

No. 4

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Thirty-First Legislature

Thursday, November 2, 2023

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

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

Members' Statements

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

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

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

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

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

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

Notices of Motions

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

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

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given October 31, 2023:

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

Notice having been given:

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

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

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

4 pieces of correspondence expressing concern regarding the Canada Pension Plan and a proposed alternative Alberta pension plan

Sessional Paper 22/2023

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

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

Sessional Paper 23/2023

Tablings to the Clerk

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

Alberta Law Foundation Financial Statements for the Year Ended March 31, 2023 Sessional Paper 24/2023

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

Workers' Compensation Board Alberta 2022 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 25/2023

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 3 Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Amendment Act, 2023

— Hon. Mr. Williams

A debate followed.

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

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

Moved by Ms Lovely and seconded by Mr. Lunty:

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

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

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

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

Adjournment

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

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper, Speaker