



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 34

## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

First Session

Thirty-First Legislature

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Monday, April 8, 2024

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Bouchard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the Government's recent announcement of Recovery Alberta.

Mr. Haji, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding Eid al-Fitr (some remarks made in Arabic and Somali).

Mr. Boitchenko, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding Cancer Awareness Month.

Mr. Ip, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement regarding the lack of Government support for research and development initiatives.

Mr. Sinclair, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of the Humbolt Broncos head coach, Darcy Hogan.

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement about the Government's recent announcement of Recovery Alberta.

### **Notices of Motions**

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

Bill 17 Canadian Centre of Recovery Excellence Act — Hon. Mr. Williams

Dr. Metz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, gave oral notice of the intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) acknowledge Alberta Health Services' commitment in 2023 that by March 2024 no patient in Alberta would face unacceptable delays in access to surgical care,
- (b) accept the Canadian Institute of Health Information's findings in its report dated April 2024 that surgical wait times for knee replacement, hip replacement and hip fracture repair in Alberta continue to significantly fail to meet established benchmarks for the delivery of surgical care to Albertans,
- (c) call on the Government to table, within 7 days of the passage of this motion, evidence showing Alberta Health Services' commitment in 2023 has been upheld.

### **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 16 Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nally

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Lyrics to the song "Cowboys Are Frequently Secretly Fond of Each Other"  
Sessional Paper 282/2023-24

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood:

Calgary Herald website article dated April 4, 2024, entitled "Apartment rents are so high in Calgary, they're approaching Toronto numbers: CMHC"  
Sessional Paper 283/2023-24

MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia:

AUPE website article dated April 2, 2024, entitled "Closure of youth-treatment centre a double whammy for High Prairie"  
Sessional Paper 284/2023-24

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Chart, undated, entitled "Christenson Group of Companies – Simplified Queue Information Updated March 31, 2024," prepared by the Alberta Life Lease Protection Society  
Sessional Paper 285/2023-24

Alberta Views website article dated May 2024, entitled “Our Lobbyist Premier, Danielle Smith: once and always working for oil and gas”

Sessional Paper 286/2023-24

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

Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Mandatory Reviews of Child Deaths, for the period dated April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024

Sessional Paper 287/2023-24

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Amery, Minister of Justice, pursuant to the Statutes Repeal Act, cS-19.3, s2(1):

Report, undated, entitled “Statutes Repeal Act – 2024 List”

Sessional Paper 288/2023-24

## **Motions Under Standing Order 42**

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, on behalf of Dr. Metz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) acknowledge Alberta Health Services’ commitment in 2023 that by March 2024 no patient in Alberta would face unacceptable delays in access to surgical care,
- (b) accept the Canadian Institute of Health Information’s findings in its report dated April 2024 that surgical wait times for knee replacement, hip replacement and hip fracture repair in Alberta continue to significantly fail to meet established benchmarks for the delivery of surgical care to Albertans,
- (c) call on the Government to table, within 7 days of the passage of this motion, evidence showing Alberta Health Services’ commitment in 2023 has been upheld.

Pursuant to Standing Order 42(1.1) and (1.2), Mr. Shepherd and Hon. Min. LaGrange commented on the request for unanimous consent.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

# ORDERS OF THE DAY

## Public Bills and Orders Other Than 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 204 Municipal Government (National Urban Parks) Amendment Act, 2023 —  
Mr. Lundy

The question being put on the clauses of Bill 204, Municipal Government (National Urban Parks) Amendment Act, 2023, the motion was agreed to. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 44

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

Against the motion: 15

Chapman	Hoffman	Metz
Dach	Ip	Pancholi
Eggen	Irwin	Renaud
Elmeligi	Kasawski	Shepherd
Haji	Loyola	Sweet

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 204 Municipal Government (National Urban Parks) Amendment Act, 2023 —  
Mr. Lundy

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 205 Housing Statutes (Housing Security) Amendment Act, 2023 — MLA Irwin

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. McIver speaking.

### **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**508.** Moved by Dr. Elmeligi:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) recognize the importance of tourism on Alberta's economy and the need to balance visitor experiences and resident affordability, and
- (b) urge the Government to work with municipalities in Alberta's Rocky Mountains with tourism-based economies to establish funding and support programs that ensure municipal taxpayers do not bear the financial responsibility for the additional infrastructure requirements and operational demands on those municipalities due to tourism.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 13

Chapman	Irwin	Pancholi
Dach	Kasawski	Renaud
Eggen	Loyola	Shepherd
Elmeligi	Metz	Sweet
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Against the motion: 42

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

### **Apology by Member**

Hon. Mr. Schow made a statement apologizing for a remark he made regarding the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud in the Chamber on April 8, 2024.

### **Privilege –Incident between Members**

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, regarding an incident between Members that is alleged to have occurred in the South Members' Lounge on April 8, 2024.

### **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:08 p.m. until Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,  
Speaker