

Day 98

ORDER PAPER

First Session

Thirty-First Legislature

Monday, April 14, 2025

Prayers (1:30 p.m.)

ROUTINE (1:30 p.m.)

O Canada (First sitting day of each week) Indigenous Land Acknowledgement (First sitting day of each week) Royal Anthem (Thursday)

Oral Question Period (1:50 p.m. daily) (Day 1)

Introduction of Visitors
Introduction of Guests
Ministerial Statements
Members' Statements
Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees
Presenting Petitions
Notices of Motions
Introduction of Bills
Tabling Returns and Reports
Tablings to the Clerk
Deferred Divisions (Thursday)

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

27. Oral notice having been given, moved by Hon. Mr. Horner:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the business plans and fiscal policies of the Government.

Adjourned debate: Hon. Ms Gray

57. Moved by Hon. Mr. Horner:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the business plans and fiscal policies of the Government, as presented in the Assembly on February 27, 2025.

Adjourned debate: MLA Miyashiro

62. Hon. Mr. Schow to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1) and for the duration of the 2025 Spring Sitting of the First Session of the 31st Legislature, the Assembly shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings for consideration of Government business, unless the Government House Leader notifies the Assembly that there shall be no evening sitting that day by providing notice under Notices of Motions in the Daily Routine or at any time prior to 6 pm.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 37 Mental Health Services Protection Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Williams

Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. Schow

Bill 39 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner Debate adjourned, Hon. Ms Sigurdson speaking.

Bill 40 Professional Governance Act — Hon. Mrs. Sawhney Debate adjourned, Mr. Dyck speaking.

Bill 41 Wildlife Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Loewen Debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. Schmidt speaking.

Bill 44 Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2025 – Hon. Mr. Sigurdson

- Bill 45 Critical Infrastructure Defence Amendment Act, 2025 Hon. Mr. Amery Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. Williams
- Bill 46 Information and Privacy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 Hon. Mr. Glubish Adjourned debate: Mr. Deol
- Bill 47 Automobile Insurance Act Hon. Mr. Horner Debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. Sabir speaking.
- Bill 48 iGaming Alberta Act Hon. Mr. Nally
 Adjourned debate: Mr. Dyck
- Bill 49 Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 —
 Hon. Mr. Ellis
 Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. Amery
- Bill 50 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 Hon. Mr. McIver
- Bill 51 Education Amendment Act, 2025 Hon. Mr. Nicolaides
- Bill 52 Energy and Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 Hon. Mr. Neudorf

Committee of the Whole

Bill 38 Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Nally

Private Bills

Referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills

- Bill Pr5 Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta Act MLA Miyashiro
- Bill Pr6 Burman University Amendment Act, 2025 Mrs. Johnson

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

- Bill 209 Reconciliation Implementation Act MLA Arcand-Paul (Time remaining: 72 minutes)

 Debate adjourned.
- Bill 210 Employment Standards (Protecting Workers' Tips) Amendment Act, 2024
 Hon. Ms Gray
- Bill 211 Arts and Creative Economy Advisory Council Act Hon. MLA Ceci
- Bill 212 Organ and Tissue Donor Information Agreement Act Dr. Metz

- Bill 213 Cancer Care Delivery Standards Act Ms Goehring
- Bill 214 Eastern Slopes Protection Act MLA Miyashiro
- Bill 215 Prohibiting Ownership of Agricultural Lands (Pension Plans and Trust Corporations) Act Mr. van Dijken

Motions Other Than Government Motions

521. Moved by Hon. Ms Hoffman (Time remaining: 1 minute, 43 seconds):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take all necessary steps to

- (a) commence a public inquiry, in accordance with section 2 of the Public Inquiries Act, into recent allegations of improper procurement contracts entered into by Alberta Health Services, including with respect to chartered surgical facilities,
- (b) appoint at least one commissioner who is a judge of the Court of Appeal, the Court of King's Bench or the Court of Justice in Alberta, and
- (c) declare that section 7 of the Public Inquiries Act applies with respect to the public inquiry.

Debate adjourned, Hon. Ms Hoffman speaking.

522. Ms Chapman to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take the necessary steps to address overcrowded classrooms by hiring additional teaching staff to ensure that all Alberta classrooms meet the recommended class size based on grade level for Kindergarten to Grade 12, as set out in the 2003 Alberta's Commission on Learning Report "Every Child Learns, Every Child Succeeds."

523. Hon. Mr. Schmidt to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to

- (a) affirm the fundamental importance of the "polluter pays" principle that the costs of well cleanup and remediation should be borne by the entities responsible for their operation,
- (b) ensure that no public funds are allocated to entities for the purpose of cleaning up or remediating liabilities, and
- (c) strengthen existing regulations and enforcement mechanisms to protect current and future taxpayers by holding responsible parties that are accountable.

524. Ms Wright to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) recognize that wages for teachers, registered nurses, educational assistants and other public sector workers have not kept pace with the rapid increase in the cost of living over the last four years, and
- (b) urge the Government to consider cost-of-living increases when bargaining with public sector workers for future compensation agreements to ensure that these workers are fairly compensated.

525. Ms Lovely to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) recognize that residents of rural communities and farm owners in Alberta face unique challenges related to crime, including property theft, vandalism and personal safety, and
- (b) urge the Government of Canada to introduce legislation to provide more legal certainty for individuals who are required to use force to defend themselves, their families and their property.

528. MLA Tejada to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately engage with the Government of Canada to consider the following:

- (a) providing additional funding to address the increased cost of delivering the following public services as a result of Alberta's growing population:
 - (i) health care.
 - (ii) Early Childhood Services (ECS) until Grade 12,
 - (iii) post-secondary education,
 - (iv) emergency services, and
 - (v) newcomer support services;
- (b) entering into a federal-Alberta partnership to streamline the coordination of settlement and integration services for newcomers.

529. Hon. MLA Ceci to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider taking the necessary steps to ensure that arts education and arts-based learning opportunities, including music, theatre, and art lessons, are accessible to Alberta families through school and community-based opportunities by eliminating financial barriers to participation in arts programming, including ensuring that the funding parameters of the Every Kid Can Play Program grant explicitly includes art-related activities.

530. MLA Hoyle to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) acknowledge the importance of access to a nearby hospital for the residents of south Edmonton, and
- (b) urge the Government to consider taking the necessary steps to build a new hospital in south Edmonton.

535. Mr. Wiebe to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) recognize that the Public Sector Compensation Transparency Act serves as an important tool in ensuring transparency in government spending and public sector compensation and fosters trust among government entities and the communities they serve, and
- (b) urge the Government to introduce a Bill to amend the Public Sector Compensation Transparency Act to require municipal authorities to disclose their employees' compensation in accordance with the thresholds for optional disclosure currently set out in the Act in respect of those employees.

540. Mr. Rowswell to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of Alberta and the Government of Canada to reassess their utilization of carbon credit programs to incentivize efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Alberta.

NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

Bill 23 Miscellaneous Corrections Statute Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Schow

Projected Government Business

Monday, April 14 Aft.* - Government Bills and Orders

* If time permits, pursuant to Standing Order 8(1.1)(b)

And as per the Order Paper

Tuesday, April 15 Aft. – Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 37, 39, 44, 45, 50

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, April 16 Aft. – Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 46, 51

Committee of the Whole

Bill 37, 38, 39, 46

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, April 17 Aft. – Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 41, 52

And as per the Order Paper

Due Dates Under Standing Order 34(5) for Motions for Return Accepted

Day 98 MR1, MR4, MR5, MR8, MR11, MR13, MR15

Day 112 MR14

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper, Speaker