



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 9

## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

First Session

Thirty-First Legislature

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Monday, November 20, 2023

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

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

### **Members' Statements**

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Speaker's Statement – Live Streaming of Oral Question Period**

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

## **Presenting Petitions**

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

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

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

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

Sessional Paper 105/2023

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

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

Sessional Paper 106/2023

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

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

Sessional Paper 107/2023

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

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

Sessional Paper 108/2023

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

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

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

Sessional Paper 109/2023

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

Sessional Paper 110/2023

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

Sessional Paper 111/2023

## **Apologies by Members**

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

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

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

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

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

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

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

For the amendment: 48

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

Against the amendment: 23

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

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

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

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Long speaking.

## **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**502.** Moved by MLA Calahoo Stonehouse:

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

A debate followed.

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

- (a) by striking out “effective November 30, 2022” and substituting “effective October 31, 2023”;
- (b) by striking out “Standing Order 6” and substituting “Standing Order 7(1)”;
- (c) by striking out “, followed by an”;
- (d) by striking out “Acknowledgement,” and substituting “Acknowledgement (First sitting day of each week)”;
- (e) by striking out “The Speaker shall offer prayers” and substituting “O Canada (First sitting day of each week)”.

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A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

Debate continued on the motion as amended.

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

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Amery, Minister of Justice, the Assembly adjourned at 5:55 p.m. until Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,  
Speaker