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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Thirty-First Legislature

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

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

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

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

Speaker's Address to the Lieutenant Governor

The Speaker said:

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

Statement by the Provincial Secretary

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

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



Statement by Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

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

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

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

Speech From the Throne

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

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

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

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

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

Alberta's Provincial Rights

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Growth Pressures

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

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

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

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

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

Affordability

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

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

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

Lower Taxes

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

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

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

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

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

Attainable Housing Strategy

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

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

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

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

Electricity Costs

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

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

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

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

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

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

Insurance Costs

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

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

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

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

Public Safety and Addiction Crisis

Life in Alberta must also be safe.

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

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

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

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

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

Health Care

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

Despite the excellent work of doctors, nurses, and other front-line staff, more work is needed so Albertans can access world-class health care when and where they need it. Alberta's Government began down this road last fall with its Health Care Action Plan. While we have seen some success with reducing wait times in emergency rooms and for surgeries and improving ambulance response times, the Government believes more needs to be done. Earlier this month Alberta's Government took action to help Albertans get more access to family doctors and other local health professionals, which is the foundation of a healthier province. The Government will have more to say in the coming weeks on additional action to decentralize decision-making and move additional health resources and professionals to the front lines.

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

Education

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Economic Diversification

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Infrastructure

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

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

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

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

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

Fiscal Responsibility

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

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

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

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

Conclusion

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

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

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

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

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

Tabling Documents

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

Sessional Paper 1/2023

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Government Motions

1. Moved by Hon. Ms Smith:

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.



Announcement by the Clerk of the Assembly of Members Elected

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

Calgary-Acadia	Diana Batten	
Calgary-Beddington	Amanda Chapman	
Calgary-Bhullar-McCall	Irfan Sabir	
Calgary-Bow	Demetrios Nicolaides	
Calgary-Buffalo	Joe Ceci	
Calgary-Cross	Mickey Amery	
Calgary-Currie	Janet Eremenko	
Calgary-East	Peter Singh	
Calgary-Edgemont	Julia Hayter	
Calgary-Elbow	Samir Kayande	
Calgary-Falconridge	Parmeet Singh Boparai	
Calgary-Fish Creek	Myles McDougall	
Calgary-Foothills	Court Ellingson	
Calgary-Glenmore	Nagwan Al-Guneid	
Calgary-Hays	Richard William (Ric) McIver	
Calgary-Klein	Lizette Tejada	
Calgary-Lougheed	Eric Bouchard	
Calgary-Mountain View	Kathleen Ganley	
Calgary-North	Muhammed Yaseen	
Calgary-North East	Gurinder Brar	
Calgary-North West	Rajan Sawhney	
Calgary-Peigan	Tanya Fir	
Calgary-Shaw	Rebecca Schulz	
Calgary-South East	Matt Jones	
Calgary-Varsity	Luanne Metz	
Calgary-West	Mike Ellis	
Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview	Peggy Wright	
Edmonton-Castle Downs	Nicole Goehring	
Edmonton-City Centre	David Shepherd	

Edmonton-Decore	Sharif Haji
Edmonton-Ellerslie	Rod Loyola
Edmonton-Glenora	Sarah Hoffman
Edmonton-Gold Bar	Marlin Schmidt
Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood	Janis Irwin
Edmonton-Manning	Heather Sweet
Edmonton-McClung	Lorne Dach
Edmonton-Meadows	Jasvir Deol
Edmonton-Mill Woods	Christina Gray
Edmonton-North West	David Eggen
Edmonton-Riverview	Lori Sigurdson
Edmonton-Rutherford	Jodi Calahoo Stonehouse
Edmonton-South	Rhiannon Hoyle
Edmonton-South West	Nathan Ip
Edmonton-Strathcona	Rachel Notley
Edmonton-West Henday	Brooks Arcand-Paul
Edmonton-Whitemud	Rakhi Pancholi
Airdrie-Cochrane	Peter Guthrie
Airdrie-East	Angela Pitt
Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock	Glenn van Dijken
Banff-Kananaskis	Sarah Elmeligi
Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul	Scott Cyr
Brooks-Medicine Hat	Danielle Smith
Camrose	Jackie Lovely
Cardston-Siksika	Joseph Schow
Central Peace-Notley	Todd Loewen
Chestermere-Strathmore	Chantelle de Jonge
Cypress-Medicine Hat	Justin Wright
Drayton Valley-Devon	Andrew Boitchenko
Drumheller-Stettler	Nate Horner
Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche	Brian Jean
Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo	Tany Yao
Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville	Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk
Grande Prairie	Nolan Dyck

Grande Prairie-Wapiti	Ron Wiebe
Highwood	R.J. Sigurdson
Innisfail-Sylvan Lake	Devin Dreeshen
Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland	Shane Getson
Lacombe-Ponoka	Jennifer Johnson
Leduc-Beaumont	Brandon Lunty
Lesser Slave Lake	Scott Sinclair
Lethbridge-East	Nathan Neudorf
Lethbridge-West	Shannon Phillips
Livingstone-Macleod	Chelsae Petrovic
Maskwacis-Wetaskiwin	Rick Wilson
Morinville-St. Albert	Dale Nally
Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills	Nathan Cooper
Peace River	Dan Williams
Red Deer-North	Adriana LaGrange
Red Deer-South	Jason Stephan
Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre	Jason Nixon
Sherwood Park	Kyle Kasawski
Spruce Grove-Stony Plain	Searle Turton
St. Albert	Marie Renaud
Strathcona-Sherwood Park	Nate Glubish
Taber-Warner	Grant Hunter
Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright	Garth Rowswell
West Yellowhead	Martin Long

Intersessional Deposits

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

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

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

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

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Annual Report 2021-2022, deposited on March 29, 2023

Sessional Paper 118/2022-23

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

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

Hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Health:

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

Sessional Paper 120/2022-23

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

Sessional Paper 121/2022-23

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

Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Committee Annual Report January 2022 – March 2023, Thirtieth Legislature, Fourth Session, March 2023, deposited on March 31, 2023

Sessional Paper 122/2022-23

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

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

Sessional Paper 123/2022-23

Hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Health:

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

Sessional Paper 124/2022-23

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

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

Sessional Paper 125/2022-23

Hon. Ms Schulz, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

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

Sessional Paper 126/2022-23

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

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

Sessional Paper 127/2022-23

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

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

Sessional Paper 128/2022-23

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

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association 2022 Annual Report, deposited on April 20, 2023

Sessional Paper 129/2022-23

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

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

Sessional Paper 130/2022-23

Hon. Mr. Wilson, Minister of Indigenous Relations:

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

Sessional Paper 131/2022-23

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

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

Sessional Paper 132/2022-23

Adjournment

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

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper, Speaker