



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 15

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Thirty-First Legislature

Wednesday, November 29, 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 A. Stephen Stiles, Member for Olds-Didsbury, 1982 to 1986, who passed away on April 10, 2023.

Members' Statements

Hon. Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding the Dow Canada Path2Zero Project in Fort Saskatchewan.

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the effects of several Government policies on Albertans' quality of life.

Mr. Cyr, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, made a statement regarding Government action to restore a natural gas connection in Riverview.

Ms Al-Guneid, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement recognizing Lebanese Heritage Month.

Mr. Wright, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding collegiate career-training partnerships in the Cypress-Medicine Hat constituency.

Ms Wright, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Cheremosh Ukrainian Dance Company.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Ms Pitt, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

Standing Committee on Private Bills Final Report, Bill Pr1, St. Joseph's College
Amendment Act, 2023, Thirty-First Legislature, First Session, November 2023
Sessional Paper 144/2023

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to the report.

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations:

Report dated November 29, 2023, entitled "Drinking water safety: Office of the
Chief Scientist," prepared by Jonathan Thompson, Chief Scientist of Alberta
Sessional Paper 145/2023

Ms de Jonge, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore:

True North website article dated November 24, 2023, entitled "Alberta's 44 wind
farms operated at 0.3% capacity on Wednesday"
Sessional Paper 146/2023

Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park:

E-mail message dated November 20, 2023, from Peter Strickland to Mr. Kasawski
and MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, expressing concern
regarding Bill 7, Engineering and Geoscience Professions Amendment Act, 2023
Sessional Paper 147/2023

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Haji, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, on November 28, 2023, that the Bill be amended in section 3, in the proposed section 3.1, by adding the following immediately after subsection (2):

(3) For greater certainty, an individual, corporation, partnership or other entity referred to in subsection (1) may not engage in the practice of engineering unless they are authorized to do so under this Act.

(4) The Council may request information from an individual, corporation, partnership or other entity referred to in subsection (1) for the purpose of confirming whether they are engaged in the practice of engineering.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. van Dijken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 12

Ceci	Haji	Metz
Chapman	Hoyle	Phillips
Ellingson	Kasawski	Sabir
Ganley	Kayande	Tejada

Against the amendment: 44

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

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

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

Ms Pitt, Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 7 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore on November 28, 2023) — Defeated on division
Sessional Paper 143/2023

Second Reading

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

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, on November 28, 2023, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 2, Alberta Pension Protection Act, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that the Bill, if enacted, would not adequately protect Albertans' pensions.

Sessional Paper 142/2023

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question being put on the motion for Second Reading, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 5 Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, on behalf of Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 5, Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

Sessional Paper 148/2023

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question being immediately put on the motion for Second Reading, the motion was agreed to.

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

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

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 8 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Amery

A debate followed.

Dr. Metz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, on behalf of Hon. Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 8, Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

Sessional Paper 149/2023

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question being immediately put on the motion for Second Reading, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

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

Bill 5 Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Horner

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

Bill 8 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Thursday, November 30, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker