



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 42

## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

First Session

Thirty-First Legislature

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Monday, April 22, 2024

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

### **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, made a statement regarding the visit to Alberta of His Excellency Andrzej Duda, President, Republic of Poland, and the economic and cultural relationship between the Republic of Poland and Alberta.

Hon. Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding Passover and the recent increase in antisemitism.

Mr. Ellingson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement regarding Bill 205, Housing Statutes (Housing Security) Amendment Act, 2023.

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding Canadian Fertility Awareness Week.

Mr. Haji, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding National Volunteer Week.

Mr. Lundy, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding the proposed 2024-25 federal budget.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding a proposed Alberta pension plan.

### **Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees**

Mr. Yao, Chair, Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, presented the following report pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, cA-23, s6(4)(c):

Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Annual Report  
2023-2024

Sessional Paper 333/2023-24

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

Oral notice having been given April 18, 2024:

Bill 19 Utilities Affordability Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Neudorf

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

CBC News website article dated April 3, 2024, entitled “FlixBus to start Alberta bus routes connecting Edmonton, Calgary and Lethbridge”

Sessional Paper 334/2023-24

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

Report dated April 11, 2024, entitled “Arguments against rent control don’t hold up to scrutiny,” prepared by Ricardo Tranjan and Paulina Vargatoth

Sessional Paper 335/2023-24

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday:

Apihtawikosisan website article dated October 24, 2011, entitled “Cree kinship terms”

Sessional Paper 336/2023-24

Mr. McDougall, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek:

The Globe and Mail website article dated April 17, 2024, entitled “A budget that’s in the best interests of Canada’s Youth? Give me a break”

Sessional Paper 337/2023-24

MLA Tejada, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein:

The Globe and Mail website article dated April 19, 2024, entitled “Calgary tenants shocked by heavy rent hikes: ‘Insane’ increases lead some to move back in with parents”

Sessional Paper 338/2023-24

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

E-mail dated April 14, 2024, from Tiffany Rae to Ms Renaud, expressing concern regarding a recent rent increase

Sessional Paper 339/2023-24

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

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: 24

Arcand-Paul	Elmeligi	Metz
Batten	Eremenko	Notley
Boparai	Gochring	Pancholi
Ceci	Gray	Renaud
Chapman	Ip	Sabir
Dach	Irwin	Schmidt
Deol	Kasawski	Shepherd
Eggen	Loyola	Tejada

Against the motion: 42

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

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

Bill 206 Child and Youth Advocate (Parent and Guardian Advisor) Amendment Act,  
2024 — Mr. Cyr

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. Sabir speaking.

## **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**510.** Moved by Mr. Dyck (replaced):

*Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to recognize*

*(a) the importance of the family unit in building a resilient, vibrant and healthy society, and*

*(b) the rights of parents and guardians to have the primary responsibility for the upbringing, development, education, health care and well-being of their children and, except in cases of child abuse or neglect, these duties should not be assumed by any other individuals or institutions within our society.*

A debated followed.

MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia, moved that the motion be amended as follows:

- (a) in clause (a), by adding “, and extended family or community as per local custom,” immediately after “the importance of the family unit”;
- (b) in clause (b), by adding “, in the best interest of the child,” immediately after “the rights of parents and guardians to”.

Sessional Paper 340/2023-24

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:53 p.m. until Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,  
Speaker