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## Legislative Assembly of Alberta

10 a.m.

Thursday, May 14, 2026

[The Speaker in the chair]

### Prayers

**The Speaker:** Hon. members, let us pray. Lord, the God of righteousness and truth, grant to our King and his government, to Members of the Legislative Assembly, and all in positions of responsibility the guidance of Your spirit. May they never lead the province wrongly through love of power, desire to please, or unworthy ideals but, laying aside all private interests and prejudices, keep in mind their responsibility to seek to improve the condition of all. Amen.

Hon. members, we will now be led in the singing of *God Save the King* by Pro Coro Canada choir. I invite all to participate.

### Hon. Members:

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

**The Speaker:** I can safely say that that was extra special.  
Please be seated.

### Introduction of Guests

**The Speaker:** The Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors.

**Mr. Dreeshen:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased today to rise and introduce to you and through you the staff and students from Poplar Ridge school near Sylvan Lake. I would ask them all to rise and please receive the warm welcome of this Assembly.

**The Speaker:** Hon. members, by now you know that we are pleased to have Pro Coro Canada, Edmonton's professional chamber choir, singing *God Save the King*. Pro Coro was the 2026 winner of the Juno award for best classical album and the first choir from western Canada to win a Juno award. Please rise and give them just one more round of applause.

**Mr. Haji:** It's my pleasure, Mr. Speaker, to rise and introduce to you and through you to the members of the Assembly Aziza Ibrahim, my constituency office manager who does incredible work in Edmonton-Decore, and Hayrullah Caglayan, a social worker student from NorQuest who's going to spend this summer with us. I ask them to rise and receive the traditional warm welcome of the Assembly.

**The Speaker:** The Minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women.

**Ms Fir:** Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have the privilege to rise today to also introduce to you and through you to all members of the Assembly Edmonton's 2026 Juno award winning professional chamber choir celebrating 45 years this fall, Pro Coro Canada. On April 30 we released our music action plan, and we're proud to have the support of talented artists from across all genres. One more time I invite you to please rise and receive the warm welcome of the Assembly.

**The Speaker:** It's been a long time since somebody has been that popular.

Edmonton-South West.

**Mr. Ip:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's my pleasure to introduce to you and through you to all members of this Assembly Kevin Zhou and Peter Lee. They are avid students of Canadian democracy and are visiting the Legislature for the first time. I ask them to rise and please receive the warm welcome of this Assembly.

**The Speaker:** Leduc-Beaumont.

**Mr. Lundy:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to introduce to you and through you a front-line paramedic, a volunteer firefighter, a proud resident of Forestburg, my security detail at the UCP AGM, but, most importantly, my brother Nathan Lundy. Please rise and receive the warm welcome of the House.

**The Speaker:** Red Deer-South.

**Mr. Stephan:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's a great day. I'd like to introduce my wife, Jenny Stephan. We've been married for 30 years. As MLAs our spouses serve with us and for us. Please rise and receive the warm welcome of the Assembly.

**The Speaker:** Calgary-Shaw.

**Ms Schulz:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't know if they've made it in just yet, but to you and through you to all members of this Assembly I'd like to introduce a class from Neria Christian School from Calgary, Alberta: principal Darlene Dekker and students Makael Mans, Mavrik Mans, Makenna Visser, Nate Visser, Ava van Roekel, Rielle van Roekel, Vera van Roekel, and their chaperones Frazer van Roekel and Karl Dekker. Please rise and receive the warm welcome of this Assembly.

**The Speaker:** Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland.

**Mr. Getson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to introduce to you and through you Mr. Sandeep Singh Pandher. Sandeep is well known as a bhangra artist who has contributed to Punjabi cinema work, production work, and organizing cultural shows here in Edmonton, and that's through his productions company. Can you please rise and receive the warm welcome of the Assembly.

**The Speaker:** Calgary-East.

**Mr. Singh:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to introduce to you and through you Aditya Batra, a dedicated real estate professional and active member of Seva, meaning service to humankind, a nonprofit organization supporting families. He continues to make a positive impact through his generosity and commitment. I ask him to rise and receive the warm welcome of the House.

**The Speaker:** The Minister of Assisted Living and Social Services.

**Mr. Nixon:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to introduce a school group from River Valley school in Sundre, Alberta. I had a great visit with them not too long ago. I ask that they rise and receive the traditional warm welcome of this Assembly.

**The Speaker:** The Minister of Indigenous Relations.

**Mrs. Sawhney:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to introduce a group of interns from the communications and public engagement team. These young leaders are gaining valuable experience in public

service, and I'm pleased to have them here today. Bradley, Conscience, Kasuni, Riley, and Adel, please rise and accept the warm welcome of the Assembly.

**Ms Gray:** Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to introduce to you and through you to all members Jayden Alleyne. Jayden is a second-year social work placement student in my office. He's already learned to assist constituents and helped me thank thousands of health care workers for all that they do. Please rise and receive the warm welcome of this Assembly.

### Ministerial Statements

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

#### Alberta-U.S. Relations

**Ms Smith:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Our neighbour is about to celebrate a birthday. For more than a century Alberta and the United States have shared one of the most successful and mutually beneficial economic partnerships in the world. Long before Alberta became a province in 1905, our people, industries, and communities were already connected through agriculture, ranching, rail, energy, and trade that existed across the border. Today that relationship remains foundational to both of our economies. The United States is Alberta's largest trading partner by a very wide margin. In 2025 alone bilateral trade between Alberta and the United States exceeded \$174 billion Canadian, making Alberta the province with the second-largest trade relationship with the United States in all of Canada. Alberta exported approximately \$152 billion in goods to the United States in 2025, led by energy, agriculture, petrochemicals, forestry products, technology, and manufactured goods.

Those numbers represent more than statistics. They represent jobs, integrated supply chains, investment, and families whose livelihoods depend on a strong and predictable cross-border relationship. That commerce creates real prosperity on both sides of the border. According to our analysis trade with Alberta supports approximately 904,000 American jobs. Energy is at the heart of that partnership. Alberta is one of the United States' most reliable and secure suppliers of energy. Every single day millions of barrels of Alberta oil move south to American refineries, helping fuel U.S. homes, transportation systems, manufacturers, and industries.

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In 2025 the U.S. imported nearly 4 million barrels per day of crude oil from Canada, or about 63 per cent of the total U.S. crude oil imports. Almost 90 per cent of all Canadian oil exports to the United States came from Alberta. Alberta alone supplies approximately four times more petroleum to the United States than Mexico, Saudi Arabia, and Guyana combined.

This energy partnership is supported by an extraordinary network of infrastructure. Alberta alone is home to more than 450,000 kilometres, or 280,000 miles, of pipeline infrastructure, one of the largest integrated energy transportation systems in the world. We continue to build on that shared infrastructure partnership. Recent presidential permits and approvals for cross-border pipeline infrastructure have reinforced the long-term importance of continental energy security and the strategic role that Alberta plays in supplying responsibly produced energy to the United States.

But Alberta's relationship with the United States goes far beyond pipelines and oil. From beef and grains to processed food products, our producers don't compete in isolation. They operate in a highly integrated North American system that depends on open markets, reliable transportation corridors, and common regulatory approaches.

A strong agricultural relationship strengthens food security on both sides of the border, and the same is true for forestry and softwood lumber. The United States is a critical market for Alberta's forestry products, supporting jobs in our rural communities while helping to meet strong demand for housing and infrastructure across the country. Stable access to American markets for Canadian lumber supports affordability and supply certainty for U.S. builders and consumers, especially at a time when housing supply remains a shared challenge.

The United States is also a top export market for Alberta's agrifood exports, with Alberta exporting \$8.7 billion in agrifood products to the United States in 2025 alone, including world-class beef, wheat, and canola that helped to feed millions of American families.

To strengthen those ties even further, Alberta has taken a proactive approach to U.S. engagement and has worked diligently to reduce trade barriers, including allowing American liquor on our shelves. The province maintains a permanent presence across the United States through diplomatic offices in Washington, DC, Chicago, Dallas, Seattle, and Minneapolis. These offices work every day to grow investment, expand trade opportunities, and deepen the relationships that connect our jurisdictions.

As the United States prepares to celebrate 250 years of freedom and prosperity on July 4, Alberta looks forward to celebrating with them. It is worth reflecting on just how unique and enduring that partnership truly is. Alberta and the United States are not simply trading partners. We are neighbours, allies, friends, and builders together of one of the most integrated and successful economic partnerships anywhere in the world. For generations our partnership has powered homes, fed families, created jobs, and strengthened energy security across North America, and as America charts its course for its next 250 years, it will need reliable energy, trusted partners, and proven allies. On all three counts, Alberta is the answer, and we are proud to stand alongside the United States in building a stronger, more secure, and more prosperous future together. Happy birthday, America.

**The Speaker:** To respond, the Leader of the Official Opposition.

**Mr. Nenshi:** Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker, and I thank the Premier for that timely statement at a time where our American friends are certainly going through political turmoil but also have a lot to celebrate.

I'm one of those many, many, many Albertans and Canadians with deep family and professional ties to the United States. I'm deeply grateful that I was able to go to school in the United States, and I've lived and worked from California to New York and Ohio and in Colorado and in about 40 states in between. Last night, most recently, I had the wonderful privilege of spending time with some of our U.S. midwestern legislators and talking about their challenges and also their incredible opportunity for their future. I thank them deeply for their service to their country.

Mr. Speaker, I'm not alone in this. Albertans have deep ties with the United States. While we will never be the 51st state and while we are in a political moment where perhaps we don't all agree as politicians and perhaps where we have to stand up for Canada against our dear friends in ways we've never done, that doesn't mean we don't have those deep ties and we cannot continue to work on those deep ties.

You know, Mr. Speaker, I have been working with multiple U.S. ambassadors to Canada, with many consuls general, American and Canadian. I've been to the White House. I've negotiated with White House officials on pipelines. These are tough conversations and these are tough negotiations, and right now they're even tougher.

They will in fact take a deeply deft hand in order to manage well for the mutual benefit of Americans and of Canadians.

We need to be thoughtful, and we need to be strong, and we also need to understand that politicians pass, that even those of us in this Legislature may not be in our positions forever. But ultimately the deep bonds of friendship and the deep business ties between our province and the United States will not pass.

Mr. Speaker, in 2017 I loved saying the word “sesquicentennial” as we celebrated Canada’s 150th anniversary, and now I get to say the word “semiquicentennial” or en français semi-cinquantenaire, which sounds both exciting and a little dangerous. That means 250th birthday.

To all of our friends in the United States: we wish you a happy, happy 250th anniversary. Let’s remember that fate and geography made us neighbours, but our people make us friends.

## Members’ Statements

### Homelessness and Affordable Housing

**Member Irwin:** Over the last three years I’ve heard a lot of interesting facts from the UCP minister responsible for housing. I’ve heard him claim – no ego at all – that he’s the best housing minister in Canada . . . [interjections] But on this side of the House we look at data and we look at evidence, and it tells a very different story.

Homelessness has tripled under the UCP since 2019. Shelter occupancy has increased by 60 per cent over the past three years. The largest shelters in both Edmonton and Calgary are regularly at or over capacity. Edmonton is the frostbite amputation capital of the world, and we’ve seen a tragic fivefold increase in amputations since 2019. It is shameful, and it’s so preventable.

Despite this minister boasting about housing starts, his government has failed Albertans who need affordable housing. They continue to use an outdated plan that doesn’t account for population growth. They’ve let affordable housing stock get so bad that we’re losing more units than we’re gaining, and they’ve repeatedly missed their own targets for new affordable units, last year missing them by half.

Yes, housing starts are up, but they are predicted to drop significantly over the next couple of years. A one-year high will not move Alberta out of a housing crisis, and, yes, some rents have softened, too, but that’s after many years of rapidly increasing rents.

While this minister continues to boast, Albertans know the truth. I hear from so many across this province who are still experiencing unmanageable rent hikes. I hear from young people who have given up on the dream of home ownership, so I don’t really care if this minister thinks he’s the best at housing in Canada. I care about my constituents. I care about Albertans who are suffering, who need support, who need protections, who need more affordable and supportive housing, and who need a government that will listen and will act.

On this side of the House we’re listening, and we’re ready to lead.

**The Speaker:** My choice there was to let the member restart or add five seconds on the member’s time. We did that because it was important that the member didn’t get interrupted.

### School Class Size Reduction Grant

**Mr. Rowswell:** Mr. Speaker, across Alberta classrooms are changing. Enrolment keeps growing, student needs are more complex, and teachers are feeling the pressure. Parents, teachers, and school boards have been clear that class size matters. Smaller

classes mean more individual attention, stronger early supports, and more manageable learning environments for everyone.

That’s why our government is taking action with a new \$200 million class size reduction grant focused on kindergarten to grade 9, beginning in the 2026-2027 school year. This targeted investment is expected to support the hiring of more than 1,400 additional teachers across Alberta, helping to reduce class sizes where pressures are greatest.

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Mr. Speaker, this is a data-driven approach, not a one-size-fits-all announcement. Alberta has collected classroom-level information for more than 108,000 classrooms, the most comprehensive class size data our province has ever gathered. The evidence allows funding to flow to schools and grades where classes are largest and needs are most urgent. Every public, separate, and francophone jurisdiction will receive support, with the biggest impact in the most crowded early and middle grades.

The expected result is meaningful, lowering the provincial K to 9 average class size from about 25 students to about 22 and significantly reducing the number of very large classes. In the schools under the most pressure, that can mean fewer students in a room, changes teachers and students will feel every day.

School boards must use this funding to directly support classroom teaching and reduce class sizes, and we will continue collecting and reviewing data to ensure accountability, transparency, and real results. It builds on February’s \$143 million for complexity teams, up to 476 teachers and 952 educational assistants in complex classrooms.

Mr. Speaker, class size matters, and this investment reflects our commitment to act, support teachers, and help every student succeed. Thank you.

## Oral Question Period

**The Speaker:** The first question belongs to the Leader of the Official Opposition.

### Citizen-initiated Referendum Proposal on Alberta Secession

**Mr. Nenshi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My colleagues on this side of the House and one or two opposite are wearing moosehide today while this government shows its utter contempt for Indigenous people yet again. Let’s be clear. It’s a good day for Alberta. It’s a good day for Canada. The UCP separatists lost, and I want to thank Indigenous people across this province for standing up for our country against these same separatists.

Now, the Premier said yesterday, after that court decision, that she’s considering her options. So a simple question: what is the government going to do?

**The Speaker:** The Premier.

**Ms Smith:** Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are going to appeal the decision. We think that there was an error in law. We want an act to be permissive of citizen-initiated petitions, and we don’t want to deny 300,000 people the opportunity to have their signatures and their efforts considered and validated. We now have over 700,000 people, between these two petitions, that want to have some question on this issue discussed in an open way and voted on in the fall. So we will be taking that away to the committee and taking it away to cabinet and caucus and appealing.

**Mr. Nenshi:** I thank the Premier for her deep legal expertise and analysis, but after wasting so much money already, let's be clear on what she just said. The government is going to spend hundreds of thousands, millions of dollars, of taxpayer money to back the separatists and fight against the rights of Indigenous people and to fight against their duty to consult. That's the fight the Premier wants. She's willing to take up that fight, spending Albertans' money to support separatist friends. This does not solve any problems. Why would the Premier waste even more money fighting a losing battle?

**Ms Smith:** Well, Mr. Speaker, we believe the decision is incorrect in law and that it's antidemocratic. We in this Chamber represent all of Albertans. We are the democratically elected representatives, and when we have given the indication through legislation that we want a citizen initiative process to be permissive so that Albertans have a chance to go out and gather a petition campaign with hundreds of thousands of their fellow citizens, they should be given the respect of having that petition validated. That's why we're appealing.

**Mr. Nenshi:** Yet again the Premier places herself above the law. Sorry, Premier. That is not how the system works, and you are wasting money. She is wasting money to appease her separatist friends and backers because she promised them that they would have their referendum question. All this money, all this time, all this denigration of Indigenous people. Remember, for the first time in history all Indigenous chiefs voted nonconfidence in this government, and that is no way to get a pipeline built. Is all of this just because the Premier promised her friends they'd have a referendum no matter what?

**The Speaker:** You can do a preamble, but it has to go through the chair, right?

The Premier.

**Ms Smith:** Well, no, Mr. Speaker. We don't live in a society that has judicial supremacy. We live in a society that has parliamentary and democratic supremacy. That is the reason why, as part of the Constitution, section 33 allows for a notwithstanding clause, so that when the court makes errors in law, it can always be overridden by democratically elected Legislatures. Another avenue is to make sure that we exhaust an appeals process when we think that the judge, that the judiciary has made an error, and that's what we'll do in this case. [interjections]

**The Speaker:** Well, I could hear the question perfectly; the answer not quite so much. Let's hear both this time.

On the second set of questions, the Leader of the Official Opposition.

**Mr. Nenshi:** What an extraordinary admission, that the Premier doesn't believe in the Constitution.

Let's be clear. The Premier won her party's leadership thanks to the separatists. She owes the separatists, and now she's bending over backwards for the separatists. She's changed every law possible to make it easier for them while making Albertans' lives harder, but she can't use the notwithstanding clause now. Now the courts have told her that her rush to legislation to save her separatist friends is illegal. Will the Premier recognize that this entire mess is the government's fault?

**Ms Smith:** Mr. Speaker, I sometimes wonder if the member opposite has read the Constitution. Let me point out a section to him. Section 33 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms is by definition a part of the Constitution, and that means that the courts

do have deference to the democratically elected members of this Chamber and in Chambers across the country. From time to time the courts make errors in their judgment, at which point we have an obligation and also a right to appeal it, and that's what we're going to do in this case.

**Mr. Nenshi:** How deeply awkward for the Premier that she stopped reading at section 33 because the notwithstanding clause does not apply to section 35, Indigenous rights.

We warned the government that this would happen. They already knew. Justice Feasby told them that the question was unconstitutional. They knew it violated their duty to consult. The Chief Electoral Officer warned them in December that this would not stand up to a court of law, but this UCP government never ever listens. They can't help themselves in trying to help their separatist friends. Will the Premier admit that the gig is up and cancel the referendum?

**Ms Smith:** Well, legal and political rights are also protected in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Constitution, and we believe that people who have gathered and collected 700,000 signatures to put a question of consideration to their fellow citizens and to those who are duly elected is a legitimate practice of democracy. That is why we structured the Citizen Initiative Act to be permissive, to allow for citizens to have that democratic right, Mr. Speaker, and that's what we're going to be defending.

**Mr. Nenshi:** In her maiden speech in this House the Premier talked about how human rights are unassailable. Meanwhile she's violated them, she's taken them away, and today, just now, she invented new ones that don't even exist in the Constitution and apply only to her. Meanwhile she ignores foreign interference. Separatists met with the White House. She didn't say a word. They asked Trump for half a trillion dollars. She didn't say a word. Dutch YouTubers flooded us with misinformation. She didn't say a word. Last week we learned about Russian and American interference. She didn't say a word. Will she now say a word and cancel the referendum and end the threat of foreign interference?

**Ms Smith:** No, Mr. Speaker. We have nine questions that we've put on the ballot for a referendum that will take place in October to address some of the legitimate grievances that Albertans have that have caused harm in our relationship with Canada. There are a number of questions that relate to how the Constitution is written and making some changes to those so that Alberta and Canada can have a more constructive partnership in the spirit of co-operative federalism and on immigration to make sure that we have policies that match the needs of our economy. I'm very pleased that we've got a Prime Minister willing to work with us on co-operative federalism, and I'll have more to say on that tomorrow.

**The Speaker:** The third set of questions belongs to the Leader of the Official Opposition.

**Mr. Nenshi:** The government's entire political agenda is in shambles. The Premier thought she was playing 4D chess, but the strategy was obvious to everyone: sneak in private health care, destroy public education, add in a side order of culture war and massive tax increases, and hope nobody notices because they're distracted by her rambling on about separatism and divisive referenda. But now the whole unbelievably cynical strategy is gone. It lies in shreds. The courts gave the Premier an escape route. Will she take it and cancel the referendum?

10:30

**Ms Smith:** Mr. Speaker, our legislative agenda . . . [interjections]

**The Speaker:** Order. Order. When I stop, that's not an invitation to supplant the person that's been recognized.

Go ahead. A fresh 35. It's only two seconds.

**Ms Smith:** Our legislative agenda is far from being in shambles. We had 17 bills that we passed focused on protecting Albertans and strengthening the economy, removing politics from the classroom, creating safe and respectful learning environments, introducing province-wide library standards so children cannot access explicit visual material without parental consent. We're protecting vulnerable Albertans by creating stronger safeguards around MAID. We're expanding access to preventative testing and advancing Alberta's health system refocusing. We got a lot accomplished this session.

**Mr. Nenshi:** Of course, taking the escape route would require the Premier to do something she's never before done: admit she was wrong. The government's utter incompetence caused this mess. She made it easy for her separatist friends to force a referendum. She promised them they'd get one, regardless of what the courts say, regardless of if they had the signatures, regardless of Indigenous people and their peskiness. Albertans, including her own caucus and two of her ministers this week, have said that they just want this to go away. Will the Premier admit that this whole strategy was a mistake from the start and cancel the referendum?

**The Speaker:** The Premier.

**Ms Smith:** Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Once again, I've said that I support democratic actions of citizens, and I support the right of members in this Assembly to represent their constituents, which we did very well this session in passing provincial oversight of immigration to crack down on bad actors. We also are going to be implementing the Alberta Sheriffs Police Service to better support safer communities. We cut red tape and expedited the 120-day approvals act to ensure predictable timelines, supported Alberta-made products through the Alberta Whisky Act. Albertans are no longer going to have to change their clocks twice a year now that we have eliminated daylight saving time.

**Mr. Nenshi:** So interesting that she said she believes in democracy and immediately listed two things, one of which Albertans rejected in a referendum and one of which hasn't yet gone to referendum. She doesn't care about democracy. The Premier did all of this to save her political skin. She's dragged her caucus, including the loyal Canadians in her caucus, into this political quagmire of separatism and ruined their reputations and their political careers. Through all of this she blames everyone else for mistakes she made. She's got a decision to make: will she for once act as a leader, prioritize this country over herself?

**Ms Smith:** Well, Mr. Speaker . . . [interjections]

**The Speaker:** Order. I did this. Like, let the person get started. Go ahead.

**Ms Smith:** Mr. Speaker, the member opposite also has a decision to make. Tomorrow the Prime Minister is going to be coming to Calgary, where we're going to announce the advancement of a historic MOU that will reset the relationship with Canada and get rid of the nine bad laws that his federal leader and his federal party foisted on Alberta and created the division that we have today. Talk about not taking responsibility. Shame on him for not standing up earlier. Shame on him for not doing anything to help us advance this MOU. We're looking forward to the announcement tomorrow. [interjections]

**The Speaker:** Order. Order. Are we done? I hope we're done because now we need to hear only from the Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods.

### Provincial Response to Electoral List Disclosure

**Ms Gray:** Mr. Speaker, 3 million Albertans had their private data breached. Separatists leaked the Alberta voters list: full names, home addresses, phone numbers, and more, all of which can now be used by bad actors for nefarious purposes. The separatists did it because they don't believe in democracy or laws, even calling Elections Alberta an evil institution. Now elections officials say that thousands may have the entire voters list because David Parker and the Centurion Project did not comply with the injunction. Why is the Premier still advancing the cause of her separatist friends, who have put so many Albertans' data at risk? Shame on her.

**The Speaker:** I know the Opposition House Leader knows that when I stand up, you've got to stop talking, okay?

The hon. Justice minister.

**Mr. Amery:** Well, thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. It's, quite frankly, disappointing from the members opposite in the language that they're using in this Assembly. What I can tell you is that the Elections Alberta office is diligently investigating this. We know that the RCMP continue to investigate as well along with EPS, CPS, other policing detachments here in this province, and now the Privacy Commissioner has opened up an investigation as well. These are the bodies that we have in this province that are tasked with conducting investigations. It's the appropriate way to proceed, and we're going to let those agencies do their investigations.

**Ms Gray:** Mr. Speaker, the Centurion Project wouldn't even give Elections Alberta the names of all the users who had access to the data, so 3 million people: their private data is in the hands of thousands. The government is bending over backwards for the separatists even when separatists ignore laws, rights, and now Albertans' personal privacy. The Justice minister just listed how many investigations. Why does the UCP government continue to support the cause of separatist leaders who ignore the law and jeopardize 3 million Albertans' safety and security?

**Mr. Amery:** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member is conflating two different things and confusing them. The members of the UCP, the UCP Party, the government of Alberta, had nothing to do with the allegations made against a completely unrelated third party who released this list. Here is the thing. Under the Election Act the powers given to the Election Commissioner are the same as the ones given to public commissioners under the Public Inquiries Act, which allow the Election Commissioner to summon witnesses and do many other things. We'll let the Election Commissioner do her job. [interjection]

**The Speaker:** Opposition House Leader, heckling is allowed, but you probably should try not to be louder than the actual person with the floor.

**Ms Gray:** The answers are ridiculous. This government is ridiculous. The UCP made four legislative changes for David Parker and other separatist leaders. They rang up countless legal bills with taxpayer dollars failing to defend those charges in court, and after all of that, the UCP's separatist friends illegally posted Alberta's entire voters list to a public website. The UCP should finally stop helping those who seek to cause Alberta harm.

Yesterday Albertans saw the Premier still fighting for the separatists. Why don't you fight for Albertans?

**The Speaker:** The hon. Justice minister.

**Mr. Amery:** Well, thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. That's real rich coming from a member of an NDP opposition who told Albertans to leave this province and go find jobs elsewhere, who continue to chase people out of this province . . .

**Mr. Nenshi:** You want Albertans to leave; you're anti-immigrant now.

**Mr. Amery:** . . . who are responsible for a record debt in this province, and who are responsible for everything negative in this province. That's why they lost their jobs. That's why they were voted out twice now. That's why the NDP will never serve as government in this province ever again.

**The Speaker:** We all know that there are no preambles on the supplementaries starting with the fourth question, and the person that's going to make a great example of that is Edmonton-West Henday.

### Indigenous Relations

**Member Arcand-Paul:** Mr. Speaker, the UCP has lost the trust of First Nations. That's it. That's the truth. Whether it's the historic First Nation-led nonconfidence motion or the duty to consult expanding because of the UCP's absolute failure to act honourably, will any of the ministers take some leadership, own their failure, and commit today to make changes to the way they work with First Nations and Métis peoples in this province?

**The Speaker:** A point of order was noted a minute ago at 10:38.  
The hon. Minister of Indigenous Relations.

**Mrs. Sawhney:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I did hear the member opposite a few days ago say that he speaks to Indigenous leaders very often, seven days a week. Well, so do I, and most of those conversations are rooted in conversations around economic development. In fact, I speak about the west coast oil pipeline proposal very often with members across Alberta and B.C., and these are the conversations that are on top of mind for Indigenous communities.

**Member Arcand-Paul:** Given that I've heard that the Treaty 8 protocol table is not working out the way that the minister wants and given that the Alberta Court of King's Bench has correctly poked holes in the UCP's separatist agenda and further given that the Premier stating yesterday that she will be appealing on behalf of the separatists, will the Premier finally just say out loud for all Albertans to hear that the UCP is a separatist party?

10:40

**Mrs. Sawhney:** Mr. Speaker, Alberta's government is reviewing the Court of King's Bench decision and will respect the legal process, including the appeal that was announced yesterday. We support Alberta remaining a strong and prosperous part of Canada while respecting the democratic right of Albertans. At the same time, we take our constitutional obligations seriously, including the duty to consult, grounded in the protection of Aboriginal and treaty rights.

**Member Arcand-Paul:** Given that First Nations people are dying earlier than non-Indigenous peoples, especially in the north, where

they have cancer rates that this government is ignoring, given that First Nations have said that the UCP's consultation record is very, very poor and given that First Nations keep winning and this UCP government keeps losing in the courts, will the Premier finally admit that she needs better advisers because her government isn't acting very honourable? Y'all are looking like a bunch of tuguys. [interjections]

**The Speaker:** Hon. member, I'm just going to – you know you need to go through the chair. Do it to everybody, please. Stand up and apologize.

**Member Arcand-Paul:** I apologize.

**The Speaker:** Thank you. That's the right way to do it. Thank you very much.

The next question belongs to the member for Olds . . .

**An Hon. Member:** The answer.

**The Speaker:** Oh, yes. Indeed. The Minister of Indigenous Relations.

**Mrs. Sawhney:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Some of these matters are before the court, so I can't respond to specifics, but of course the health and well-being and safety of all Albertans is paramount to this government. I will reiterate once again that I have conversations on a daily basis with members across this province about health but mainly about business development opportunities. There are a number of nations in Treaty 8 that I'm speaking to on a daily basis, and I'll be touching base with them tomorrow as well.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** Now the next question belongs to Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills.

### Education Funding

**Mrs. Sawyer:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Classrooms are growing, and with that growth comes pressures on schools and teachers. We have seen Alberta's government invest \$8.6 billion to build over 100 schools across the province, and as of right now there are more than 161 public school projects under way across Alberta. But to help reduce class sizes, more teachers are also needed. To the Minister of Education and Childcare: can you please provide more information on the new class size reduction grant? [interjections]

**The Speaker:** Order. No one has been recognized at this point. I shouldn't hear anything voicewise except from the Minister of Education and Childcare.

**Mr. Nicolaides:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was incredibly delighted to join the Premier yesterday to announce the creation of the class size reduction grant backed with \$200 million that is going to support the hiring of almost 1,500 additional teachers. We're using data that we collected back in November to direct these funds to school divisions that have the largest core class sizes. As a direct result of this investment, the average class size in the province is projected to decrease substantially from 25 to 22. [interjections]

**Mr. Williams:** Point of order.

**The Speaker:** And at 10:43 a point of order has been noted.  
Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills.

**Mrs. Sawyer:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I want to thank the minister for all of his hard work on behalf of parents, students, and teachers. Given that Alberta's government is investing \$200 million

for the new class size reduction grant and given that there have been previous commitments to hire more teachers and education staff in Bill 2, the Back to School Act, to the Minister of Education and Childcare: can you please elaborate on how this new investment builds on previous commitments to hire more teachers?

**Mr. Nicolaides:** Well, Mr. Speaker, Budget '26 provides a record historic 7 per cent increase in operating funding, which is going to help our school divisions hire more teachers and staff. In addition, of course, in February we announced the allocation of \$143 million to create 476 complexity teams that are comprised of one teacher and two educational assistants that are being sent to the schools with the highest degree of complexity according to the data that we've collected. This investment that we've made yesterday builds on all of that previous work, and there's still more to come.

**The Speaker:** The hon. member.

**Mrs. Sawyer:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you again to the minister for the response and all of the work. It was exciting news yesterday. Given that we are seeing continued investments to hire more teachers across the province and given that we are now seeing new pathways for teachers to enter the classrooms and further given that more staff can help reduce class sizes but the need for more classroom spaces is still there, to the same minister: can you please update the Chamber on the progress of building and advancing public school projects across the province?

**Mr. Nicolaides:** Mr. Speaker, since we announced the schools now program in the fall of 2024, 85 new school projects have been announced, 14 have been completed. There are now 161 public school projects under way across the province. To date 38 projects have been fast-tracked as a result of the schools now program, four projects have been accelerated twice; for a total of 42 total accelerations. And 12 projects are expected to be completed by the end of next fiscal year.

### Fiscal Responsibility

**Member Ellingson:** Well, Mr. Speaker, you certainly can't call this UCP government fiscally conservative or fiscally responsible. The Finance minister tabled a \$9.4 billion deficit, with nothing to show for it except huge property tax increases. But that didn't stop him from giving a \$6,000 pay raise to UCP MLAs while everyday Albertans are paying more for less. Will the minister admit that, on top of his massive deficit, giving parliamentary secretaries a \$6,000 raise is the opposite of fiscally conservative?

**Mr. Horner:** Mr. Speaker, they're reaching. They're reaching. You've got to arch your back like a dragon to reach like they're reaching right now. Budget '26: \$9.4 billion deficit. I was asked: what would happen to our credit rating? Will this be like the years under the members opposite where we saw constant downgrades? No. Just yesterday our credit rating was affirmed with words like "outlier," words like "exception" – we're standing out in this country; we're the lone bright spot in this country – citing things like "exceptional fiscal management," strong cost . . .

**The Speaker:** Calgary-Foothills.

**Member Ellingson:** Well, given that the minister is reaching into the pockets of homeowners in Calgary to pay for those \$6,000 raises and given that this government has wasted millions on useless Turkish Tylenol from Sam Mraiche while emergency rooms are overcrowded and given that this government rewrote ethics rules to

allow the Premier to accept lavish gifts from foreign governments while Albertans struggle to pay for essentials, will the minister admit that this government's guiding philosophy is cronyism, not conservatism?

**Mr. Horner:** Mr. Speaker, I think the point . . . [interjection]

**The Speaker:** Order. You know, you've got to let somebody get started before we do . . .

**Mr. Horner:** Go ahead, sir. That was very rude.

**The Speaker:** No. Go with a fresh 35. Go.

**Mr. Horner:** I was just saying, Mr. Speaker, we're on this side of the House because Albertans trust us. We're on this side of the House because Albertans didn't trust them. They have seen what happens when a ragtag bunch of pipeline protesters come to this place and get the keys to this House. What did we see? We saw people; we saw equipment; we saw capital. We heard the giant sucking sound to the United States because of this group that could not be trusted. Before they even did a policy, everything fled because they know that they're a bunch of communists.

**The Speaker:** Did I hear a point of order?

**Ms Gray:** Point of order.

**The Speaker:** A point of order is noted at 10:49.

10:50

**Member Ellingson:** Well, given that . . . [interjections]

**The Speaker:** Order. Order. You get a fresh 35 here.

Folks on both sides, I know there's heckling. I get it. It's the last day of school. I get that. But you've got to let the person with the floor get started. On both sides.

And now the one that should get started, Calgary-Foothills.

**Member Ellingson:** Well, given that recent surveys show that Alberta shows the highest level of dissatisfaction in the country, given that each day since this affordability crisis has escalated, we've called on the Finance minister to slash fuel taxes and each day he's rejected it, given that the UCP has spent this daily windfall on raises for themselves and sweetheart deals for insiders while Albertans continue to pay more for gas, groceries, and housing, why won't the UCP put Albertans first instead of lining the pockets of parliamentary secretaries?

**Mr. Horner:** Mr. Speaker, the incoherent ramblings there: which is it? Is it a huge deficit or is it a windfall? That's what I've been hearing here for months. Is it strong fiscal management? Is that why our credit rating is being affirmed, because of the strong cost controls? That's what these guys are saying. Or should we take the gospel from this side opposite? [interjections]

**The Speaker:** Let's at least try to hear the answer. Go ahead.

**Mr. Horner:** Mr. Speaker, we're highlighted in this credit rating affirmation for dealing with a very volatile set of revenues, doing the right thing in surplus, managing the deficits.

### Coal Development Policies

**Mr. Schmidt:** Comrade Speaker, in the Public Accounts Committee last week the environment department revealed that the government is plowing ahead on its coal mining policy . . .

**The Speaker:** I'm not offended by that, but the rules of this House say – you know what the correct address is. I'd ask you to withdraw the previous one.

**Mr. Schmidt:** Absolutely.

**The Speaker:** No. I want you to say the words.

**Mr. Schmidt:** I withdraw the comment.

In Public Accounts Committee last week . . . [interjections]

**The Speaker:** Just apologize and withdraw. Just get it done.

**Mr. Schmidt:** I did. I did. I withdrew the comment and apologized.

**The Speaker:** And you need to apologize.

**Mr. Schmidt:** Yeah. I . . .

**The Speaker:** Are you going to apologize?

**Mr. Schmidt:** I did.

**The Speaker:** No. You need to say the word. I need to hear it.

**Mr. Schmidt:** I said: I apologize and withdraw, Mr. Speaker.

In Public Accounts Committee last week the environment department revealed that its government is plowing ahead on its coal mining policy without implementing any of the recommendations made by the UCP's own advisory committee back in 2021. Those recommendations were to establish programs to protect taxpayers from financial liabilities, complete regional and subregional plans, enhance environmental monitoring, address water contamination, and reclaim closed mines. Why has the department done nothing to implement those recommendations?

**Mr. Hunter:** Mr. Speaker, I have in my hand a letter from Marg McCuaig-Boyd to the AER on May 24, 2016. In it she says that all category 2 lands should be treated as other categories. They invited the Australians to come in to be able to buy up those category 2 lands. We're fixing that problem that they started in 2016. We'll take no lessons from the NDP on this issue.

**The Speaker:** It's quiet for you, hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar.

**Mr. Schmidt:** Given that the minister obviously needs remedial reading lessons and given that peer-reviewed studies by the ministry's own scientists . . .

**Mr. Williams:** Point of order.

**Mr. Schmidt:** . . . found that Alberta's current reclamation and remediation practices are insufficient to prevent downstream water contamination and given that a different report by the joint review panel concluded that the economic benefits of coal mining do not outweigh the environmental harm and given that this government is aware that its environmental standards are inadequate to prevent harm yet no updated standards or improvements have been implemented despite this knowledge, how can this government justify putting corporate interests first and fail to protect Albertans from . . .

**The Speaker:** The hon. minister of the – was there a point of order?

**Mr. Williams:** Yes. I had called one.

**The Speaker:** Okay. At 10:55 or thereabouts a point of order was called.

Now we go to the minister of the environment.

**Mr. Hunter:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Our government stepped in to fix that mistake that they made in 2016. We returned more than 40,000 hectares of category 2 land coal leases in the eastern slopes back into the hands of Albertans, and we have no intention of ever leasing those lands for coal development again. We also banned new open-pit coal mining and mountaintop removal mining in the eastern slopes. Once again, we're fixing the problems that they started in 2016 under their minister, Marg McCuaig-Boyd. We'll take no lessons from them.

**The Speaker:** The hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar.

**Mr. Schmidt:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Given that the minister said Albertans, but he meant that he's put those lands in the hands of Australian coal billionaires and given that the AER has cancelled public hearings and the UCP continues to push decisions without a clear mandate and given that risks of water contamination, massive cleanup liabilities, weak oversight, and a lack of public trust are fuelling a province-wide petition led by Corb Lund to stop coal mining, will the Premier respect the will of Albertans and their opposition to coal mining, or will this government continue to work for Australian coal billionaires? [interjections]

**The Speaker:** Order.

**Mr. Hunter:** Mr. Speaker, the reality is that in 2016 the NDP government's energy minister, as I said earlier, explicitly invited coal companies into the category 2 lands. That decision exposed Albertans to the risk of billions of dollars in potential legal liabilities, to the tune of \$13 billion worth of legal liabilities. We are trying to fix and clean up the mess that those members made when they were in office between 2015 and 2019. Hopefully, Albertans never make that mistake again.

**The Speaker:** The hon. Member for Airdrie, west, east. [interjections] Sorry. You know what, hon. member? My apologies. It's not clear, but that's not an excuse. My mistake. My apologies. You have the question.

#### Canada-Alberta MOU on Energy Collaboration

**Mr. Guthrie:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Premier is promising another pipeline, but there is no proponent willing to build without massive taxpayer guarantees. No private company will proceed without taxpayer backstops, capital, and protection from runaway costs, the same risk that drove TMX more than 600 per cent over budget. Meanwhile this government has created so much uncertainty that investors say that Alberta has become harder to deal with than Ottawa. To the Premier: how much financial risk is this government prepared to dump on Albertans to keep this MOU boondoggle alive?

**Mr. Jean:** You know, Mr. Speaker, recently we've had so much support from across Canada for pipelines, so much support for Alberta's energy getting to market. We've even had – believe it or not, only 17 per cent of B.C.-ers are against pipelines. What I'm asking is: why is that member opposite against pipelines, and why is he trying to diss a project that really is in the best interest of Canadians? The world wants our energy. We're going to provide it to them.

**The Speaker:** More correctly than in the past, Airdrie-Cochrane.

**Mr. Guthrie:** Given the UCP's own climate plan committed Alberta to a carbon price of \$170 by 2030 and given in Houston the Premier stated that a carbon tax was essential to future-proof Alberta's energy and given Pathways companies, oil sands largest players, backed away from their carbon capture commitments, emissions targets, and support for the industrial carbon tax, to the Premier: if industry no longer supports your climate grand bargain, what evidence do you have that global markets will pay more for higher cost Alberta energy?

**Mr. Jean:** Mr. Speaker, the entire planet wants our oil right now. They want our natural gas. They want all of our products. I don't know what the member has against it, but I will tell you this. We have been in a negotiation with the federal government. They have some jurisdictional oversight. We have some jurisdictional oversight. It is a negotiation. We're negotiating in the best interest of Albertans, and whatever the final agreement is, I would just like to say thank you to the Premier for such a great job.

**Mr. Guthrie:** Given investment depends on stability, predictability, and confidence in the rule of law and given this government is fuelling instability through its threats to leave Canada and given separation would economically devastate Alberta, while even a failed referendum weakens our negotiating position with Ottawa and damages investor confidence, to the Premier: how does threatening to break up the country help secure pipelines, investment, or major projects when your own government is creating the very instability driving investment away?

11:00

**Mr. Schow:** The only thing weakened is that member's credibility, when he decided to break his oath to cabinet and turned against true conservative principles, Mr. Speaker. On this side of the House – the memorandum of understanding and the fantastic announcement that we'll be hearing from the Premier and the Prime Minister tomorrow are proof that we're leading the country in investment attraction in addition to the fact that we are being fiscally prudent in difficult financial times, which is why our credit rating of AA-minus has been reaffirmed. The Business Council of Alberta has said that we are an outlier in Canada, leading the charge because of the leadership of our Finance minister and our Premier. That's leadership.

### **Fiscal Responsibility** (continued)

**Mr. Gurtej Brar:** Scandal is normal for this government. It is not just a data breach. It is bloated contracts to insiders, Turkish Tylenol, RCMP raids: just some of the corruption tied to the Premier's friend, Sam Mraiche. It's her trip to the Middle East, taking private flights, staying in luxury suites, and fancy cat statues from her friend the Saudi prince. When will the members opposite realize enough is enough and demand of themselves a cleanup of their own government?

**Mr. Schow:** Mr. Speaker, it's time for the NDP to clean up their own act and get on board with Alberta's prosperity, prosperity that has been created by members of the government benches who have put Albertans first when it comes to investment attraction and job creation. Job creation sees over 100,000 jobs year over year. Why do the members opposite oppose job creation? Why did they vote against the budget that would have put youth in the workforce at historic rates? Why do they hate youth getting into job sites? Why do they hate job creators in this province? Why do they hate investment? Ask them. That's where the question really lies.

**The Speaker:** Edmonton-Ellerslie.

Pardon me. There was a point of order called at 11:01.

Okay. Hon. member, you've got a full 35. I just had to do that first.

**Mr. Gurtej Brar:** Given that this government has wasted millions on insider deals for their friends while hurting health care and education, given that they have given themselves \$6,000 raises while many Albertans are only one paycheque away from financial ruin and given that their corruption and wasteful spending have left the books in red, to the UCP members: what happened to their conservative fiscal management since they are running a giant \$9.4 billion deficit?

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

**Mr. Schow:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again I will ask a question to the members opposite. Why are you trying to inhale and why are you trying to exhale at the exact same time? Is it a deficit, or is it a windfall? The members opposite can't seem to figure it out.

They also can't seem to figure out what real leadership looks like. I think it's time that the NDP and the members of the NDP look at cleaning house. Maybe it starts with the top and their own leader. [interjections]

**The Speaker:** Order. We're all adults. Let's just do that adult thing for a minute here.

**Mr. Gurtej Brar:** Given billions in deficit, millions wasted on bad deals, and thousands more to pay bumps for parliamentary secretaries, given this government has now planned to waste even more millions on a separatist referendum no one asked for, given the UCP's record on corruption and waste, failing to help struggling Albertans, will the government finally listen to the more than 60 per cent of Albertans who say our province is heading in the wrong direction under this UCP government?

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

**Mr. Schow:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I had no idea that it was a waste of money to consult Albertans on what matters most to them. What is it the members opposite actually want?

What I can tell you is that on this side of the House we're spending money to make sure that, for example, we have \$384 million to create 5,500 more apprenticeship training spaces at NAIT, strengthening Alberta's skilled workforce. As we continue to attract investment and we have more manufacturing in this province, there are those who need to build those projects. These apprenticeships are going to fill those spots.

**The Speaker:** The next question belongs to Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul.

### **Wildfire Season Preparation**

**Mr. Cyr:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Temperatures are heating up across the province, and lakelanders are getting ready to enjoy the sunshine. Summer in Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul is a time where children are squealing with joy at beaches, anglers are trying to get that record fish, and farmers are toiling in their fields, but it's also when wildfire activity starts to increase in our forest areas. To the Ministry of Forestry and Parks: what is the government doing to prepare for wildfire season for northeast Alberta?

**The Speaker:** The hon. the Minister of Forestry and Parks.

**Mr. Loewen:** Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, and thanks to the member for the question. Alberta's government is committed to defending our forests and communities through various wildfire mitigation programs and projects. That is why we continue to invest in prevention efforts across this province. We are working closely with the forest industry to reduce hazardous fuels within five kilometres of at-risk communities by harvesting volatile timber, helping lower the intensity and spread of potential wildfires. There have been many projects completed around this member's constituency in the last few years, including hazardous fuel reduction in the MD of Bonnyville. As of April 1, 2025, the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta funded 32 FireSmart projects in Alberta.

**The Speaker:** Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul.

**Mr. Cyr:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and again thank you to the minister for the answer. Given that lakelanders are here to enjoy the beautiful forests and area – it's a remarkable place that I live in, and I think that every MLA out there takes pride in their constituency – and further given that we all share the responsibility of working together to be fire smart, preventing wildfires, to that same minister: what can Albertans do to prevent wildfires from starting throughout the lakeland region?

**The Speaker:** The hon. the Minister of Forestry and Parks.

**Mr. Loewen:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We encourage all Albertans to take advantage of the wonderful weather and enjoy the beautiful forests across our province. At the same time these warm and dry conditions make it especially important to take action before heading out. Clear any dry debris from around your campsite, keep a bucket of water nearby at all times, and never leave a fire unattended. When extinguishing your campfire, remember: soak it, stir it, and soak it again until the ashes are cold to the touch. Even small actions can make a major difference during wildfire season.

I hope for good weather as folks enjoy their time in the outdoors, but I also know the kids love to splash in puddles, too, so hopefully we'll have a little bit of both this weekend.

**The Speaker:** Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul.

**Mr. Cyr:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and again thank you to that minister for the response. Given that northeast Alberta is the home of important oil sands projects and operations, many of which are surrounded by vast boreal forest and further given that these projects are highly susceptible to wildfire damage that threatens our workers, our economy, and our environment, to that same minister: what is this government doing to protect oil sands workers and facilities from the dangers of wildfires across the northeast Alberta region?

**The Speaker:** The hon. minister.

**Mr. Loewen:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the member for the question. Our government understands the importance of protecting workers, communities, and critical infrastructure in northeast Alberta, including our oil sands. When responding to wildfires, Alberta's priorities are clear. Number one is human life. Number two is communities and associated infrastructure. Number three is major environmental and economic values. When it comes to protecting our devoted oil sands workers, our model is simple: people first. Keeping these projects safe from wildfire is part of creating an attractive business environment. Our

government will continue taking steps to protect Alberta's workers, communities, and industries from the threat of wildfire.

**The Speaker:** The next question belongs to the hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont.

#### Affordability Measures

**Ms Hayter:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Premier is busy rewriting laws again and again to satisfy separatists while ignoring what Albertans actually need. The UCP keeps rejecting every measure to ease the cost of living. No to raising the minimum wage. No to protecting people from credit fraud. No to banning nuisance fees. No to freezing the gas tax. Last week, though, they were able to find \$6,000 bonuses for parliamentary secretaries but nothing for struggling Albertans and families. Will this government finally admit that it has never been focused on making life better for Albertans?

11:10

**Mr. Schow:** Mr. Speaker, the member opposite went over a litany of things that she says we're not doing, but I can assure the members of this Chamber and all members of the public that the government continues to be focused on what matters most, which is keeping more money in their pockets. That's why, unlike the members opposite, who introduced the largest tax increase in the history of the province, the job-killing carbon tax, which is what it did, we reduced taxes on families, which is saving families an average of \$1,500 per year. The members opposite have no idea how to save Albertans money, and they never saw a tax that they didn't like.

**Ms Hayter:** Given that the UCP has driven up costs of all kinds – property tax is up \$240, car insurance, and even a pause on the gas tax is deemed too generous – given that the UCP is dismantling public health care and forcing Albertans to pay out of pocket for diagnostics, meaning access to tests like mammograms, MRIs, ultrasounds, and blood work could cost a pretty penny, why have all the UCP decisions actually just made life more expensive for Albertans?

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

**Mr. Schow:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Like the Leader of the Opposition, the member had to really reach back like a dragon to get that. Now we have two dragons. What I can tell you in this instance is that the member has not found anything relevant or even close to a coherent thought in that question when it comes to really addressing the affordability issue in this province, which is keeping taxes low so that Albertans have more access to the money that they earn at the end of every month. I contend that Albertans know how to spend their money much better than the government does, and that's why we're making sure they keep as much of it as possible.

**Ms Gray:** Point of order.

**Ms Ganley:** Point of order.

**The Speaker:** There were two people popping up, but I'm going to say that one point of order was called – is that fair? – at 11:12.

**Ms Hayter:** Given that this UCP government is more focused on appeasing separatists, given that the Premier was committing to wasting even more money on a legal fight for the separatists to get a referendum and given that while the UCP denies Albertans the relief and the leadership they deserve – Alberta New Democrats have a real solution, and we are ready to deliver – when will the

government focus on Albertans for once instead of bending over backwards and wasting more money on their separatist friends?

**Mr. Schow:** Mr. Speaker, the only plan the members opposite have on affordability is, as they support in their leadership race, quote: to eat the rich. Now, on this side of the House we believe that the greatest affordability measure we ever did for the province of Alberta was kicking the NDP out of government and making sure that a real Conservative government is here to lead this province forward, cutting taxes, attracting investment, creating an environment where jobs can thrive and advance. The members opposite have no plan. They continue to have no plan. That starts with their leadership at the top.

**The Speaker:** Hon. members, in 30 seconds we will continue with the Routine.

### Members' Statements

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#### Democracy in Alberta

**Mr. Shepherd:** Governments are elected and given power to serve the people, to protect and preserve the institutions entrusted to them like health care, education, our environment, natural resources and our democracy itself, the foundation that our province, our society, everything we depend on rests on.

The best governments leave it better than they found it. They strengthen accountability, improve accessibility, ensure equality. Others just maintain the status quo. But the worst governments: they tear democracy apart, seize power, gut accountability, twist every law, every system, every institution to serve themselves, and that's the UCP.

The Premier once tried to interfere in a criminal case on behalf of a separatist friend but won't do a thing to help 3 million Albertans whose information was stolen and leaked by radical separatists. The Justice minister changed laws to make it harder to investigate when people break elections law and helped separatists disrupt our entire province by lowering the bar to force a vote on separation. Sledgehammers to the foundation of our democracy.

No one has faith in a game where one player keeps stacking the deck, but that's par for the course for the UCP. They've passed laws making it harder for Albertans to vote, gutted accountability by making it harder to hide political donations, and much harder to get information from government. Heck, the Justice minister passed a law to give himself immunity. Now with utter disregard for every democratic norm, the most basic principles of fair play, they've rejected an independent process and appointed their own MLAs to redraw our election maps. It's a cynical play for more power using our laws and our money to create chaos, push propaganda, stoke division, and kill trust in the systems and institutions that were built to protect us. It's damage that will last for years, but it's not too late.

We can still stand up and say no, refuse to become cynical and hold on to hope, channel righteous anger to rally our friends, family, and neighbours to fight their referendum, debunk their propaganda, and defeat them in the next election, and choose a government that will serve Albertans, not themselves. Alberta's New Democrats are ready.

**The Speaker:** Livingstone-Macleod.

#### Nurses Week

**Mrs. Petrovic:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to recognize Nurses Week and to thank our dedicated nurses across Alberta, who serve our communities with professionalism, compassion, and quiet

strength. Nursing is not just a profession; it's a calling. Day in and day out Alberta's nurses show up when people need them most. They care for our loved ones in moments of fear and uncertainty, and they do so with skill, resiliency, and integrity. They are the steady hands and calm voices that patients rely on.

Mr. Speaker, a strong health care system depends on a strong nursing workforce. That is why our government is focused on practical, responsible steps to support nurses and ensure the sustainability of this essential profession. We are increasing training opportunities right here in Alberta, creating more seats for nursing students so we can grow our own workforce and reduce reliance on recruitment from elsewhere. At the same time we're working to ensure nurses can spend time with patients and less time navigating bureaucracy. Reducing administrative burden and supporting effective care delivery are key priorities.

We also recognize the unique needs of rural communities. Albertans, no matter where they live, deserve access to care. This is why we're supporting initiatives to attract and retain nurses in rural and remote areas, where they play a vital role.

Mr. Speaker, we believe in respecting the professions that serve Albertans, using taxpayer dollars wisely, and building systems that are sustainable for long-term growth. Supporting nurses is central to that work. This Nurses Week we extend our sincere thanks to every nurse in Alberta. Your contribution strengthens families, communities, and our province as a whole.

#### Government Accountability

**Member Eremenko:** Mr. Speaker, the data breach scandal has given the Premier the chance to play one of her favourite games, the blame game. When the Alberta NDP told this House that at least one of her staffers was present at the notorious Centurion Project meeting, the Premier's first play was to blame, of all people, the Leader of the Opposition for not telling her about the data breach before we told the authorities. When that failed, the Premier made ready for the bus stop and threw that staffer and the UCP's caucus director under the bus, all while demonstrating in a rambling answer to the press that she has no strong grasp of how her offices work, who does what within them, or how poorly they appear to be run.

Albertans have seen it all before from this Premier. A failed separatist referendum struck down by the courts: it couldn't be the Constitution; it must be those woke Liberal-appointed judges. Her government drops the ball: blame Ottawa. The Premier stokes separatism for her political gain and threatens Canadian unity: well, that must be Justin Trudeau's fault. Corruption, grift, bloated contracts, wasted millions: who else to blame but the public servants at AHS? A failing health care system, underfunded education, the sky-high cost of living, and everything else this government has either caused or done nothing to fix: just blame immigrants after telling the world that Alberta is calling. The members of this government and the Premier herself have a pathological inability to take responsibility for their actions, and their disaster of a record demonstrates either deep incompetence or profound malice, or maybe it's both. Either way, they can't be trusted.

Albertans deserve better than this corrupt government. They deserve better than the Premier's self-serving entitlement. It's time for a change. It's time for an NDP government.

11:20

#### Government Caucus

**Mr. Eggen:** Mr. Speaker, today I rise to speak directly to my colleagues in the government caucus. It's my honour to be the longest serving member.

**The Speaker:** Hon. member, I'm going to let you start over, but you're going to speak through the chair. I'm going to give you a full two minutes, but you're going to speak through the chair.

**Mr. Eggen:** Absolutely.

Mr. Speaker, through you, of course, today I am speaking to my colleagues in the government caucus. It's my honour to be the longest serving member in this House. I've seen eight Premiers come and go, but I've never seen one treat her caucus as badly as this one, and I was here for Alison Redford. [interjections]

**The Speaker:** You're going to get a fresh two minutes now because we don't interrupt members' statements. You get to start over.

**Mr. Eggen:** Okay. Mr. Speaker, today I speak to you and to my colleagues in the government caucus. It's my honour to be the longest serving member in this House. I've seen eight Premiers come and go, but I've never seen one treat her caucus as badly as this one, and I was here for Alison Redford.

This Premier keeps her caucus in the dark. She doesn't tell them about the Saudi flights. They probably didn't know about the secret deals with Sam Mraiche and the enormous amount of wasted money. She didn't tell them about the multiple RCMP investigations that are ensnaring all of them, but most important, Mr. Speaker, she has dragged her caucus into a separatist quagmire from which there is no escape.

I know many of my colleagues across the way personally. When they ran for election, they thought they were running as conservatives, fiscal conservatives, people who respect traditions and institutions, and, above all, good and loyal Canadians who believe in the promise of our country, Canada. But now they find themselves in a separatist government working for a separatist Premier. Jeffrey Rath has already said that he will challenge the nomination of any and all who don't show their separatist credentials, and they'll lose. But if they admit to Albertans that they've been separatists this whole time, they will lose. The incompetence and the corruption of the Premier and her inner circle is what caused this.

They will hear an earful from the neighbours on the barbecue circuit this summer, certainly. I'll remind them all that they have the power to end this. They have the power to change this government into one that actually cares for governing, for Albertans. The question is: do they have the courage? [interjections]

**The Speaker:** Order. Order.

### Tabling Returns and Reports

**The Speaker:** Are there tablings? St. Albert.

**Ms Renaud:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm tabling a letter from St. Albert public library dated April 17, which I referred to yesterday afternoon in debate.

**Mr. Haji:** Mr. Speaker, I rise to table five copies of a letter from AMA asking the government to address the consequence of dual practice through a list of recommendations.

**Mrs. Johnson:** Mr. Speaker, I am tabling House resolution No. 804 from the state of Illinois House of Representatives congratulating the Canadian friendship caucus on its formation.

**The Speaker:** I'm trying to go back side to side, but if nobody is standing – I'm doing the best I can. Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood.

**Member Irwin:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to table five copies of an e-mail from Derek Heisler. His e-mail is entitled This Voter Data Scandal Must Be Your Government's Number One Priority, and I urge all members to read it.

**The Speaker:** See, hon. member, I've tried to discourage people from giving advice at the end of their tablings about who should read what and who should do what. All right? You've got your tabling done.

Grande Prairie.

**Mr. Dyck:** Excellent. Thank you. I rise today to table the state of Indiana Senate resolution No. 7 that recognizes the partnership between Alberta and the state of Indiana and that both have a history of strong partnership in trade, integrated economics, and similar energy approaches.

**The Speaker:** Calgary-Edgemont.

**Ms Hayter:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to table the five requisite copies of an article from CBC titled Alberta Voters List Leak Puts Domestic Violence Victims on Edge, Organizations Say. "Some domestic violence victims will be looking for new place to live."

**The Speaker:** Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland.

**Mr. Getson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to table, from the Illinois House of Representatives, resolution No. 802. It states, sir, that "we celebrate the successful partnership between the State of Illinois and the Province of Alberta." Not to tell anybody to read it, but this is a good one. This is a real good one.

**The Speaker:** You don't get to give advice – okay? – because then tablings on both sides become debate, and I don't think any of us really want how that's going to end up. All right? The rules are there for a reason, to keep order here.

We're at points of order. Okay. At 10:38 is the first point of order, I think, thereabouts, that I have recorded from the government side.

### Point of Order

#### Allegations against a Member

**Mr. Schow:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise on 23(h), (i), and (j). At the time noted, from a sedentary position the Leader of the Opposition said to the Justice minister, while answering a question: you're anti-immigrant, in case you forgot. This is a point of order, making an accusation directly against a member, obviously a very inappropriate one. I leave it in your hands.

**Ms Gray:** Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Very raucous day here, and although I sit next to the Leader of the Official Opposition, I can honestly say that I did not hear the heckle. I will say that this government and their anti-immigrant referendum and policy is absolutely a matter of debate, and I submit to you as evidence the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives and their article with just the headline I will read: Unpacking Alberta's Anti-immigrant and Anti-constitutional Referendums.

**The Speaker:** Okay. Well, thank you for your submissions.

Despite what anybody else heard here, the microphones heard the Leader of the Opposition say: "You want Albertans to leave; you're anti-immigrant now." Clearly, a point of order for which the Leader of the Opposition needs to apologize and withdraw.

**Mr. Nenshi:** Apologize and withdraw.

**The Speaker:** The next one, according to my, sadly, extensive notes: 10:43.

### Point of Order Parliamentary Language

**Mr. Schow:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise on a point of order. At the time the Member for Edmonton-West Henday was speaking and at the end of his remarks tried to get in what I thought was a disgustingly derogatory comment toward the government in which he said: you are tuguys. A quick, cursory search of this would lead me to believe it is a Cree word that refers to or some variation of a phallus.

While I appreciate that the member has strong feelings about things the government is doing, I would think that this term falls well below the level of decorum expected of any member. If I was to walk in here and use a French, Russian, Spanish, whatever language you want to pick term for the members opposite that was incredibly derogatory in that native language, it does not matter if the members understand it or not; it is unparliamentary. It was disgusting. It was absolutely repulsive that that member would use that kind of language in this Chamber. He should apologize, withdraw, and be totally ashamed and think over the next several months about his conduct.

**Ms Gray:** Mr. Speaker, it is absolutely repulsive and disgusting that the Government House Leader is telling an Indigenous MLA in this Chamber how they should feel, and that he is telling us the interpretation . . . [interjections]

**The Speaker:** Order.

No. Please be seated. [interjection] No. There are no points of order during points of order, thankfully. Sit down, please.

Continue. Despite that there are no points of order during your points of order, do your best to not create a ruckus. Go ahead.

11:30

**Ms Gray:** I will say, Mr. Speaker, that the Government House Leader has no shame in the way he attacks my members, the way he misinterprets things to give it the worst possible spin, and the way he doesn't know the definition of Cree words. As I understand it, the word that was used is often colloquially used as "tough guy," not what the minister has tried to spin it as. I will also note that the Speaker intervened at that moment, and it has already been withdrawn, that comment. So we continue debate on something highly charged in a way that creates disorder in this House, in a way that is unnecessary, and I do not thank the Government House Leader for how he has behaved this afternoon.

**The Speaker:** Here's what *Hansard* says, "Y'all are looking like a bunch of tuguys," and here's what else it says. The member says, "I apologize." What he didn't do is withdraw. I'll ask the House leader to do that to finish the apology.

**Ms Gray:** On behalf of the member I apologize and withdraw.

**The Speaker:** Next 10:49 is what I have, I think, and this one is from the opposition side, I believe.

### Point of Order Language Creating Disorder

**Ms Gray:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rose on 23(j), "uses abusive or insulting language of a nature likely to create disorder." At that time in his third response the Minister of Finance began by

declaring that the comments from my Finance shadow minister were "incoherent ramblings." Really unfortunate to lower yourself to just insulting the person asking the question or the question being asked. It, I believe, did create disorder in this House, and I think it's insulting language, so I called the point of order. I look forward to your ruling.

**Mr. Schow:** Mr. Speaker, I disagree with the argument from the Opposition House Leader. Yesterday the Member for Sherwood Park referenced my answer as being bumbling and incoherent. I think that that is pretty much on par with what the member here said. It was not ruled a point of order then. I just simply said that I was deeply offended, and it hurt me so bad.

Now, Mr. Speaker, what I can say is that this is not a point of order. It's just part of the debate. If the member's feelings are hurt, maybe that just means the member doesn't have the constitution for the job that we do here every day.

**Ms Gray:** Point of order.

**The Speaker:** Hon. member, you've already spoken to this.

**Ms Gray:** Only to say, Mr. Speaker, that the practice of doing insulting comments in the middle of points of order, when we can't call points of order, is causing disorder and is shameful, and I would ask the Government House Leader to stop or the Speaker to intervene.

**The Speaker:** I will ask both sides to stop. You know what? Folks, suck it up. We're going away. We're not going to be here for a few months. [interjections] No, no. I'm also saying: stop the bad behaviour. It's both. Stop the bad behaviour. Control yourselves. We're not going to be together for a few months. Some of you may be grateful for that, but it doesn't change the fact that we're adults. We're representing 5 million Albertans. We should all remember that. I know that in the heat of the moment you can forget for a minute, but you know what? Stop. [interjection] I'm looking all – do not instruct me on which way to look, hon. member.

This isn't in debate. The comment by the Finance minister ended with "they know that they're a bunch of communists."

**Some Hon. Members:** No.

**An Hon. Member:** It's the rambling one.

**The Speaker:** I get the feeling that some of the arguments were on a different point of order. Nonetheless, point of order 3 ends with "they know that they're a bunch of communists." [interjection] I did. I called 10:49. You didn't call a point of order? [interjection] Well, then, if there's no point of order, then that concludes that matter.

**Ms Hoffman:** Mr. Speaker, may we clarify?

**The Speaker:** Hon. Opposition House Leader, did somebody call a point of order or not?

**Ms Gray:** Absolutely, and I've argued the point of order. The comment was to do with what the Finance minister said about . . .

**The Speaker:** No, let me – but your fellow member just told me that nobody did.

**Ms Gray:** We did not call a point of order on them calling us communists; we call them separatists. They are being ridiculous. It's fine. No point of order on that.

But the Finance minister talking about bumbling and incoherent thoughts: that is what I called the point of order on because the

government is insulting members rather than answering questions. That is my point of order, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** Okay. Thank you for that.

Sadly, I don't – okay. On the 10:49 point of order that didn't happen – I'm just trying to sort this out – I don't see any comment about bumbling and incoherent thoughts. The point of order raised at 10:49: let's look at that. But that was called by the government side.

Number 6. We'll get to number 6. Opposition House Leader, my table is telling me that the comments that you seem to be making reference to are at a point of order coming up. We'll get to it.

**Ms Gray:** I'll make my arguments at the appropriate time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** I'm just doing the best I can here.

**Ms Gray:** Understood. Me, too.

**The Speaker:** At or about 10:55 it looks like the government called a point of order.

#### **Point of Order Insulting Language**

**Mr. Schow:** Yes, Mr. Speaker. The point of order I called was at 10:55 on the Member for Edmonton–Gold Bar. When he was asking his question, he began his statement with, “Given that the minister . . . needs remedial reading lessons.” If we're going to talk about insulting language and insulting someone directly, I think this is an example of that. I think it's a point of order, 23(h), (i), and (j). I'll just leave it at that.

**Ms Gray:** Mr. Speaker, the Government House Leader just argued that these things are not points of order and they are important matters of debate, so I find myself at a loss. I will say that I do not have at that time the exact reading of the Blues, but to use the turn of phrase from the Government House Leader, if his feelings were hurt, I will apologize and withdraw. [interjections]

**The Speaker:** Order. Order. You know what? The least we can do is thank the Opposition House Leader for putting an end to this particular point of order. I think we can all agree on both sides of the House that the 20 minutes that we'll never get back in our lives sorting out points of orders are 20 minutes for all of our lives that we will never get back. Nonetheless, let's soldier on.

The next point of order was at or about 11:01, called by somebody. Who called the point of order? Okay. The government.

**Mr. Williams:** The government benches called this point of order, and in light of our reconciliation we are also going to withdraw this point of order.

**The Speaker:** We thank the Deputy Government House Leader for that.

The last one, I hope, at or about 11:12. It occurs to me, looks, sounds like the opposition called one. Okay. Please go ahead.

#### **Point of Order Insulting Language**

**Ms Gray:** Yes. Thank you very much. I called this point of order. The Government House Leader, in responding to the Member for Calgary–Edgemont across the three questions but particularly at this time, under 23(j), very deliberately chose to just insult the member

and the question. In this case I wrote down “incoherent thoughts” as a keyword for myself, but, Mr. Speaker, if you review the Blues, I think you will see that it is nothing but insults directed towards the Member for Calgary–Edgemont, who was asking important and relevant questions. I think it is unparliamentary to respond in that way, personal attacks rather than policy debate, but I do not have the benefit of the Blues. I look forward to your ruling.

**The Speaker:** Did you complete your argument?

**11:40**

**Ms Gray:** I did.

**The Speaker:** Okay. I thought I heard some crosstalk, which is not welcome and doesn't help this process.

**Mr. Schow:** I disagree with the Opposition House Leader. We have already discussed this. I do feel that the question being asked at the time was actually a slew of insults thrown at the government writ large, so I responded in a way that, ultimately, the member might find offensive. If the member was offended, then I will withdraw and apologize as well.

**The Speaker:** What we've witnessed here is something we could have witnessed during question period. It was a little give-and-take on each side. We could have witnessed less insulting and demeaning language. We could have witnessed a lot better, but we didn't.

Nonetheless, we're at the end of points of order, and hopefully before we go to question period again, when we have a few weeks without one another, we'll be able to consider the way in which we address one another.

### **Royal Assent**

**The Speaker:** First up is the hon. Premier.

**Ms Smith:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor will now attend upon the Assembly.

[The Premier and the Sergeant-at-Arms left the Chamber to attend the Lieutenant Governor]

[The Mace was draped]

[The Sergeant-at-Arms knocked on the main doors of the Chamber three times. The Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms opened the doors, and the Sergeant-at-Arms entered]

**The Sergeant-at-Arms:** All rise, please. Mr. Speaker, Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor awaits.

**The Speaker:** Sergeant-at-Arms, admit Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

[Preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms, Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, Salma Lakhani, AOE, BSc, LL.D., and the Premier entered the Chamber. Her Honour took her place upon the throne]

**Her Honour:** Please be seated.

**The Speaker:** May it please Her 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.

**Her Honour:** I hope that today, at the end of the spring sitting, I would take this opportunity to address all of you, our elected officials,

as you head back to your constituencies, and I hope you'll take time for yourselves and to be with your loved ones and also time to reflect.

You know, it's not often that I – I've not given royal assent in the Chamber for a while now, so this is very special for me to be here in the Chamber to give royal assent and also to address you or to say a few things if that's okay, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** Your Honour, you can do whatever you like. How's that?

**Her Honour:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to address the Assembly. I want to begin by thanking all of you. All of you are elected officials, whichever side of the aisle you sit on. Thank you for the work you do every single day. I also want to, if I could, please, express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to all your staff, your staff here at the Legislature and in your constituency offices and all the volunteers who support you as you work hard every day and, most importantly, your families and your loved ones who make sacrifices and support you every day as all of you endeavour to make life better for all Albertans.

Earlier, well, in May I was delighted to attend the current and former MLA spring reception, which was actually hosted by our hon. Speaker and organized by the Alberta Association of Former MLAs. For me in this position it was truly heartwarming to see former and present MLAs there talking to one another and networking with one another, regardless of political affiliations. For me to see that was truly – truly – heartwarming.

Now I'd like to quote something. In 2005 during Alberta's centennial celebrations Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II sat on this very spot on this very throne in this very Chamber and said:

During a previous visit 32 years ago I said: "I want the Crown in Canada to represent everything that is best and most admired in the Canadian ideal. I will continue to do my best to make it so during my lifetime, and I hope you will all continue to give me your help in this task." I would like to repeat those words today as together we continue to build a country that remains the envy of the world.

May I end by saying that while we are not perfect, we still remain the envy of the world, not least because of our inclusivity and the opportunity we accord to each and every person who calls this place home to both attain and to give back of their fullest potential.

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Thank you to each one of you for the role that you play individually and collectively in this process, and I wish you all the very best.

Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. [Standing ovation]

**The Clerk:** Your Honour, the following are the titles of the bills to which Your Honour's assent is prayed.

- 18 Safeguards for Last Resort Termination of Life Act
- 22 Animal Protection Amendment Act, 2026
- 24 Alberta Whisky Act
- 25 An Act to Remove Politics and Ideology from Classrooms and Amend the Education Act, 2026
- 26 Immigration Oversight Act
- 27 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2026
- 28 Municipal Affairs and Housing Statutes Amendment Act, 2026
- 29 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2026
- 30 Expedited 120-Day Approvals Act
- 31 Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2026

32 Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 2026

207 Primary Provincial Industries Recognition Statutes Amendment Act, 2026

Pr. 1 The Ranchmen's Club Ordinance Amendment Act, 2026

Pr. 2 Prairie Bible Institute Amendment Act, 2026

[The Lieutenant Governor indicated her assent]

**The Clerk:** In His Majesty's name Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these bills.

**The Sergeant-at-Arms:** All rise, please.

[Preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms, the Lieutenant Governor and the Premier left the Chamber]

[The Mace was uncovered]

## Statement by the Speaker

### Remarks at the End of the Spring Sitting

**The Speaker:** Hon. members, just before I recognize the hon. Government House Leader, I'd just like to briefly wish everyone a good break. For those at home the members here have not stopped working till fall; rather, they're doing the work that we do away from here. They'll be out talking to their constituents, returning phone calls, and I sincerely hope taking some vacation along the way. I wish you all well with that.

The thought I will offer is that we're all hon. members, and while this may be a competitive environment, we all were duly elected by the 5 million or so people in Alberta to represent them, which we've done here honourably over the last few weeks, and I know we'll do that when we come back. I want to thank everybody for their hard work, their loyalty to the people that elected them, and to Alberta. I wish everybody a very happy, healthy, successful time until we meet here again.

At this point I would like to recognize the hon. Government House Leader.

**Mr. Schow:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for your comments. They are well made and well received. We have come to that time of the session, but before I do make anything final, I do want to make a couple of notes. First, notes of thank you, first to the Lieutenant Governor for her service to this province and for her coming in today to do royal assent. That was lovely.

I also want to thank the table officers for their diligent service in this Chamber after hours and hours of debate; building staff who keep this building running even when we're not here; those who work at *Hansard*; the pages, those who are sticking around, and congratulations to those who have graduated out of the program. I want to thank the Sergeant-at-Arms and the Legislative Assembly security staff for keeping us safe in this building. We often don't know all the things that happen here, but I know they do. I'm grateful for their service.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank you, and I also want to thank your office for your diligent work here keeping everyone and everything in order and keeping this thing moving. I also want to thank the Leader of the Opposition for his leadership through this session and for his work leading his own caucus. I also want to thank the

Opposition House Leader for her diligent work, someone I hold in very high regard. With that, I also want to thank the opposition caucus as well. We may disagree on many things, but what we do not disagree on is we want to always put Alberta first. That's who we represent, and that's who we serve. I also want to thank the Premier for her diligent leadership in the government caucus.

Before I adjourn, I want to say one thing. I had a phone call this morning with my kids before they went to school, and they said: we miss you, dad. It was a humble reminder but a powerful one that while life goes on back home without us, we are missed. To all members of the Assembly: I want to thank your families.

Your families support you. We could not be here doing what we do, the important work we do, without the support of those who are back home waiting for us to return safely, so I ask all members to please do that, return home safely, wherever that may be.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I want to advise the Assembly that the business of the 2026 spring sitting is now concluded.

[The Assembly adjourned at 11:59 a.m. pursuant to the 2026 sessional calendar and on advice by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader]

## **Bill Status Report for the 31st Legislature - 2nd Session (2025-2026)**

**Activity to Thursday, May 14, 2026**

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

\* An asterisk beside a Bill number indicates an amendment was passed to that Bill; the Committee line shows the precise date of the amendment.

The date a Bill comes into force is indicated in square brackets after the date of Royal Assent. If a Bill comes into force "on proclamation," "with exceptions," or "on various dates," please contact Legislative Counsel, Alberta Justice, for details at 780.427.2217. The chapter number assigned to the Bill is entered immediately following the date the Bill comes into force. SA indicates Statutes of Alberta; this is followed by the year in which it is included in the statutes, and its chapter number. Please note, Private Bills are not assigned chapter number until the conclusion of the Fall Sittings.

### **Bill 1 — International Agreements Act (Smith)**

First Reading — 6 (*Oct. 23, 2025 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 77-85 (*Oct. 28, 2025 aft., adjourned*), 109-18 (*Oct. 29, 2025 aft., adjourned*), 133-35 (*Oct. 30, 2025 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 184-87 (*Nov. 4, 2025 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 250-52 (*Nov. 6, 2025 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Nov. 26, 2025 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force November 26, 2025; SA 2025, cI-3.8 ]

### **Bill 2 — Back to School Act (Horner)**

First Reading — 26 (*Oct. 27, 2025 aft., passed on division*)

Second Reading — 27-28 (*Oct. 27, 2025 eve.*), 29-35 (*Oct. 27, 2025 eve., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 35-36 (*Oct. 27, 2025 eve.*), 37-45 (*Oct. 27, 2025 eve., passed on division*)

Third Reading — 45-46 (*Oct. 27, 2025 eve.*), 47-54 (*Oct. 27, 2025 eve., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Oct. 28, 2025 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on October 28, 2025; SA 2025 cB-0.5 ]

### **Bill 3 — Private Vocational Training Amendment Act, 2025 (McDougall)**

First Reading — 65 (*Oct. 28, 2025 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 135-37 (*Oct. 30, 2025 aft., adjourned*), 187-93 (*Nov. 4, 2025 aft., adjourned*), 215-16 (*Nov. 5, 2025 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 334-37 (*Nov. 18, 2025 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 371-73 (*Nov. 19, 2025 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Nov. 26, 2025 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2025 c17 ]

### **Bill 4 — Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 (No. 2) (Ellis)**

First Reading — 121 (*Oct. 30, 2025, passed*)

Second Reading — 193-201 (*Nov. 4, 2025 aft., adjourned*), 216-24 (*Nov. 5, 2025 aft., adjourned*), 289 (*Nov. 17, 2025 eve., adjourned*), 323-34 (*Nov. 18, 2025 aft., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 408-13 (*Nov. 20, 2025 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 447-55 (*Nov. 24, 2025 eve., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Nov. 26, 2025 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force November 26, 2025, with exceptions; SA 2025 c18 ]

### **Bill 5 — Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 (Schow)**

First Reading — 271 (*Nov. 17, 2025 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 322-23 (*Nov. 18, 2025 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 407-08 (*Nov. 20, 2025 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 589-90 (*Nov. 27, 2025 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Dec. 11, 2025 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force December 11, 2025; SA 2025 c23 ]

**Bill 6 — Education (Prioritizing Literacy and Numeracy) Amendment Act, 2025 (No. 2) (Nicolaidis)**

First Reading — 150 (Nov. 3, 2025 aft., passed)

Second Reading — 252-60 (Nov. 6, 2025 aft., adjourned), 289-98 (Nov. 17, 2025 eve., adjourned), 337-39 (Nov. 18, 2025 aft., adjourned), 341-51 (Nov. 18, 2025 eve., adjourned; amendments introduced), 455-65 (Nov. 24, 2025 eve., adjourned; amendments introduced), 504-14 (Nov. 25, 2025 eve., passed on division)

Committee of the Whole — 681-86 (Dec. 2, 2025 eve., passed)

Third Reading — 713-21 (Dec. 3, 2025 aft., passed)

Royal Assent — (Dec. 11, 2025 outside of House sitting) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2025 c19 ]

**Bill 7 — Water Amendment Act, 2025 (Schulz)**

First Reading — 121 (Oct. 30, 2025 aft., passed)

Second Reading — 224-35 (Nov. 5, 2025 aft., adjourned), 298-307 (Nov. 17, 2025 eve., adjourned), 351-55 (Nov. 18, 2025 eve., passed)

Committee of the Whole — 480-93 (Nov. 25, 2025 aft., passed)

Third Reading — 536-43 (Nov. 26, 2025 aft., adjourned), 661-63 (Dec. 2, 2025 aft., passed)

Royal Assent — (Dec. 11, 2025 outside of House sitting) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2025 c27 ]

**Bill 8 — Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 (Neudorf)**

First Reading — 478 (Nov. 25, 2025 aft., passed)

Second Reading — 663-70 (Dec. 2, 2025 aft., passed)

Committee of the Whole — 737-44 (Dec. 3, 2025 eve., passed with amendments)

Third Reading — 766-71 (Dec. 4, 2025 aft., passed)

Royal Assent — (Dec. 11, 2025 outside of House sitting) [Comes into force December 11, 2025, with exceptions; SA 2025 c26 ]

**Bill 9 — Protecting Alberta's Children Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 (Amery)**

First Reading — 319-20 (Nov. 18, 2025 aft., passed on division)

Second Reading — 378-91 (Nov. 19, 2025 aft., adjourned), 493-501 (Nov. 25, 2025 aft., adjourned), 549-54 (Nov. 26, 2025 aft., adjourned), 676-79 (Dec. 2, 2025 aft., adjourned), 815-22 (Dec. 8, 2025 eve., passed on division)

Committee of the Whole — 855 (Dec. 9, 2025 aft., adjourned), 873-80 (Dec. 9, 2025 eve., passed on division)

Third Reading — 891 (Dec. 9, 2025 eve., adjourned on division), 892-900 (Dec. 9, 2025 eve., passed on division)

Royal Assent — (Dec. 11, 2025 outside of House sitting) [Comes into force December 11, 2025; SA 2025 c24 ]

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

First Reading — 271 (Nov. 17, 2025 aft., passed)

Second Reading — 374-78 (Nov. 19, 2025 aft., adjourned), 514-21 (Nov. 25, 2025 eve., adjourned), 543-49 (Nov. 26, 2025 aft., adjourned), 670-76 (Dec. 2, 2025 aft., passed)

Committee of the Whole — 728-29 (Dec. 3, 2025 aft., adjourned), 744-45 (Dec. 3, 2025 eve., passed)

Third Reading — 789-94 (Dec. 8, 2025 eve., passed)

Royal Assent — (Dec. 11, 2025 outside of House sitting) [Comes into force on various dates; SA 2025 c25 ]

**Bill 11 — Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 (No. 2) (LaGrange)**

First Reading — 426 (Nov. 24, 2025 , passed)

Second Reading — 555-64 (Nov. 26, 2025 eve., adjourned), 590-96 (Nov. 27, 2025 aft., adjourned), 637-46 (Dec. 1, 2025 eve., adjourned), 808-15 (Dec. 8, 2025 eve., passed on division)

Committee of the Whole — 856 (Dec. 9, 2025 aft., adjourned), 867-73 (Dec. 9, 2025 eve., passed on division with amendments)

Third Reading — 913-14 (Dec. 10, 2025 aft., adjourned on division), 916-22 (Dec. 10, 2025 aft., passed on division)

Royal Assent — (Dec. 11, 2025 outside of House sitting) [Comes into force on various dates; SA 2025 c21 ]

**Bill 12 — Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 (No. 2) (S) (Horner)**

First Reading — 478 (Nov. 25, 2025 aft., passed)

Second Reading — 693-98 (Dec. 2, 2025 eve., adjourned), 731-37 (Dec. 3, 2025 eve., passed)

Committee of the Whole — 745-50 (Dec. 3, 2025 eve., adjourned), 850-55 (Dec. 9, 2025 aft., passed with amendments)

Third Reading — 860-67 (Dec. 9, 2025 eve., passed on division)

Royal Assent — (Dec. 11, 2025 ) [Comes into force on various dates; SA 2025 c20 ]

**Bill 13 — Regulated Professions Neutrality Act (Amery)**

First Reading — 404 (*Nov. 20, 2025 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 564-73 (*Nov. 26, 2025 eve., adjourned*), 629-37 (*Dec. 1, 2025 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 686-92 (*Dec. 2, 2025 eve., adjourned*), 801-08 (*Dec. 8, 2025 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 887-91 (*Dec. 9, 2025 eve., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Dec. 11, 2025*) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2025 cR-13.3 ]

**Bill 14 — Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 (Amery)**

First Reading — 763 (*Dec. 4, 2025 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 794-801 (*Dec. 8, 2025 eve., adjourned*), 844-50 (*Dec. 9, 2025 aft., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 856 (*Dec. 9, 2025 aft., adjourned*), 880-87 (*Dec. 9, 2025 eve., passed on division with amendments*)

Third Reading — 922-23 (*Dec. 10, 2025 aft., adjourned on division*), 924-31 (*Dec. 10, 2025 aft., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Dec. 11, 2025 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force December 11, 2025, with exceptions; SA 2025 c22 ]

**Bill 15 — Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2026 (Ellis)**

First Reading — 943 (*Feb. 24, 2026 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 972-83 (*Feb. 25, 2026 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1141-48 (*Mar. 19, 2026 morn., passed*)

Third Reading — 1337-44 (*Mar. 31, 2026 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Apr. 16, 2026 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force April 16, 2026; SA 2026, c5 ]

**Bill 16 — Traveller Protection and Destination Development Act (Boitchenko)**

First Reading — 963 (*Feb. 25, 2026 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1065-68 (*Mar. 12, 2026 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1148-52 (*Mar. 19, 2026 morn., passed*)

Third Reading — 1216-19 (*Mar. 24, 2026 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Mar. 26, 2026 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on Proclamation; SA 2026, cT-6.7 ]

**Bill 17 — Fiscal Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2026 (Horner)**

First Reading — 1039 (*Mar. 10, 2026 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1210-16 (*Mar. 24, 2026 aft.*), 1241-44 (*Mar. 25, 2026 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1270-73 (*Mar. 26, 2026 morn., passed*)

Third Reading — 1273-76 (*Mar. 26, 2026 morn., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Mar. 26, 2026 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on various dates; SA 2026 c3 ]

**Bill 18 — Safeguards for Last Resort Termination of Life Act (Amery)**

First Reading — 1124 (*Mar. 18, 2026 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1332-37 (*Mar. 31, 2026 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1462-65 (*Apr. 14, 2026 aft., adjourned*), 1524-28 (*Apr. 16, 2026 morn., passed*)

Third Reading — 1607-12 (*Apr. 22, 2026 aft., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*May 14, 2026 morn.*) [Comes into force on Proclamation ]

**Bill 19 — Appropriation Act, 2026 (\$) (Horner)**

First Reading — 1140 (*Mar. 19, 2026 morn., passed*)

Second Reading — 1222-27 (*Mar. 24, 2026 aft., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 1248-58 (*Mar. 25, 2026 aft., passed on division*)

Third Reading — 1278-88 (*Mar. 26, 2026 morn., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Mar. 26, 2026 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force March 26, 2026; SA 2026, c1 ]

**Bill 20 — Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2026 (\$) (Horner)**

First Reading — 1197 (*Mar. 23, 2026 eve., passed*)

Second Reading — 1219-21 (*Mar. 24, 2026 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1244-48 (*Mar. 25, 2026 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 1276-78 (*Mar. 26, 2026 morn., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Mar. 26, 2026*) [Comes into force March 26, 2026; SA 2026, c2 ]

**Bill 21 — Interprovincial Trade Mutual Recognition Act (Schow)**

First Reading — 1261 (*Mar. 26, 2026 morn., passed*)

Second Reading — 1344-49 (*Mar. 31, 2026 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1404-08 (*Apr. 2, 2026 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 1453-55 (*Apr. 14, 2026 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Apr. 16, 2026 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on Proclamation; SA 2026, cI-9.5 ]

**Bill 22 — Animal Protection Amendment Act, 2026 (Sigurdson, RJ)**

First Reading — 1299 (*Mar. 30, 2026 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1399-1404 (*Apr. 2, 2026 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1618-20 (*Apr. 22, 2026 aft., passed with amendments*)

Third Reading — 1643-47 (*Apr. 23, 2026 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*May 14, 2026 morn.*) [Comes into force on Proclamation ]

**Bill 23 — Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2026 (Amery)**

First Reading — 1299 (*Mar. 30, 2026 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1455-62 (*Apr. 14, 2026 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1492-98 (*Apr. 15, 2026 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 1520-24 (*Apr. 16, 2026 morn., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Apr. 16, 2026 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force April 16, 2026, with exceptions; SA 2026, c4 ]

**Bill 24 — Alberta Whisky Act (Nally)**

First Reading — 1329 (*Mar. 31, 2026 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1393-99 (*Apr. 2, 2026 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1498-99 (*Apr. 15, 2026 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 1532-36 (*Apr. 16, 2026 morn., adjourned*), 1607 (*Apr. 22, 2026 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*May 14, 2026 morn.*) [Comes into force on Proclamation ]

**Bill 25 — An Act to Remove Politics and Ideology from Classrooms and Amend the Education Act, 2026 (Nicolaides)**

First Reading — 1329 (*Mar. 31, 2026 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1465-71 (*Apr. 14, 2026 aft., adjourned*), 1499-1504 (*Apr. 15, 2026 aft., adjourned*), 1647-51 (*Apr. 23, 2026 morn., adjourned*), 1833-39 (*May 11, 2026 eve., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 1874-80 (*May 12, 2026 eve., passed on division*)

Third Reading — 1901-07 (*May 12, 2026 eve., adjourned*), 1925-26 (*May 13, 2026 aft., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*May 14, 2026 morn.*) [Comes into force on Proclamation, with exceptions ]

**Bill 26 — Immigration Oversight Act (Schow)**

First Reading — 1353 (*Apr. 1, 2026 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1528-32 (*Apr. 16, 2026 morn., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1620-24 (*Apr. 22, 2026 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 1739-42 (*May 6, 2026 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*May 14, 2026 morn.*) [Comes into force on Proclamation ]

**Bill 27 — Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2026 (Horner)**

First Reading — 1353 (*Apr. 1, 2026 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1487-92 (*Apr. 15, 2026 aft., adjourned*), 1612-18 (*Apr. 22, 2026 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1746-49 (*May 6, 2026 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 1769 (*May 6, 2026 eve., adjourned*), 1769-71 (*May 6, 2026 eve., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*May 14, 2026 morn.*) [Comes into force on various dates ]

**Bill 28 — Municipal Affairs and Housing Statutes Amendment Act, 2026 (Williams)**

First Reading — 1385 (*Apr. 2, 2026 morn., passed*)

Second Reading — 1636-43 (*Apr. 23, 2026 morn., adjourned*), 1752-56 (*May 6, 2026 aft., adjourned*), 1757-59 (*May 6, 2026 eve., adjourned*), 1839-46 (*May 11, 2026 eve., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 1880-86 (*May 12, 2026 aft., adjourned*), 1893-95 (*May 12, 2026 eve., passed on division*), 1887 (*May 12, 2026 eve., adjourned*)

Third Reading — 1928-36 (*May 13, 2026 aft., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*May 14, 2026 morn.*) [Comes into force on various dates ]

**Bill 29 — Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2026 (LaGrange)**

First Reading — 1420 (*Apr. 13, 2026 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1651-57 (*Apr. 23, 2026 aft., adjourned*), 1716-23 (*May 5, 2026 aft., adjourned*), 1867-74 (*May 12, 2026 aft., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 1887-93 (*May 12, 2026 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 1936-43 (*May 13, 2026 aft., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*May 14, 2026 morn.*) [Comes into force May 14, 2026, with exceptions ]

**Bill 30 — Expedited 120-Day Approvals Act (Jean)**

First Reading — 1450 (*Apr. 14, 2026 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1706-11 (*May 5, 2026 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1771-76 (*May 6, 2026 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 1776-77 (*May 6, 2026 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*May 14, 2026 morn.*) [Comes into force on Proclamation ]

**Bill 31 — Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2026 (Nally)**

First Reading — 1627 (*Apr. 23, 2026 morn., passed*)

Second Reading — 1711-16 (*May 5, 2026 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1749-52 (*May 6, 2026 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 1800-1806 (*May 7, 2026 morn., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*May 14, 2026 morn.*) [Comes into force May 14, 2026, with exceptions ]

**Bill 32 — Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 2026 (Amery)**

First Reading — 1635 (*Apr. 23, 2026 morn., passed*)

Second Reading — 1743-46 (*May 6, 2026 aft., adjourned*), 1759-69 (*May 6, 2026 eve., adjourned*), 1846-53 (*May 11, 2026 eve., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 1895-1901 (*May 12, 2026 eve., passed on division*)

Third Reading — 1907-12 (*May 12, 2026 eve., adjourned*), 1926-28 (*May 13, 2026 aft., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*May 14, 2026 morn.*) [Comes into force on May 14, 2026 ]

**Bill 201 — Employment Standards (Protecting Workers' Pay) Amendment Act, 2025 (Ganley)**

First Reading — 121 (*Oct. 30, 2025 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 154-65 (*Nov. 3, 2025 aft., adjourned*), 274-76 (*Nov. 17, 2025 aft., defeated on division*)

**Bill 202 — Conflicts of Interest (Ethical Governance) Amendment Act, 2025 (Kasawski)**

First Reading — 248 (*Nov. 6, 2025 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 276-84 (*Nov. 17, 2025 aft., adjourned*), 427-31 (*Nov. 24, 2025 aft., defeated on division*)

**Bill 203 — Energy Storage Planning for Investment Act (Al-Guneid)**

First Reading — 319 (*Nov. 18, 2025 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 431-39 (*Nov. 24, 2025 aft., adjourned*), 608-13 (*Dec. 1, 2025 aft., defeated on division*)

**Bill 204 — Public Interest Disclosure (Publicly Funded Health Entity Whistleblower Protection) Act (Sweet)**

First Reading — 534 (*Nov. 26, 2025 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 613-20 (*Dec. 1, 2025 aft., adjourned*), 1014-20 (*Mar. 9, 2026 aft., defeated on division*)

**Bill 205 — Non-Disclosure Agreements Act (Johnson)**

First Reading — 1129 (*Mar. 19, 2026 morn., passed*)

Second Reading — 1169 (*Mar. 23, 2026 aft., referred to Standing Committee on Families and Communities*)

**Bill 206 — Accessible Alberta Act (Renaud)**

First Reading — 1063 (*Mar. 12, 2026 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1081-94 (*Mar. 16, 2026 aft., adjourned*), 1166-69 (*Mar. 23, 2026 aft., defeated on division*)

**Bill 207 — Primary Provincial Industries Recognition Statutes Amendment Act, 2026 (Dyck)**

First Reading — 1269 (*Mar. 26, 2026 morn., passed*)  
Second Reading — 1300-1311 (*Mar. 30, 2026 aft., passed*)  
Committee of the Whole — 1424-32 (*Apr. 13, 2026 aft., passed*)  
Third Reading — 1549-51 (*Apr. 20, 2026 aft., passed*)  
Royal Assent — (*May 14, 2026 morn.*) [Comes into force on January 1, 2027 ]

**Bill 208 — Tobacco, Smoking and Vaping Reduction Amendment Act, 2026 (Petrovic)**

First Reading — 1507 (*Apr. 16, 2026 morn., passed*)  
Second Reading — 1551 (*Apr. 20, 2026 aft., referred to Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future*)

**Bill 209 — Consumer Protection (Affordability Measures) Amendment Act, 2026 (Eremenko)**

First Reading — 1635 (*Apr. 23, 2026 morn., passed*)  
Second Reading — 1672-84 (*May 4, 2026 aft., adjourned*), 1820-22 (*May 11, 2026 aft., defeated on division*)

**Bill 210 — Consumer Protection (Fraud Prevention Measures) Amendment Act, 2026 (Deol)**

First Reading — 1781 (*May 7, 2026 aft., passed*)  
Second Reading — 1822-28 (*May 11, 2026 aft., defeated on division*)

**Bill 212 — Pharmacy Statutes (Rewards Points) Amendment Act, 2026 (Pitt)**

First Reading — 1923 (*May 13, 2026 aft., passed*)

**Bill 213 — Alberta Personal Income Tax (Emergency Services Volunteer Tax Credits) Amendment Act, 2026 (Lunty)**

First Reading — 1923 (*May 13, 2026 aft., passed*)

**Bill Pr1 — The Ranchmen's Club Ordinance Amendment Act, 2026 (Ceci)**

First Reading — 1269 (*Mar. 26, 2026 morn., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills*), 1450 (*Apr. 14, 2026 aft., reported to Assembly; proceeded with*)  
Second Reading — 1972 (*May 7, 2026 morn., passed*)  
Committee of the Whole — 1792 (*May 7, 2026 morn., passed*)  
Third Reading — 1867 (*May 12, 2026 aft., passed*)  
Royal Assent — (*May 14, 2026 morn.*) [Comes into force May 14, 2026 ]

**Bill Pr2 — Prairie Bible Institute Amendment Act, 2026 (Sawyer)**

First Reading — 1269 (*Mar. 26, 2026 morn., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills*), 1450 (*Apr. 14, 2026 aft., reported to Assembly; proceeded with*)  
Second Reading — 1792 (*May 7, 2026 morn., passed*)  
Committee of the Whole — 1792-93 (*May 7, 2026 morn., passed*)  
Third Reading — 1867 (*May 12, 2026 aft., passed*)  
Royal Assent — (*May 14, 2026 morn.*) [Comes into force May 14, 2026 ]

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