Yao
Hunter	Petrovic	Yaseen
Jean	Rowswell	

The question being put that Bill 38, Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, be reported, the motion was agreed to on the voice vote. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 44

Amery	Johnson	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schow
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Schulz
Bouchard	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Long	Singh
de Jonge	Lovely	Stephan
Dreeshen	Lunty	Turton
Dyck	McDougall	van Dijken
Ellis	McIver	Wiebe
Fir	Nally	Williams
Getson	Neudorf	Wilson
Glubish	Nicolaides	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Nixon	Yao
Hunter	Petrovic	Yaseen
Jean	Rowswell	

Against the motion: 15

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Metz
Batten	Hayter	Schmidt
Boparai	Hoyle	Shepherd
Deol	Irwin	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ellingson	Kayande	Sweet

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(4), the Committee recessed at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 39 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Hon. Mr. Sabir moved that the Bill be amended by striking out section 7.

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: 13

Brar	Elmeligi	Ip
Ceci	Goehring	Kasawski
Chapman	Haji	Miyashiro
Dach	Hoffman	Sabir
Eggen		

Against the amendment: 44

Amery	Johnson	Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Sawhney
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Schow
Bouchard	Loewen	Schulz
Cyr	Long	Sigurdson (Highwood)
de Jonge	Lovely	Singh
Dreeshen	Lunty	Stephan
Dyck	McDougall	Turton
Ellis	McIver	Wiebe
Fir	Nally	Williams
Getson	Neudorf	Wilson
Glubish	Nicolaides	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Nixon	Yao
Hunter	Petrovic	Yaseen
Jean	Pitt	

Hon. Mr. Sabir moved that the Bill be amended in section 7 by striking out subsections (2), (4) and (5).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated on the voice vote. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 13

Brar	Elmeligi	Ip
Ceci	Goehring	Kasawski
Chapman	Haji	Miyashiro
Dach	Hoffman	Sabir
Eggen		

Against the amendment: 41

Armstrong-Homeniuk	LaGrange	Schow
Cyr	Loewen	Schulz
de Jonge	Long	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Dreeshen	Lovely	Singh
Dyck	Lunty	Stephan
Ellis	McDougall	Turton
Fir	McIver	van Dijken
Getson	Nally	Wiebe
Glubish	Neudorf	Williams
Horner	Nicolaides	Wilson
Hunter	Nixon	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Jean	Petrovic	Yao
Johnson	Rowswell	Yaseen
Jones	Sawhney	

Hon. Mr. Horner moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

A Section 7(5) is amended by striking out “Subsection (2)(a)” and substituting “This section”.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to on the voice vote. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 44

Amery	Johnson	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schow
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Schulz
Bouchard	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Long	Singh
de Jonge	Lovely	Stephan
Dreeshen	Lunty	Turton
Dyck	McDougall	van Dijken
Ellis	McIver	Wiebe
Fir	Nally	Williams
Getson	Neudorf	Wilson
Glubish	Nicolaides	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Nixon	Yao
Hunter	Petrovic	Yaseen
Jean	Rowswell	

Against the amendment: 12

Ceci	Elmeligi	Ip
Chapman	Goehring	Kasawski
Dach	Haji	Miyashiro
Eggen	Hoffman	Sabir

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 37 Mental Health Services Protection Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Williams

Bill 38 Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Nally

Bill 52 Energy and Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Neudorf

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 39 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 47 Automobile Insurance Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 53 Compassionate Intervention Act — Hon. Mr. Williams

Mr. van Dijken, Deputy 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 53 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1082/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 53 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1083/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 38 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia) — Defeated on division
Sessional Paper 1084/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 52 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1085/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 52 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1086/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 39 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) — Defeated on division
Sessional Paper 1087/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 39 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) — Defeated on division
Sessional Paper 1088/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 39 (A3) (Hon. President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance) — Agreed to on division
Sessional Paper 1089/2023-25

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 54 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Amery

A debate followed.

Mr. Dach moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 55 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Williams on behalf of Hon. Min. LaGrange

A debate followed.

Mr. Kasawski moved adjournment of the debate, which was defeated.

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Ms Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas, the Assembly adjourned at 11:02 p.m. until Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Members' Statements

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding Emergency Preparedness Week.

MLA Calahoo Stonehouse, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding First Nations' opposition to Alberta separatism.

Mr. Bouchard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the relationship between Alberta and the federal government.

Mr. Ip, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement regarding Asian Heritage Month.

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, made a statement regarding recent Government investments in the agriculture sector.

Hon. Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to address Albertans' affordability concerns.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud:

Page 2081 of Alberta Hansard, dated November 22, 2018
Sessional Paper 1090/2023-25

Mr. Ellingson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills:

Report dated April 17, 2025, entitled "Preliminary Analysis of Bill 50: Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025," prepared by Alberta Municipalities
Sessional Paper 1091/2023-25

Hon. Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Cochrane:

Letter dated March 17, 2025, from Hon. Mr. Guthrie to Doug Wylie, Auditor General of Alberta, with attached handwritten notes, concerning allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices

Sessional Paper 1092/2023-25

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services:

Document, undated, entitled "Briefing Note: How the Alberta NDP failed to spend a penny on indexing AISH"

Sessional Paper 1093/2023-25

Dr. Elmeligi, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis:

Letter dated May 5, 2025, from Ruiping Luo, Alberta Wilderness Association, and John E. Marriot, Exposed Wildlife Conservancy, to Hon. Mr. Loewen, Minister of Forestry and Parks, expressing concern regarding wildlife management, with attached document entitled "Additional Information and Questions Asked"

Sessional Paper 1094/2023-25

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood:

Toronto Star website article dated May 7, 2025, entitled "Opinion: Danielle Smith seems as confused about Alberta separation as the rest of us"

Sessional Paper 1095/2023-25

Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South:

Document, undated, entitled "ChatGPT," regarding equalization contributions, relating to comments made by Mr. Stephan during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 39, Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, on May 6, 2025

Sessional Paper 1096/2023-25

Speaker's Statement – Resignation of the Speaker of the Assembly

Honourable Members, I have a statement which I would like to make. As you know, I'm a traditionalist, and I wanted the first address to be to the House – unfortunately, CBC had other ideas – not in a social media post or a Friday afternoon press release but to the Members whom I serve. You deserve to be the first to hear from me.

Serving this Assembly has been one of the greatest honours of my lifetime. Standing alongside each of you and serving you has been a dream that I've lived out each day. But today that dream comes to an end, as my time in the chair will only last a few more minutes.

I believe that we are at a critical time in our province and in our country with respect to how we interact with the world and with the United States of America. How we do that interaction, I believe, is just as important as what we do to interact.

Recently, the Premier asked if I would serve as the Senior Representative to the United States of America based in Washington, D.C. I have accepted that offer and consider it a great honour to serve Albertans and Alberta in a new way. Serving as the 14th Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta over the past almost six years has prepared me for such a time as this. Working as the Assembly's chief diplomat has equipped me to be ready for my next role serving Albertans in a new and meaningful way.

In just a few moments my time in the chair will come to a close. While I will not officially resign as Speaker until Monday evening at midnight, to allow the House and its Members to prepare for a Speaker election, I have spoken with both House Leaders and recommended that a new Speaker election take place on Tuesday, May 13, at 10 a.m. The Deputy Speaker and the Deputy Chair of Committees have accepted the additional responsibilities over the next couple of days and will assist the Assembly while Members prepare themselves for an election.

Did you know that I am the eighth-longest serving Speaker of Alberta? For 2,177 days I've sat through 345 question periods, totaling 287 hours, or 12 full days, of question periods. I've presided over 2,195 hours of debate, or 91 full 24-hour periods, and a whopping 17.9 million words have been spilled on the floor of the Assembly.

Who has been there with me? My colleague the Deputy Speaker. For all of that time we have been on this rocket ride together. Elected in 2015, you have become a true lifetime friend, and I'm proud to have served this Chair with you.

My appointment will take place in early June, and I will serve as a private Member of this Assembly until that time. I will speak directly to the constituents of Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills in the coming days, but suffice to say, in the remaining days of Session as a private Member, I've got a few things to get off my chest.

Thank you to the constituents of Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills who have supported me. Thank you to the moms and dads who make our province what it is. Thank you to the truck drivers and the farmers who make the world spin. And thank you to the volunteers and activists. Without you our collective success is impossible.

They say that you're only as good as the people that you surround yourself with, and I have had some of the greatest in my office. Thank you to Katja for being so incredible, for Andrew for working with me, for not just being a great colleague but an incredible friend.

Thank you to my long-serving chief of staff, whom I owe much of my success to. Some days you were the gas pedal and some days you were the brakes, but you always knew which pedal to push on which days. I appreciate you. I'm sure that you will continue to do great things in the future, whatever comes next for you, but your service to our province has made a huge impact, not just on me but Members of the Assembly, and I am deeply grateful.

Thank you to Brenda in my Olds office for your thousands and thousands of hours of worries, your relentless support, and to all others who've supported me, including Ethan, Nathan, Alana, and many others.

Lastly, to my friends and family: you all know who you are, too many to note today. You've served alongside of me on this team that we've had together. In many ways my service has been your service. Your support has meant the world to me, and this would have been impossible without you. On rare occasions when politicians receive praise and limelight, you deserve all of the credit.

Honourable Members, our democracy is worth fighting for. It's worth standing up for. In my only words of caution this afternoon let me say this: sometimes when we don't like the results of an election here in Alberta, in our country, or around the world, we are inclined to say things like our democracy is broken. I worry that it has a chilling impact on our democracy and our people. Honourable Members, our democracy isn't broken. It's alive and well. It's more accessible and open to an overwhelming majority of Albertans today than it has been at any point in time in our history. If a new Canadian or a young Albertan shows up in Alberta today, it's possible that they can be here in these seats in virtually no time at all. There are tons of examples in this Chamber, that I can see today, that are proof positive that hard work and dedication breeds new hope and new opportunity, and those opportunities lead to a strong, robust, open, and transparent democracy. Our democracy is truly unique. It isn't about how much money you have or whom you know, but it's about building teams of people to work together to accomplish a common goal that has gotten all of us to this point today.

Lastly, let me remind you of this: I have told thousands of young students across our province over the past decade that I have served that there is more in common between all of us than divides us and that every single morning my colleagues in the Government wake up and come to this place to hope to make Alberta the best place to live, work, and raise a family, and my colleagues in the Opposition come to this place every morning with the exact same goal. They wake up with a desire to make Alberta the best place to live, work, and raise a family. The only thing that sets us apart is that one team of people has deeply held passionate views on how to make that happen and the other team holds an entirely different set of values and views on how to make that happen. But together we share a common unity, a common sense of purpose to defend our democracy, to make Alberta the best place to live, work, and raise a family.

Thank you each for your support and trust and respect that you've placed in me as the Speaker, not just your Speaker, but the people's Speaker.

May God bless you. May God bless Alberta.

Now, for the very last time, Honourable Members, we are at Orders of the Day, Ordres du jour.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Ministerial Statements.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, made a statement regarding the resignation of Hon. Nathan Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

Hon. Ms Gray, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 41 Wildlife Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Loewen

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 41 Wildlife Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Loewen

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 50 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. McIver

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, moved that the Bill be amended in section 1 as follows:

(a) in subsection (9) by adding the following after the proposed section 48.1:

Residency and voting for the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation
48.2(1) This section applies to every election that is held after September 1, 2025, in a local jurisdiction in the same area as the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in this Act, an individual is deemed to be a resident of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo for the purposes of sections 21, 27 and 47 to 49 if the individual makes a statement in accordance with subsection (3).

(3) For the purposes of this section, a statement must be in writing and signed by the individual and state that the individual is a resident of land set apart as an Indian reserve, within the meaning of the Indian Act (Canada), for the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation that is entirely within the boundaries of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

(4) A statement referred to in subsection (2) must be submitted with a nomination if

(a) an individual who is being nominated under section 27 is relying on the statement to establish the individual's qualifications in accordance with section 21, and

(b) an individual who signs a nomination in accordance with section 27(1)(b) is relying on the statement to establish the individual's residency of an Indian reserve referred to in subsection (3).

(5) Before opening a voting station in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, the presiding deputy at the voting station must post a notice respecting the entitlement of electors to make a statement referred to in subsection (2) within each voting compartment and at a conspicuous location within the voting station, and the presiding deputy must ensure that the notice remains posted there until the voting station closes.

(6) Before issuing a ballot to an elector, a deputy must offer the elector an opportunity to make a statement referred to in subsection (2).

(7) Notwithstanding anything in this Act, if an elected authority has made a resolution under section 77.1(2) and an application is made for a special ballot, the returning officer or deputy who receives the application must provide the applicant with the following:

(a) the forms referred to in section 77.1(3)(b);

(b) a form containing the statements referred to in subsection (3)(a), (b) and (c) for the elector to complete;

(c) sufficient instructional information on how to complete the form.

(b) in subsection (13) by adding the following after the proposed section 53.03:

Proof of elector eligibility in Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo
53.04(1) This section applies to an election held after September 1, 2025, in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

(2) Notwithstanding section 53, a person who attends at a voting station in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo for the purpose of voting or submits an application for a special ballot under section 77.1(1.1) is permitted to vote if the person

(a) makes a statement in accordance with section 48.2, and

(b) produces one piece of identification issued by a Canadian government, whether federal, provincial or local, or an agency of that government, that contains a photograph of the individual.

(c) by striking out subsection (14) and substituting the following:

(14) Section 69(5) is amended by striking out "section 53(1)(b) or (2) or 78" and substituting "section 48.1, 48.2, 53(1)(b) or (2), 53.03(2)(a), 53.04(2)(l) or 78".

Sessional Paper 1097/2023-25

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	Goehring	Kasawski
Calahoo Stonehouse	Gray	Miyashiro
Dach	Haji	Renaud
Eggen	Hoffman	Sabir
Ellingson	Ip	Schmidt
Elmeligi		

Against the amendment: 43

Amery	Johnson	Pitt
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Rowswell
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Sawhney
Bouchard	Loewen	Schow
Cyr	Long	Schulz
de Jonge	Lovely	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Dreeshen	Lunty	Singh
Dyck	McDougall	Stephan
Ellis	McIver	Turton
Fir	Nally	Wiebe
Getson	Neudorf	Williams
Glubish	Nicolaides	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Nixon	Yao
Hunter	Petrovic	Yaseen
Jean		

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 46 Information and Privacy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Mr. Ip, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, moved that the Bill be amended by striking out section 1(3).

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to on the voice vote. With Mr. van Dijken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 14

Arcand-Paul	Goehring	Miyashiro
Dach	Haji	Renaud
Eggen	Hoffman	Sabir
Ellingson	Ip	Schmidt
Elmeligi	Kasawski	

Against the amendment: 42

Amery	Jean	Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Johnson	Sawhney
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Schow
Bouchard	Loewen	Schulz
Cyr	Long	Sigurdson (Highwood)
de Jonge	Lovely	Singh
Dreeshen	Lunty	Stephan
Dyck	McDougall	Turton
Ellis	McIver	Wiebe
Fir	Nally	Williams
Getson	Nicolaides	Wilson
Glubish	Nixon	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Petrovic	Yao
Hunter	Pitt	Yaseen

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(4), the Committee recessed at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 48 iGaming Alberta Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

Bill 51 Education Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

Bill 53 Compassionate Intervention Act — Hon. Mr. Williams

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 46 Information and Privacy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Bill 47 Automobile Insurance Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 50 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. McIver

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 50 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday) — Defeated on division
Sessional Paper 1097/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 50 (A2) (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1098/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 50 (A3) (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1099/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 46 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West) — Defeated on division
Sessional Paper 1100/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 46 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1101/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 46 (A4) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1102/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 53 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1103/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 53 (A4) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1104/2023-25

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 37 Mental Health Services Protection Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Williams

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 38 Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Nally

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to on the voice vote. With Ms Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 43

Amery	Johnson	Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schow
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Schulz
Bouchard	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Long	Singh
de Jonge	Lovely	Stephan
Dreeshen	Lunty	Turton
Dyck	McDougall	van Dijken
Ellis	McIver	Wiebe
Fir	Nally	Williams
Getson	Neudorf	Wilson
Glubish	Nicolaides	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Nixon	Yao
Hunter	Petrovic	Yaseen
Jean		

Against the motion: 15

Boparai	Gray	Renaud
Calahoo Stonehouse	Hayter	Schmidt
Deol	Hoyle	Shepherd
Ellingson	Irwin	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eremenko	Metz	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 48 iGaming Alberta Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 37 Mental Health Services Protection Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Williams

Bill 38 Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Nally

Bill 48 iGaming Alberta Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 54 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Amery

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to on the voice vote. With Mr. van Dijken in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 43

Amery	Johnson	Pitt
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Rowswell
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Schow
Bouchard	Loewen	Schulz
Cyr	Long	Sigurdson (Highwood)
de Jonge	Lovely	Singh
Dreeshen	Lunty	Stephan
Dyck	McDougall	Turton
Ellis	McIver	Wiebe
Fir	Nally	Williams
Getson	Neudorf	Wilson
Glubish	Nicolaides	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Nixon	Yao
Hunter	Petrovic	Yaseen
Jean		

Against the motion: 14

Boparai	Hayter	Schmidt
Calahoo Stonehouse	Hoyle	Shepherd
Deol	Irwin	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ellingson	Metz	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eremenko	Renaud	

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 55 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

A debate followed.

Hon. Ms Sigurdson moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 54 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Notices of Motions.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motions:

63. Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Assembly shall meet in the morning on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, for consideration of Government business, unless the Government House Leader notifies the Assembly that there shall be no morning sitting that day by providing notice under Notices of Motions in the Daily Routine or at any time prior to adjournment on a sitting day.

64. Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 55, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Second Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:30 p.m. until Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 8, 2025

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Deputy Speaker's Statement – 80th Anniversary of VE Day

The Deputy Speaker made a statement recognizing May 8, 2025, as the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day and recognizing the sacrifices made by service members in defence of Canada.

Deputy Speaker's Statement – Pages of the Assembly

The Deputy Speaker made a statement recognizing the Pages who would not be returning for the next sitting of the Legislature and read a letter from the departing Pages.

Members' Statements

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the importance of supporting local businesses.

Mrs. Johnson, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Josh Reimer.

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont, made a statement regarding Women's Health Week.

Mr. Dyck, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement regarding the recent election of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV.

MLA Boparai, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding proposed legislation concerning addiction and vulnerable youth.

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, made a statement regarding recent actions and comments of the Premier concerning Alberta separatism.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Ellingson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills:

> E-mail message dated May 8, 2025, from Kyle T.H. Smith, Partner, Parlee McLaws LLP, to MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, expressing concern regarding no-fault automobile insurance systems
>
> Sessional Paper 1105/2023-25

Dr. Metz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

> Canadian Medical Association Journal article dated June 17, 2024, entitled "Five Things to Know About Wildfire Smoke"
>
> Sessional Paper 1106/2023-25

> Canadian Medical Association Journal article dated May 5, 2025, entitled "Impact of the 2023 wildfire smoke episodes in Ontario, Canada, on asthma and other health outcomes: an interrupted time-series analysis"
>
> Sessional Paper 1107/2023-25

> Canadian Medical Association Journal article dated May 5, 2025, entitled "Wildfire smoke air pollution: new approaches needed to protect people affected"
>
> Sessional Paper 1108/2023-25

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre:

Advertisement, undated, entitled "A Message to Minister Mike Ellis: Albertans Deserve the Truth About Policing," prepared by the National Police Federation
Sessional Paper 1109/2023-25

Report dated May 2025, entitled "Bill 49: Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act: RMA Member Resources," prepared by Rural Municipalities of Alberta
Sessional Paper 1110/2023-25

Mr. Sinclair, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake:

The Globe and Mail website article, undated, entitled "Alberta Justice Minister has personal relationship with man whose businesses are tied to AHS investigation"
Sessional Paper 1111/2023-25

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Letter dated May 7, 2025, from Shelley Duggan, MD, FRCPC, to members of the Alberta Medical Association, regarding Bill 53, Compassionate Intervention Act
Sessional Paper 1112/2023-25

Ms Wright, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Australian Broadcasting Corporation website article dated December 4, 2022, entitled "Medicare no longer works for patients or doctors, Grattan Institute says," relating to comments made by Ms Wright during Second Reading debate on Bill 55, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, on May 7, 2025
Sessional Paper 1113/2023-25

BuzzFeed website article dated December 9, 2024, entitled " 'I've Lost Trust in the System': 18 Health Insurance Horror Stories That Explain Why Americans Are So Angry at These Companies"
Sessional Paper 1114/2023-25

Document, undated, entitled "Friends of Medicare: Four Decades of Fighting for Public Health Care in Alberta," prepared by Friends of Medicare
Sessional Paper 1115/2023-25

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung:

2 e-mail messages, one dated May 6, 2025, from Cassandrea Gascoyne to Mr. Dach and one dated May 5, 2025, from Tyler Romaniuk to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, both expressing concern regarding recent actions and comments of the Premier with respect to Alberta separatism
Sessional Paper 1116/2023-25

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Sawhney, Minister of Advanced Education:

Pursuant to the Veterinary Profession Act, cV-2, s6.1(2):

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association 2023 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 1117/2023-25

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association 2023-2024 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 1118/2023-25

Pursuant to the Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act, cE-11, s12(4), Association of Science and Engineering Technology Professionals of Alberta 2023 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 1119/2023-25

Pursuant to the Chartered Professional Accountants Act, cC-10.2, s28(2), Chartered Professional Accountants of Alberta 2022-2023 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 1120/2023-25

Pursuant to the Architects Act, cA-44, s6(4), Alberta Association of Architects 2023 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 1121/2023-25

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

63. Oral notice having been given May 7, 2025, moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Assembly shall meet in the morning on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, for consideration of Government business, unless the Government House Leader notifies the Assembly that there shall be no morning sitting that day by providing notice under Notices of Motions in the Daily Routine or at any time prior to adjournment on a sitting day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 52 Energy and Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Neudorf

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 40 Professional Governance Act — Hon. Mrs. Sawhney

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 39 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 39 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 ($) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 40 Professional Governance Act — Hon. Mrs. Sawhney

Bill 52 Energy and Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Neudorf

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:28 p.m. until Monday, May 12, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 12, 2025

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Members' Statements

Mr. Wiebe, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement regarding the Government's freeze on carbon pricing under the Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction Regulation.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding a lack of Government focus on the concerns of Albertans.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding the Government's plan for Calgary's Green Line LRT project.

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington, made a statement regarding the need for Government to increase salaries and classroom support for teachers.

Mr. McDougall, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the Calgary Stampede.

MLA Brar, Hon. Member for Calgary-North East, made a statement regarding Bill 54, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2025.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motions:

69. Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 46, Information and Privacy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

70. Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 47, Automobile Insurance Act, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

71. Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 54, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

72. Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 55, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung:

E-mail message dated May 9, 2025, from Gordon McClure, Chief Electoral Officer, to Hon. Mr. Amery, Minister of Justice, expressing concern regarding Bill 54, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2025

Sessional Paper 1122/2023-25

Report dated February 2025, entitled “Potential Dangers of Blending Hydrogen and Natural Gas in Pipelines,” prepared by Clean Energy Group

Sessional Paper 1123/2023-25

Mr. Wright, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat:

Edmonton Journal website article dated May 9, 2025, entitled "Lorne Gunter: Alberta NDP also has ties to company at centre of health-care controversy"
Sessional Paper 1124/2023-25

Edmonton Journal website article dated May 9, 2025, entitled "Read now: The full text of MHCare's letter to the Alberta government"
Sessional Paper 1125/2023-25

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday:

Edmonton Journal website article dated May 10, 2025, entitled "Indigenous leaders stand up to separatism"
Sessional Paper 1126/2023-25

Mr. Wiebe, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti:

Letter dated May 12, 2025, from Gary Rycroft, Mayor, Town of Beaverlodge, to Hon. Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing concerns regarding comments made by Hon. Mr. Schmidt in the Assembly on May 8, 2025
Sessional Paper 1127/2023-25

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington:

The Canadian Press website article dated May 10, 2025, entitled "Alberta chief electoral officer warns UCP proposals will hurt investigative ability"
Sessional Paper 1128/2023-25

MLA Miyashiro, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

E-mail message dated March 26, 2025, from Chris Schimanski to Hon. Mr. Neudorf, Minister of Affordability and Utilities, expressing concern regarding Government policies related to Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped
Sessional Paper 1129/2023-25

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter dated May 5, 2025, from Gordon McClure, Chief Electoral Officer, to Mr. Getson, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, expressing concern regarding Bill 54, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2025
Sessional Paper 1130/2023-25

Edmonton Journal website article dated May 10, 2025, entitled "If you don't want private hospitals, speak up"
Sessional Paper 1131/2023-25

Mr. Ellingson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills:

The Canadian Encyclopedia website article dated February 7, 2006, entitled "Royal Bank of Canada (RBC)"

Sessional Paper 1132/2023-25

The Economy Journal website article dated May 12, 2025, entitled "More than 3000 companies have left Catalonia after the referendum"

Sessional Paper 1133/2023-25

Scottish Business UK website article undated, entitled "New 'Independence Uncovered' analysis models true cost of taking Scotland out of the UK"

Sessional Paper 1134/2023-25

Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

E-mail message dated May 6, 2025, from Andrea Ruether to Hon. Ms Sigurdson, expressing concern regarding recent actions and comments of the Premier, with respect to Alberta separatism

Sessional Paper 1135/2023-25

MLA Brar, Hon. Member for Calgary-North East:

Calgary Herald website article dated May 10, 2025, entitled "Watchdog slams Alberta for access to information failures"

Sessional Paper 1136/2023-25

Hon. MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

6 e-mail messages addressed to Hon. MLA Ceci, expressing concern regarding the Social Enterprise Fund declining to renew a loan to the Evergreen Theatre Society

Sessional Paper 1137/2023-25

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre:

Calgary Herald website article dated May 10, 2025, entitled "Smith's 'outlet' for separatists puts party over country"

Sessional Paper 1138/2023-25

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 212 Organ and Tissue Donor Information Agreement Act — Dr. Metz

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(1), call it 5:00 p.m., and proceed immediately to consideration of Motion Other Than a Government Motion 524.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

524. Moved by Ms Wright:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

(a) recognize that wages for teachers, registered nurses, educational assistants and other public sector workers have not kept pace with the rapid increase in the cost of living over the last four years, and

(b) urge the Government to consider cost-of-living increases when bargaining with public sector workers for future compensation agreements to ensure that these workers are fairly compensated.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated on the voice vote. With Mr. van Dijken in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 16

Al-Guneid	Hoffman	Renaud
Batten	Hoyle	Shepherd
Boparai	Irwin	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eremenko	Kayande	Sweet
Ganley	Metz	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Hayter		

Against the motion: 43

Amery	Jones	Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk	LaGrange	Sawhney
Bouchard	Loewen	Schow
Cyr	Long	Schulz
de Jonge	Lovely	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Dreeshen	Lunty	Singh
Dyck	McDougall	Stephan
Ellis	McIver	Turton
Fir	Nally	Wiebe
Getson	Neudorf	Williams
Glubish	Nicolaides	Wilson
Horner	Nixon	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Hunter	Petrovic	Yao
Jean	Pitt	Yaseen
Johnson		

Government Motions

64. Oral notice having been given May 7, 2025, moved by Hon. Mr. Amery on behalf of Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 55, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Second Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Amery and Hon. Ms Hoffman commented on the time allocation motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to on the voice vote. With Mr. van Dijken in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 41

Amery	Johnson	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schow
Bouchard	LaGrange	Schulz
Cyr	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
de Jonge	Lovely	Singh
Dreeshen	Lunty	Stephan
Dyck	McDougall	Turton
Ellis	McIver	Wiebe
Fir	Nally	Williams
Getson	Neudorf	Wilson
Glubish	Nicolaides	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Nixon	Yao
Hunter	Petrovic	Yaseen
Jean	Rowswell	

Against the motion: 16

Al-Guneid	Hoffman	Renaud
Batten	Hoyle	Shepherd
Boparai	Irwin	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eremenko	Kayande	Sweet
Ganley	Metz	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Hayter		

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 55 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 64, agreed to on May 12, 2025, and Standing Order 21(1), at 5:49 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 55, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, which was agreed to on the voice vote. With Ms Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 42

Amery	Johnson	Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Sawhney
Bouchard	LaGrange	Schow
Cyr	Loewen	Schulz
de Jonge	Long	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Dreeshen	Lovely	Singh
Dyck	Lunty	Stephan
Ellis	McDougall	Turton
Fir	McIver	Wiebe
Getson	Nally	Williams
Glubish	Neudorf	Wilson
Horner	Nicolaides	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Hunter	Nixon	Yao
Jean	Petrovic	Yaseen

Against the motion: 16

Al-Guneid	Hoffman	Renaud
Batten	Hoyle	Shepherd
Boparai	Irwin	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eremenko	Kayande	Sweet
Ganley	Metz	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Hayter		

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 55 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:06 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 47 Automobile Insurance Act — 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 47 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1139/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 47 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1140/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 47 (A3) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1141/2023-25

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 45 Critical Infrastructure Defence Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Amery

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to on the voice vote. With Ms Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 43

Amery	Jones	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	LaGrange	Schow
Bouchard	Loewen	Schulz
Cyr	Long	Sigurdson (Highwood)
de Jonge	Lovely	Singh
Dreeshen	Lunty	Stephan
Dyck	McDougall	Turton
Ellis	McIver	van Dijken
Fir	Nally	Wiebe
Getson	Neudorf	Williams
Glubish	Nicolaides	Wilson
Horner	Nixon	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Hunter	Petrovic	Yao
Jean	Rowswell	Yaseen
Johnson		

Against the motion: 16

Arcand-Paul	Elmeligi	Kasawski
Brar	Ganley	Miyashiro
Ceci	Goehring	Pancholi
Chapman	Haji	Sabir
Dach	Ip	Tejada
Eggen		

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 51 Education Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to on the voice vote. With Ms Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 43

Amery	Jones	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	LaGrange	Schow
Bouchard	Loewen	Schulz
Cyr	Long	Sigurdson (Highwood)
de Jonge	Lovely	Singh
Dreeshen	Lunty	Stephan
Dyck	McDougall	Turton
Ellis	McIver	van Dijken
Fir	Nally	Wiebe
Getson	Neudorf	Williams
Glubish	Nicolaides	Wilson
Horner	Nixon	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Hunter	Petrovic	Yao
Jean	Rowswell	Yaseen
Johnson		

Against the motion: 16

Arcand-Paul	Elmeligi	Kasawski
Brar	Ganley	Miyashiro
Ceci	Goehring	Pancholi
Chapman	Haji	Sabir
Dach	Ip	Tejada
Eggen		

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 45 Critical Infrastructure Defence Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Bill 51 Education Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the evening sitting, including the first division bell in Committee of the Whole.

Government Motions

65. Moved by Hon. Mr. Amery on behalf of Hon. Mr. Schow:

> Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 46, Information and Privacy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Amery and Hon. Ms Ganley commented on the time allocation motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to on the voice vote. With Ms Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 42

Amery	Johnson	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schow
Bouchard	LaGrange	Schulz
Cyr	Long	Sigurdson (Highwood)
de Jonge	Lovely	Singh
Dreeshen	Lunty	Stephan
Dyck	McDougall	Turton
Ellis	McIver	van Dijken
Fir	Nally	Wiebe
Getson	Neudorf	Williams
Glubish	Nicolaides	Wilson
Horner	Nixon	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Hunter	Petrovic	Yao
Jean	Rowswell	Yaseen

Against the motion: 16

Arcand-Paul	Elmeligi	Kasawski
Brar	Ganley	Miyashiro
Ceci	Goehring	Pancholi
Chapman	Haji	Sabir
Dach	Ip	Tejada
Eggen		

68. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

> Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 50, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Schow and Hon. Mr. Sabir commented on the time allocation motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to on the voice vote. With Ms Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 43

Amery	Jones	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	LaGrange	Schow
Bouchard	Loewen	Schulz
Cyr	Long	Sigurdson (Highwood)
de Jonge	Lovely	Singh
Dreeshen	Lunty	Stephan
Dyck	McDougall	Turton
Ellis	McIver	van Dijken
Fir	Nally	Wiebe
Getson	Neudorf	Williams
Glubish	Nicolaides	Wilson
Horner	Nixon	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Hunter	Petrovic	Yao
Jean	Rowswell	Yaseen
Johnson		

Against the motion: 16

Arcand-Paul	Elmeligi	Kasawski
Brar	Ganley	Miyashiro
Ceci	Goehring	Pancholi
Chapman	Haji	Sabir
Dach	Ip	Tejada
Eggen		

Government Bills and Orders

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 46 Information and Privacy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Pursuant to Government Motion 65, agreed to on May 12, 2025, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:54 p.m. the question was immediately put on the clauses of Bill 46, Information and Privacy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 65, agreed to on May 12, 2025, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:54 p.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble of Bill 46, Information and Privacy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 65, agreed to on May 12, 2025, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:54 p.m. the question was immediately put that Bill 46, Information and Privacy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, be reported, which was agreed to on the voice vote. With Mr. Rowswell at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 43

Amery	Jones	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	LaGrange	Schow
Bouchard	Loewen	Schulz
Cyr	Long	Sigurdson (Highwood)
de Jonge	Lovely	Singh
Dreeshen	Lunty	Stephan
Dyck	McDougall	Turton
Ellis	McIver	van Dijken
Fir	Nally	Wiebe
Getson	Neudorf	Williams
Glubish	Nicolaides	Wilson
Horner	Nixon	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Hunter	Petrovic	Yao
Jean	Pitt	Yaseen
Johnson		

Against the motion: 16

Arcand-Paul	Elmeligi	Kasawski
Brar	Ganley	Miyashiro
Ceci	Goehring	Pancholi
Chapman	Haji	Sabir
Dach	Ip	Tejada
Eggen		

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 50 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Minister of Municipal Affairs

Pursuant to Government Motion 68, agreed to on May 12, 2025, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:59 p.m. the question was immediately put on the remaining clauses of Bill 50, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 68, agreed to on May 12, 2025, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:59 p.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble of Bill 50, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 68, agreed to on May 12, 2025, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:59 p.m. the question was immediately put that Bill 50, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, be reported, which was agreed to on the voice vote. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 42

Amery	Johnson	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schow
Bouchard	LaGrange	Schulz
Cyr	Long	Sigurdson (Highwood)
de Jonge	Lovely	Singh
Dreeshen	Lunty	Stephan
Dyck	McDougall	Turton
Ellis	McIver	van Dijken
Fir	Nally	Wiebe
Getson	Neudorf	Williams
Glubish	Nicolaides	Wilson
Horner	Nixon	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Hunter	Petrovic	Yao
Jean	Rowswell	Yaseen

Against the motion: 15

Arcand-Paul	Eggen	Kasawski
Brar	Elmeligi	Miyashiro
Ceci	Goehring	Pancholi
Chapman	Haji	Sabir
Dach	Ip	Tejada

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 46 Information and Privacy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 50 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Minister of Municipal Affairs

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 46 (A5) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1142/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 50 (A4) (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1143/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 50 (A5) (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1144/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 50 (A6) (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1145/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 50 (A7) (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1146/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 50 (A8) (Government House Leader) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 1147/2023-25

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Notices of Motions.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motions:

73. Be it resolved that

(a) the Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship and the Committee shall be deemed to be the special committee of the Assembly for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive review pursuant to section 37 of that Act,

(b) the Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued, and

(c) in accordance with section 37 of the Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act, the Committee must submit its report to the Assembly within one year after beginning its review and that report is to include any amendments recommended by the Committee.

74. Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the 2025 Spring Sitting of the Assembly shall stand adjourned upon the Government House Leader advising the Assembly that the business for the Sitting is concluded.

75. Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 50, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:07 a.m. Tuesday, May 13, 2025, until 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 10:00 a.m.

Election of Speaker

The Deputy Speaker advised the Assembly that nominations were open, and the following Members were nominated and allowed their names to stand for the position of Speaker:

Hon. Mr. McIver, nominated by Mr. van Dijken;

Ms Sweet, nominated by MLA Eremenko.

Receiving no additional nominations, the Deputy Speaker declared nominations closed.

Ballots were completed by the Members.

The Clerk, Table Officers, and Sergeant-at-Arms retired from the Chamber to count the ballots.

Election Results

The Clerk then announced the following:

> The results of the first ballot for the election of the Speaker are as follows: the number of ballots cast, 84; the number of spoiled ballots, 0; the number of votes required to achieve the 50 percent plus one majority, 43; the Member having received the majority of votes cast, Hon. Mr. McIver. Hon. Mr. McIver is hereby declared Speaker of the Legislative Assembly for the remainder of the 31st Legislature.

Speaker's Address to the Assembly

The Speaker donned his robe. The Speaker thanked the Assembly for the honour conferred upon him with the following speech:

Thank you. I'm grateful for this honour. I'm grateful for everybody here, for the previous Speaker, the Deputy Speaker, and all the rest. I also want to thank the Member for Edmonton-Manning for putting her name forward.

Folks, despite the fact that I've watched this important place for about 13 years, that doesn't mean I won't mess it up. But with your help, I'll flail along until we get better at it. I'm committed to everybody on both sides, to honour the traditions of this place, to be nonpartisan, and to help us get through the business of the day every day. You know what? If we have a little fun, great. Not too much fun. Better fun than nastiness. When that happens, we'll deal with that, too. It's all part of what we do here.

I'm just so grateful.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025 — 1:30 PM

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding recent actions and comments of the Premier concerning Alberta separatism.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding the Government's 10-year strategy to end gender-based violence.

Hon. Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding recent actions and comments of the Premier concerning Alberta separatism.

Mr. Wiebe, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement regarding comments made in the Assembly by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar concerning the town of Beaverlodge.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding National Police Week.

Hon. Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Cochrane, made a statement regarding the qualities of an ideal conservative government.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Ip, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West:

Advertisement entitled "FascinAsian Film Festival," prepared by FascinAsian
Sessional Paper 1148/2023-25

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood:

E-mail message dated May 2, 2025, from Derek Clark to MLA Irwin, expressing concern regarding allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices
Sessional Paper 1149/2023-25

MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia:

Letter dated May 12, 2025, from Erin Norton to all Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing concern regarding changes to the Supports for Permanency Program
Sessional Paper 1150/2023-25

Mr. Haji, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

E-mail message dated May 10, 2025, from Shawna to Mr. Haji, expressing concern regarding Government policies related to health care
Sessional Paper 1151/2023-25

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

The Tyee website article, undated, entitled "Only Alberta Will Claw Back New Federal Money for Disabled People"
Sessional Paper 1152/2023-25

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont:

4 e-mail messages to Ms Hayter, expressing concern regarding Bill 55, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, all relating to comments made by Ms Hayter during Second Reading debate on Bill 55, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, on May 12, 2025
Sessional Paper 1153/2023-25

Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

E-mail message dated May 9, 2025, from Marie Walker to Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Health, expressing concern regarding Bill 55, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025
Sessional Paper 1154/2023-25

Letter dated May 6, 2025, from Debby Waldman to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices

Sessional Paper 1155/2023-25

MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia:

E-mail message dated May 7, 2025, sender's name redacted, to MLA Batten, expressing concern regarding Government policies relating to affordable child care

Sessional Paper 1156/2023-25

Hon. Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Cochrane:

Letter dated March 17, 2025, from Hon. Mr. Guthrie to Doug Wylie, Auditor General of Alberta, concerning changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Sessional Paper 1157/2023-25

Letter dated March 17, 2025, from Hon. Mr. Guthrie to Doug Wylie, Auditor General of Alberta, concerning a meeting with David Moretta relating to rail infrastructure in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1158/2023-25

Mr. Ellingson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills:

McCourt Law Offices website article dated October 30, 2019, entitled "Clarity From an Innocent Injured Alberta Auto Accident Victim," relating to comments made by Mr. Ellingson during Second Reading debate on Bill 47, Automobile Insurance Act, on May 12, 2025

Sessional Paper 1159/2023-25

McCourt Law Offices website article dated December 11, 2019, entitled "Former Insurance Industry Insider Exposes the Hypocrisy of Insurance Lobby Demands"

Sessional Paper 1160/2023-25

Meltwater website article dated May 10, 2025, entitled "Teachers deserve better, and so do Alberta families; It's time to make education a priority, Shelley Wiart writes"

Sessional Paper 1161/2023-25

Letter dated May 8, 2025, from Alexandra Tenney to Mr. Ellingson, expressing concern regarding Bill 54, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2025

Sessional Paper 1162/2023-25

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Amery, Minister of Justice, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s5(4):

Law Society of Alberta 2024 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 1163/2023-25

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 54 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Bill 55 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

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 55 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1164/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 55 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1165/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 54 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1166/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 54 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1167/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 54 (A3) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1168/2023-25

Hon. Mr. Williams, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the afternoon.

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 46 Information and Privacy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Hon. Mr. Glubish moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Motions

69. Oral notice having been given May 12, 2025, moved by Hon. Mr. Williams on behalf of Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 46, Information and Privacy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Williams and Hon. Mr. Sabir commented on the time allocation motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to on the voice vote. With Mr. van Dijken in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 42

Amery	Johnson	Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Sawhney
Bouchard	LaGrange	Schow
Cooper	Loewen	Schulz
Cyr	Long	Sigurdson (Highwood)
de Jonge	Lovely	Singh
Dreeshen	Lunty	Stephan
Dyck	McDougall	Turton
Ellis	Nally	Wiebe
Fir	Neudorf	Williams
Getson	Nicolaides	Wilson
Glubish	Nixon	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Petrovic	Yao
Jean	Pitt	Yaseen

Against the motion: 14

Arcand-Paul	Elmeligi	Miyashiro
Brar	Goehring	Pancholi
Chapman	Haji	Sabir
Dach	Ip	Tejada
Ellingson	Kasawski	

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 46 Information and Privacy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025 — 7:30 P.M.

Hon. Mr. Williams, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the evening sitting, including the first division of Committee of the Whole.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 53 Compassionate Intervention Act — Hon. Mr. Williams

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 46 Information and Privacy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 69, agreed to on May 13, 2025, and Standing Order 21(1), at 8:24 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 46, Information and Privacy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, which 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: 43

Amery	Johnson	Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Sawhney
Bouchard	LaGrange	Schow
Cooper	Loewen	Schulz
Cyr	Long	Sigurdson (Highwood)
de Jonge	Lovely	Singh
Dreeshen	Lunty	Stephan
Dyck	McDougall	Turton
Ellis	Nally	Wiebe
Fir	Neudorf	Williams
Getson	Nicolaides	Wilson
Glubish	Nixon	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Petrovic	Yao
Hunter	Pitt	Yaseen
Jean		

Against the motion: 16

Al-Guneid	Hayter	Metz
Arcand-Paul	Hoffman	Shepherd
Batten	Hoyle	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Boparai	Irwin	Sweet
Calahoo Stonehouse	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eremenko		

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 53 Compassionate Intervention Act — Hon. Mr. Williams

Bill 46 Information and Privacy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Government Motions

66. Moved by Hon. Mr. Williams on behalf of Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 47, Automobile Insurance Act, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Williams and MLA Kayande commented on the time allocation motion.

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: 43

Amery	Johnson	Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Sawhney
Bouchard	LaGrange	Schow
Cooper	Loewen	Schulz
Cyr	Long	Sigurdson (Highwood)
de Jonge	Lovely	Singh
Dreeshen	Lunty	Stephan
Dyck	McDougall	Turton
Ellis	Nally	Wiebe
Fir	Neudorf	Williams
Getson	Nicolaides	Wilson
Glubish	Nixon	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Petrovic	Yao
Hunter	Pitt	Yaseen
Jean		

Against the motion: 16

Al-Guneid	Hayter	Metz
Arcand-Paul	Hoffman	Shepherd
Batten	Hoyle	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Boparai	Irwin	Sweet
Calahoo Stonehouse	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eremenko		

67. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

> Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 49, Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Schow and Mr. Shepherd commented on the time allocation motion.

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: 43

Amery	Johnson	Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Sawhney
Bouchard	LaGrange	Schow
Cooper	Loewen	Schulz
Cyr	Long	Sigurdson (Highwood)
de Jonge	Lovely	Singh
Dreeshen	Lunty	Stephan
Dyck	McDougall	Turton
Ellis	Nally	Wiebe
Fir	Neudorf	Williams
Getson	Nicolaides	Wilson
Glubish	Nixon	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Petrovic	Yao
Hunter	Pitt	Yaseen
Jean		

Against the motion: 15

Al-Guneid	Hayter	Metz
Batten	Hoffman	Shepherd
Boparai	Hoyle	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Calahoo Stonehouse	Irwin	Sweet
Eremenko	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

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 47 Automobile Insurance Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

Pursuant to Government Motion 66, agreed to on May 13, 2025, and Standing Order 21(1), at 9:53 p.m. the question was immediately put on the clauses of Bill 47, Automobile Insurance Act, which was agreed to on the voice vote. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 42

Amery	Jean	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Johnson	Schow
Bouchard	Jones	Schulz
Cooper	LaGrange	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Loewen	Singh
de Jonge	Long	Stephan
Dreeshen	Lunty	Turton
Dyck	McDougall	van Dijken
Ellis	Nally	Wiebe
Fir	Neudorf	Williams
Getson	Nicolaides	Wilson
Glubish	Nixon	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Petrovic	Yao
Hunter	Rowswell	Yaseen

Against the motion: 15

Al-Guneid	Hayter	Metz
Batten	Hoffman	Shepherd
Boparai	Hoyle	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Calahoo Stonehouse	Irwin	Sweet
Eremenko	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

Pursuant to Government Motion 66, agreed to on May 13, 2025, and Standing Order 21(1), at 9:56 p.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble of Bill 47, Automobile Insurance Act, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 66, agreed to on May 13, 2025, and Standing Order 21(1), at 9:57 p.m. the question was immediately put that Bill 47, Automobile Insurance Act, be reported, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 49 Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

Pursuant to Government Motion 67, agreed to on May 13, 2025, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:57 p.m. the question was immediately put on the remaining clauses of Bill 49, Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, which was agreed to on the voice vote. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 43

Amery	Johnson	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schow
Bouchard	LaGrange	Schulz
Cooper	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Long	Singh
de Jonge	Lovely	Stephan
Dreeshen	Lunty	Turton
Dyck	McDougall	van Dijken
Ellis	Nally	Wiebe
Fir	Neudorf	Williams
Getson	Nicolaides	Wilson
Glubish	Nixon	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Petrovic	Yao
Hunter	Rowswell	Yaseen
Jean		

Against the motion: 15

Al-Guneid	Hayter	Metz
Batten	Hoffman	Shepherd
Boparai	Hoyle	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Calahoo Stonehouse	Irwin	Sweet
Eremenko	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

Pursuant to Government Motion 67, agreed to on May 13, 2025, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:02 p.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble of Bill 49, Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 67, agreed to on May 13, 2025, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:02 p.m. the question was immediately put that Bill 49, Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, be reported, which was agreed to.

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 47 Automobile Insurance Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 49 Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

Mr. Cooper, 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 49 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1169/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 49 (A4) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1170/2023-25

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 47 Automobile Insurance Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

Hon. Mr. Horner moved adjournment of the debate, which 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: 43

Amery	Johnson	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schow
Bouchard	LaGrange	Schulz
Cooper	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Long	Singh
de Jonge	Lunty	Stephan
Dreeshen	McDougall	Turton
Dyck	Nally	van Dijken
Ellis	Neudorf	Wiebe
Fir	Nicolaides	Williams
Getson	Nixon	Wilson
Glubish	Petrovic	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Pitt	Yao
Hunter	Rowswell	Yaseen
Jean		

Against the motion: 15

Al-Guneid	Hayter	Metz
Batten	Hoffman	Shepherd
Boparai	Hoyle	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Calahoo Stonehouse	Irwin	Sweet
Eremenko	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 50 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Minister of Municipal Affairs

Hon. Mr. Schow moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to on the voice vote. With Ms Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 43

Amery	Johnson	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schow
Bouchard	LaGrange	Schulz
Cooper	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Long	Singh
de Jonge	Lovely	Stephan
Dreeshen	Lunty	Turton
Dyck	McDougall	van Dijken
Ellis	Nally	Wiebe
Fir	Neudorf	Williams
Getson	Nicolaides	Wilson
Glubish	Nixon	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Petrovic	Yao
Hunter	Rowswell	Yaseen
Jean		

Against the motion: 15

Al-Guneid	Hayter	Metz
Batten	Hoffman	Shepherd
Boparai	Hoyle	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Calahoo Stonehouse	Irwin	Sweet
Eremenko	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

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70. Oral notice having been given May 12, 2025, moved by Hon. Mr. Williams on behalf of Hon. Mr. Schow:

> Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 47, Automobile Insurance Act, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Williams and MLA Irwin commented on the time allocation motion.

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: 44

Amery	Johnson	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schow
Bouchard	LaGrange	Schulz
Cooper	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Long	Singh
de Jonge	Lovely	Stephan
Dreeshen	Lunty	Turton
Dyck	McDougall	van Dijken
Ellis	Nally	Wiebe
Fir	Neudorf	Williams
Getson	Nicolaides	Wilson
Glubish	Nixon	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Petrovic	Yao
Hunter	Pitt	Yaseen
Jean	Rowswell	

Against the motion: 15

Al-Guneid	Hayter	Metz
Batten	Hoffman	Shepherd
Boparai	Hoyle	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Calahoo Stonehouse	Irwin	Sweet
Eremenko	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

75. Oral notice having been given May 12, 2025, moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

> Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 50, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Schow and Mr. Shepherd commented on the time allocation motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 47 Automobile Insurance Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 70, agreed to on May 13, 2025, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:36 a.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 47, Automobile Insurance Act, which 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: 42

Amery	Johnson	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schow
Bouchard	LaGrange	Schulz
Cooper	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Lovely	Singh
Dreeshen	Lunty	Stephan
Dyck	McDougall	Turton
Ellis	Nally	van Dijken
Fir	Neudorf	Wiebe
Getson	Nicolaides	Williams
Glubish	Nixon	Wilson
Horner	Petrovic	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Hunter	Pitt	Yao
Jean	Rowswell	Yaseen

Against the motion: 15

Al-Guneid	Hayter	Metz
Batten	Hoffman	Shepherd
Boparai	Hoyle	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Calahoo Stonehouse	Irwin	Sweet
Eremenko	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 50 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Minister of Municipal Affairs

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 75, agreed to on May 13, 2025, and Standing Order 21(1), at 1:41 a.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 50, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, which was agreed to on the voice vote. With Mr. van Dijken in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 42

Amery	Johnson	Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Sawhney
Bouchard	LaGrange	Schow
Cooper	Loewen	Schulz
Cyr	Long	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Dreeshen	Lovely	Singh
Dyck	Lunty	Stephan
Ellis	McDougall	Turton
Fir	Nally	Wiebe
Getson	Neudorf	Williams
Glubish	Nicolaides	Wilson
Horner	Nixon	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Hunter	Petrovic	Yao
Jean	Pitt	Yaseen

Against the motion: 14

Al-Guneid	Hayter	Metz
Batten	Hoffman	Shepherd
Boparai	Hoyle	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Calahoo Stonehouse	Irwin	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eremenko	Kayande	

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 47 Automobile Insurance Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 50 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Minister of Municipal Affairs

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Notices of Motions.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

79. Be it resolved that the membership of the Assembly's committees be replaced as follows:

(a) on the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services, that Hon. Mr. McIver replace Mr. Cooper as Chair, and that Hon. Mr. McIver replace Mr. Cooper.

Government Motions

74. Oral notice having been given May 12, 2025, moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the 2025 Spring Sitting of the Assembly shall stand adjourned upon the Government House Leader advising the Assembly that the business for the Sitting is concluded.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

73. Oral notice having been given May 12, 2025, moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that

(a) the Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship and the Committee shall be deemed to be the special committee of the Assembly for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive review pursuant to section 37 of that Act,

(b) the Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued, and

(c) in accordance with section 37 of the Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act, the Committee must submit its report to the Assembly within one year after beginning its review and that report is to include any amendments recommended by the Committee.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:50 a.m. Wednesday, May 14, 2025, until 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Members' Statements

Hon. Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding Vyshyvanka Day.

Mr. Haji, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding Bill 54, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2025.

Mrs. Johnson, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding the Ponoka Rising Sun Clubhouse.

Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding recent actions and comments of the Premier concerning Alberta separatism.

Mr. Sinclair, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding his principles and values as a conservative.

Dr. Elmeligi, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, made a statement regarding a lack of Government support for rural health care.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented the following report:

> Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Audit-focused Meetings, Thirty-First Legislature, First Session, May 2025
>
> Sessional Paper 1171/2023-25

Tabling Returns and Reports

Dr. Elmeligi, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis:

> Letter dated February 22, 2025, from Jeanine McColl to Dr. Elmeligi, expressing concern regarding illegal cougar hunting
>
> Sessional Paper 1172/2023-25

> E-mail message dated April 15, 2025, from Kaylene Duttchen, MD, FRCPC, to Dr. Elmeligi and Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, expressing concern regarding Government policies affecting health care
>
> Sessional Paper 1173/2023-25

MLA Hoyle, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South:

> Document, undated, entitled "My Healthcare Journey," prepared by Denise Leroux
>
> Sessional Paper 1174/2023-25

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services:

> National Post article dated April 2, 2025, entitled "Jesse Kline: Mark Carney's five-year plan for Soviet-style housing"
>
> Sessional Paper 1175/2023-25

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

> Report, undated, entitled "Operation Profit: Private Surgical Contracts Deliver Higher Costs and Longer Waits," prepared by the Parkland Institute
>
> Sessional Paper 1176/2023-25

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow:

E-mail message dated April 19, 2025, from Joel Lethaby to MLA Kayande, expressing concern regarding Government policies related to bicycle lane infrastructure in Edmonton and Calgary

Sessional Paper 1177/2023-25

E-mail message dated March 24, 2025, from Heather Hudson to Hon. Mr. Jean, Minister of Energy and Minerals, expressing concern regarding coal mining on the eastern slopes

Sessional Paper 1178/2023-25

5 e-mail messages, all addressed to MLA Kayande, expressing concern regarding recent actions and comments of the Premier with respect to Alberta's relationship with the United States

Sessional Paper 1179/2023-25

E-mail message dated April 2, 2025, from Mark Kuspira, President, Crush Imports, to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, all other Ministers, and members of the Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Commission, expressing concern regarding increased ad velorem taxes on wine

Sessional Paper 1180/2023-25

Mr. Haji, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

Folio website article dated January 30, 2025, entitled "Study reveals mental health toll of underemployment among skilled immigrants"

Sessional Paper 1181/2023-25

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood:

Report dated March 2025, entitled "Edmonton Point-in-Time Count of Homelessness, October 10, 2024," prepared by Homeward Trust

Sessional Paper 1182/2023-25

MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia:

Report, undated, entitled "Silent Cries: Child Abuse Trends in Alberta," prepared by Red Deer Polytechnic, the Central Alberta Child Advocacy Centre, and the Sheldon Kennedy Centre of Excellence, relating to comments made by MLA Batten during Third Reading debate on Bill 50, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, on May 13, 2025

Sessional Paper 1183/2023-25

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

The Globe and Mail website article, undated, entitled "We wasted 60 years indulging secessionist fantasies in Quebec. Must we make the same mistake in Alberta?"

Sessional Paper 1184/2023-25

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung:

Edmonton Journal website article dated November 8, 2023, entitled "Anthem singer honours veterans in Cree ahead of national Indigenous ceremony Wednesday"

Sessional Paper 1185/2023-25

E-mail message dated March 13, 2025, sender's name redacted, to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, and Hon. Mr. Jones, Minister of Jobs, Economy and Trade, expressing concern regarding recent changes to childcare subsidies

Sessional Paper 1186/2023-25

E-mail message dated May 13, 2025, from Terry and Marie Lund to Mr. Dach, expressing concern regarding recent actions and comments of the Premier with respect to Alberta separatism

Sessional Paper 1187/2023-25

2 e-mail messages, one from Terry and Marie Lund and the other sender's name redacted, to Mr. Dach, expressing concern regarding Government policies concerning health care

Sessional Paper 1188/2023-25

E-mail message dated May 9, 2025, to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding Government policies with respect to optometry supports, with attached articles related to optometry supports

Sessional Paper 1189/2023-25

MLA Miyashiro, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

Report, undated, entitled "Government Scientists Identify Coal Mining's Threats to Southern Alberta Agribusiness," prepared by the editors of Water for Food

Sessional Paper 1190/2023-25

Mr. Ellingson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills:

Report, undated, entitled "Police-Reported Crime in Rural Areas of the Canadian Provinces, 2023," prepared by Statistics Canada

Sessional Paper 1191/2023-25

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont:

Report dated May 2025, entitled "Building on our Strengths: Alberta's 10-year Strategy to End Gender-Based Violence," prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 1192/2023-25

CBC News website article dated June 24, 2024, entitled "New Alberta NDP leader Nenshi outlines priorities as party names Opposition leader"

Sessional Paper 1193/2023-25

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas:

> Responses to questions raised on March 13, 2025, Ministry of Environment and Protected Areas, 2025-26 Main Estimates debate
>
> Sessional Paper 1194/2023-25

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Sawhney, Minister of Advanced Education:

> Pursuant to the Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act, cE-11, s12(4), Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta 2023 Annual Report
>
> Sessional Paper 1195/2023-25

> Pursuant to the Agrology Profession Act, cA-13.5, s4(2), Alberta Institute of Agrologists 2024 Annual Report
>
> Sessional Paper 1196/2023-25

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the afternoon, including the first division in Committee of the Whole.

Government Motions

79. Oral notice having been given May 13, 2025, moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

> Be it resolved that the membership of the Assembly's committees be replaced as follows:
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> (a) on the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services, that Hon. Mr. McIver replace Mr. Cooper as Chair, and that Hon. Mr. McIver replace Mr. Cooper.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders / Private Bills

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill Pr5 Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta Act — MLA Miyashiro

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill Pr6 Burman University Amendment Act, 2025 — Mrs. Johnson

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill Pr5 Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta Act — MLA Miyashiro

Bill Pr6 Burman University Amendment Act, 2025 — Mrs. Johnson

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 49 Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

Hon. Mr. Ellis moved adjournment of the debate, which 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: 44

Amery	Jean	Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Johnson	Sawhney
Boitchenko	Jones	Schow
Bouchard	LaGrange	Schulz
Cooper	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Long	Singh
de Jonge	Lovely	Stephan
Dreeshen	Lunty	Turton
Dyck	McDougall	van Dijken
Ellis	Nally	Wiebe
Fir	Neudorf	Wilson
Getson	Nicolaides	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Glubish	Nixon	Yao
Horner	Petrovic	Yaseen
Hunter	Pitt	

Against the motion: 18

Al-Guneid	Ganley	Renaud
Batten	Gray	Schmidt
Boparai	Hoyle	Shepherd
Calahoo Stonehouse	Irwin	Sweet
Ellingson	Kayande	Tejada
Eremenko	Metz	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

Government Motions

71. Oral notice having been given May 12, 2025, moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

> Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 54, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Schow and MLA Eremenko commented on the time allocation motion.

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: 43

Amery	Johnson	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schow
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Schulz
Bouchard	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cooper	Long	Singh
Cyr	Lovely	Stephan
de Jonge	Lunty	Turton
Dreeshen	Nally	van Dijken
Dyck	Neudorf	Wiebe
Ellis	Nicolaides	Williams
Fir	Nixon	Wilson
Getson	Petrovic	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Glubish	Pitt	Yao
Hunter	Rowswell	Yaseen
Jean		

Against the motion: 19

Al-Guneid	Gray	Renaud
Batten	Hayter	Schmidt
Boparai	Hoyle	Shepherd
Calahoo Stonehouse	Irwin	Sweet
Ellingson	Kayande	Tejada
Eremenko	Metz	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Ganley		

72. Oral notice having been given May 12, 2025, moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

> Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 55, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Schow and Dr. Metz commented on the time allocation motion.

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: 43

Amery	Johnson	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schow
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Schulz
Bouchard	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cooper	Long	Singh
Cyr	Lovely	Stephan
de Jonge	Lunty	Turton
Dreeshen	Nally	van Dijken
Dyck	Neudorf	Wiebe
Ellis	Nicolaides	Williams
Fir	Nixon	Wilson
Getson	Petrovic	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Glubish	Pitt	Yao
Hunter	Rowswell	Yaseen
Jean		

Against the motion: 19

Al-Guneid	Gray	Renaud
Batten	Hayter	Schmidt
Boparai	Hoyle	Shepherd
Calahoo Stonehouse	Irwin	Sweet
Ellingson	Kayande	Tejada
Eremenko	Metz	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Ganley		

76. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

> Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 49, Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Schow and Mr. Shepherd commented on the time allocation motion.

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: 42

Amery	Johnson	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schow
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Schulz
Bouchard	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cooper	Long	Singh
Cyr	Lovely	Stephan
de Jonge	Lunty	Turton
Dyck	Nally	van Dijken
Ellis	Neudorf	Wiebe
Fir	Nicolaides	Williams
Getson	Nixon	Wilson
Glubish	Petrovic	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Hunter	Pitt	Yao
Jean	Rowswell	Yaseen

Against the motion: 18

Al-Guneid	Gray	Renaud
Batten	Hayter	Schmidt
Boparai	Hoyle	Shepherd
Calahoo Stonehouse	Irwin	Sweet
Ellingson	Kayande	Tejada
Eremenko	Metz	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 49 Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 76, agreed to on May 14, 2025, and Standing Order 21(1), at 5:02 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 49, Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, which 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: 43

Amery	Johnson	Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schow
Bouchard	LaGrange	Schulz
Cooper	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Long	Singh
de Jonge	Lovely	Smith
Dreeshen	Lunty	Stephan
Dyck	McDougall	Turton
Ellis	Nally	van Dijken
Fir	Neudorf	Wiebe
Getson	Nicolaides	Williams
Glubish	Nixon	Wilson
Horner	Petrovic	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Hunter	Pitt	Yaseen
Jean		

Against the motion: 16

Al-Guneid	Hayter	Renaud
Batten	Hoyle	Schmidt
Boparai	Irwin	Shepherd
Calahoo Stonehouse	Kayande	Sweet
Ellingson	Metz	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eremenko		

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 49 Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

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)

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(4), the Committee recessed at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders / Private Bills

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 55 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Mr. McDougall, 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 55 (A3) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1197/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 55 (A4) (Hon. Minister of Justice) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 1198/2023-25

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the evening, including the first division in Committee of the Whole.

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 54 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, moved that the Bill be amended in section 7(57) by striking out clauses (a) and (b).

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to on the voice vote. With Mr. van Dijken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 31

Al-Guneid	Elmeligi	Kayande
Arcand-Paul	Eremenko	Metz
Batten	Ganley	Miyashiro
Boparai	Gray	Renaud
Brar	Haji	Schmidt
Ceci	Hayter	Shepherd
Chapman	Hoyle	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Dach	Ip	Sweet
Deol	Irwin	Tejada
Eggen	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Ellingson		

Against the amendment: 41

Amery	Johnson	Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Sawhney
Bouchard	LaGrange	Schow
Cooper	Loewen	Schulz
Cyr	Long	Sigurdson (Highwood)
de Jonge	Lovely	Singh
Dreeshen	Lunty	Stephan
Dyck	McDougall	Wiebe
Ellis	Nally	Williams
Fir	Neudorf	Wilson
Getson	Nicolaides	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Glubish	Nixon	Yao
Hunter	Petrovic	Yaseen
Jean	Pitt	

Pursuant to Government Motion 71, agreed to on May 14, 2025, and Standing Order 21(1), at 8:34 p.m. the question was immediately put on the remaining clauses of Bill 54, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, which was agreed to on the voice vote. With Mr. van Dijken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 42

Amery	Jean	Pitt
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Johnson	Rowswell
Bouchard	Jones	Sawhney
Cooper	LaGrange	Schow
Cyr	Loewen	Schulz
de Jonge	Long	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Dreeshen	Lovely	Singh
Dyck	Lunty	Stephan
Ellis	McDougall	Wiebe
Fir	Nally	Williams
Getson	Neudorf	Wilson
Glubish	Nicolaides	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Nixon	Yao
Hunter	Petrovic	Yaseen

Against the motion: 35

Al-Guneid	Elmeligi	Kayande
Arcand-Paul	Eremenko	Metz
Batten	Ganley	Miyashiro
Boparai	Goehring	Renaud
Brar	Gray	Sabir
Calahoo Stonehouse	Haji	Schmidt
Ceci	Hayter	Shepherd
Chapman	Hoffman	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Dach	Hoyle	Sweet
Deol	Ip	Tejada
Eggen	Irwin	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Ellingson	Kasawski	

Pursuant to Government Motion 71, agreed to on May 14, 2025, and Standing Order 21(1), at 8:39 p.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble of Bill 54, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 71, agreed to on May 14, 2025, and Standing Order 21(1), at 8:39 p.m. the question was immediately put that Bill 54, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, be reported, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 55 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Pursuant to Government Motion 72, agreed to on May 14, 2025, and Standing Order 21(1), at 8:48 p.m. the question was immediately put on the remaining clauses of Bill 55, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, which was agreed to on the voice vote. With Mr. van Dijken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 44

Amery	Jean	Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Johnson	Sawhney
Boitchenko	Jones	Schow
Bouchard	LaGrange	Schulz
Cooper	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Long	Singh
de Jonge	Lovely	Stephan
Dreeshen	Lunty	Turton
Dyck	McDougall	Wiebe
Ellis	Nally	Williams
Fir	Neudorf	Wilson
Getson	Nicolaides	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Glubish	Nixon	Yao
Horner	Petrovic	Yaseen
Hunter	Pitt	

Against the motion: 35

Al-Guneid	Elmeligi	Kayande
Arcand-Paul	Eremenko	Metz
Batten	Ganley	Miyashiro
Boparai	Goehring	Renaud
Brar	Gray	Sabir
Calahoo Stonehouse	Haji	Schmidt
Ceci	Hayter	Shepherd
Chapman	Hoffman	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Dach	Hoyle	Sweet
Deol	Ip	Tejada
Eggen	Irwin	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Ellingson	Kasawski	

Pursuant to Government Motion 72, agreed to on May 14, 2025, and Standing Order 21(1), at 8:53 p.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble of Bill 55, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 72, agreed to on May 14, 2025, and Standing Order 21(1), at 8:53 p.m. the question was immediately put that Bill 55, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, be reported, which was agreed to.

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill Pr5 Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta Act — MLA Miyashiro

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

Bill 54 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Bill 55 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Bill Pr6 Burman University Amendment Act, 2025 — Mrs. Johnson

Mr. Cooper, 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 54 (A4) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 1199/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 54 (A5) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1200/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 54 (A6) (Hon. Minister of Justice) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 1201/2023-25

Amendment to Bill Pr6 (A1) (Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 1202/2023-25

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 54 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Amery

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Schow moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 55 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Hon. Min. LaGrange moved adjournment of the debate, which 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	Johnson	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schow
Bouchard	LaGrange	Schulz
Cooper	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Long	Singh
de Jonge	Lovely	Smith
Dreeshen	Lunty	Stephan
Dyck	McDougall	Turton
Ellis	Nally	van Dijken
Fir	Neudorf	Wiebe
Getson	Nicolaides	Williams
Glubish	Nixon	Wilson
Horner	Petrovic	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Hunter	Pitt	Yao
Jean	Rowswell	Yaseen

Against the motion: 35

Al-Guneid	Elmeligi	Kayande
Arcand-Paul	Eremenko	Metz
Batten	Ganley	Miyashiro
Boparai	Goehring	Renaud
Brar	Gray	Sabir
Calahoo Stonehouse	Haji	Schmidt
Ceci	Hayter	Shepherd
Chapman	Hoffman	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Dach	Hoyle	Sweet
Deol	Ip	Tejada
Eggen	Irwin	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Ellingson	Kasawski	

Government Motions

77. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

> Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 54, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Schow and Hon. Ms Ganley commented on the time allocation motion.

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	Johnson	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schow
Bouchard	LaGrange	Schulz
Cooper	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Long	Singh
de Jonge	Lovely	Smith
Dreeshen	Lunty	Stephan
Dyck	McDougall	Turton
Ellis	Nally	van Dijken
Fir	Neudorf	Wiebe
Getson	Nicolaides	Williams
Glubish	Nixon	Wilson
Horner	Petrovic	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Hunter	Pitt	Yao
Jean	Rowswell	Yaseen

Against the motion: 35

Al-Guneid	Elmeligi	Kayande
Arcand-Paul	Eremenko	Metz
Batten	Ganley	Miyashiro
Boparai	Goehring	Renaud
Brar	Gray	Sabir
Calahoo Stonehouse	Haji	Schmidt
Ceci	Hayter	Shepherd
Chapman	Hoffman	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Dach	Hoyle	Sweet
Deol	Ip	Tejada
Eggen	Irwin	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Ellingson	Kasawski	

78. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

> Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 55, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Schow and Ms Sweet commented on the time allocation motion.

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	Johnson	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schow
Bouchard	LaGrange	Schulz
Cooper	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Long	Singh
de Jonge	Lovely	Smith
Dreeshen	Lunty	Stephan
Dyck	McDougall	Turton
Ellis	Nally	van Dijken
Fir	Neudorf	Wiebe
Getson	Nicolaides	Williams
Glubish	Nixon	Wilson
Horner	Petrovic	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Hunter	Pitt	Yao
Jean	Rowswell	Yaseen

Against the motion: 35

Al-Guneid	Elmeligi	Kayande
Arcand-Paul	Eremenko	Metz
Batten	Ganley	Miyashiro
Boparai	Goehring	Renaud
Brar	Gray	Sabir
Calahoo Stonehouse	Haji	Schmidt
Ceci	Hayter	Shepherd
Chapman	Hoffman	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Dach	Hoyle	Sweet
Deol	Ip	Tejada
Eggen	Irwin	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Ellingson	Kasawski	

Government Bills and Orders / Private Bills

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 54 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Amery

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 77, agreed to on May 14, 2025, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:41 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 54, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, which was agreed to on the voice vote. With Hon. McIver in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 45

Amery	Johnson	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schow
Bouchard	LaGrange	Schulz
Cooper	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Long	Singh
de Jonge	Lovely	Smith
Dreeshen	Lunty	Stephan
Dyck	McDougall	Turton
Ellis	Nally	van Dijken
Fir	Neudorf	Wiebe
Getson	Nicolaides	Williams
Glubish	Nixon	Wilson
Horner	Petrovic	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Hunter	Pitt	Yao
Jean	Rowswell	Yaseen

Against the motion: 35

Al-Guneid	Elmeligi	Kayande
Arcand-Paul	Eremenko	Metz
Batten	Ganley	Miyashiro
Boparai	Goehring	Renaud
Brar	Gray	Sabir
Calahoo Stonehouse	Haji	Schmidt
Ceci	Hayter	Shepherd
Chapman	Hoffman	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Dach	Hoyle	Sweet
Deol	Ip	Tejada
Eggen	Irwin	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Ellingson	Kasawski	

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 55 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

A debate followed.

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

> Bill 55, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, be not now read a Third time but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.
>
> Sessional Paper 1203/2023-25

Pursuant to Government Motion 78, agreed to on May 14, 2025, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:49 p.m. the question was immediately put on Amendment HA to the motion for Third Reading of Bill 55, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, which was defeated.

Pursuant to Government Motion 78, agreed to on May 14, 2025, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:50 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 55, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, which was agreed to on the voice vote. With Hon. McIver in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 44

Amery	Johnson	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schow
Bouchard	LaGrange	Schulz
Cooper	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Long	Singh
de Jonge	Lovely	Smith
Dreeshen	Lunty	Turton
Dyck	McDougall	van Dijken
Ellis	Nally	Wiebe
Fir	Neudorf	Williams
Getson	Nicolaides	Wilson
Glubish	Nixon	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Petrovic	Yao
Hunter	Pitt	Yaseen
Jean	Rowswell	

Against the motion: 35

Al-Guneid	Elmeligi	Kayande
Arcand-Paul	Eremenko	Metz
Batten	Ganley	Miyashiro
Boparai	Goehring	Renaud
Brar	Gray	Sabir
Calahoo Stonehouse	Haji	Schmidt
Ceci	Hayter	Shepherd
Chapman	Hoffman	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Dach	Hoyle	Sweet
Deol	Ip	Tejada
Eggen	Irwin	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Ellingson	Kasawski	

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 77(1) in order to proceed immediately to Third Reading of Bill Pr5, Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta Act.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill Pr5 Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta Act — MLA Miyashiro

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 77(1) in order to proceed immediately to Third Reading of Bill Pr6, Burman University Amendment Act, 2025.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill Pr6 Burman University Amendment Act, 2025 — Mrs. Johnson

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 54 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Bill 55 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Bill Pr5 Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta Act — MLA Miyashiro

Bill Pr6 Burman University Amendment Act, 2025 — Mrs. Johnson

Speaker's Statement – 2025 Spring Sitting

The Speaker gave a statement thanking all Members and the employees of the Legislative Assembly Office for their work during this Sitting.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 74, agreed to on May 13, 2025, and on advice by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, to the Assembly that the business for the 2025 Spring Sitting is concluded, the Assembly adjourned at 12:05 a.m. Thursday, May 15, 2025, until Monday, October 27, 2025.

PROROGATION

OCTOBER 22, 2025

Prorogation

[GREAT SEAL]
CANADA
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

SALMA LAKHANI,
Lieutenant Governor.

CHARLES THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom, Canada, and His Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth

PROCLAMATION

TO OUR FAITHFUL, the MEMBERS elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta and to each and every one of you

GREETING

WHEREAS it is Our will and pleasure by and with the advice and consent of Our Executive Council of Our Province of Alberta to prorogue the First Session of the Thirty-first Legislature of Alberta:

Malcolm Lavoie
Deputy Attorney General

WE DO hereby prorogue, effective October 22, 2025, the said Legislature; and

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient for certain causes and considerations to convene the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta for the Second Session of the Thirty-first Legislature, WE DO WILL that you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, on Thursday, the 23rd day of October, 2025, at the hour of 1:30 in the afternoon, at Our City of Edmonton, personally be and appear, for the despatch of business, to treat, act, do and conclude upon those things which, in the Legislature of Our Province of Alberta, by the Common Council of Our said Province, may, by the favour of God, be ordained.

HEREIN FAIL NOT

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of Alberta to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS: THE HONOURABLE SALMA LAKHANI, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of Alberta, this 22nd day of October in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-five and in the Fourth Year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

MICKEY AMERY,
Provincial Secretary.