



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 56

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Thirty-First Legislature

Thursday, May 23, 2024

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

Speaker's Statement – Pages of the Assembly

The Speaker made a statement recognizing the Pages who would not be returning for the next sitting of the Legislature and read a letter from the departing Pages.

Members' Statements

Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding Government policies and inaction concerning health care.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding a recently announced continuing care funding agreement between the Province and the federal government.

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding her proposals for improving Alberta's healthcare system.

Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding his attendance at a recent March for Life event held on the Legislature grounds.

Dr. Elmeligi, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to ensure Indigenous children remain in their communities with their kin.

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, made a statement regarding several Government policies.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 211 Arts and Creative Economy Advisory Council Act — Hon. MLA Ceci

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

Letter dated May 17, 2024, from Michael Ewenson, Executive Director, Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT), to Ruttan Bates Barristers and Solicitors, regarding the results of two ASIRT investigations into allegations of improper data access by certain officers and civilian employees of the Lethbridge Police Service

Sessional Paper 420/2023-24

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

Edmonton Journal article, accessed through PressReader, dated May 23, 2024, entitled “Bit by bit, Smith is fortifying Alberta against Ottawa”

Sessional Paper 421/2023-24

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

Report dated May 21, 2024, entitled “Calgary Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) Inflation Review April 2024,” prepared by Hotaka Kobori and Mark Angelo Uy

Sessional Paper 422/2023-24

Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park:

Document, undated, entitled “Amendments to Controversial Bill 20 Expected Today”

Sessional Paper 423/2023-24

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington:

Document, undated, entitled “Co-operative Federalism,” relating to comments made by Ms Chapman during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 18, Provincial Priorities Act, on May 22, 2024

Sessional Paper 424/2023-24

Mrs. Johnson, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka:

Election Law Journal article dated June 17, 2020, entitled “Ballot-Marking Devices Cannot Ensure the Will of the Voters,” relating to comments made by Mrs. Johnson during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 18, Provincial Priorities Act, on May 22, 2024

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

32. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1) and for the duration of the 2024 Spring Sitting of the First Session of the 31st Legislature, the Assembly shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings for consideration of Government business, unless the Government House Leader notifies the Assembly that there shall be no evening sitting that day by providing notice under Notices of Motions in the Daily Routine or at any time prior to 6 p.m.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

38. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that the membership of the Select Special Ethics Commissioner and Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee be replaced as follows: that Mr. Getson replace Mr. Yao as Chair, that Mr. Getson replace Mr. Yao, that Hon. Mr. Hunter replace Mr. Dyck, that Mr. Rowsell replace Ms Pitt, and that Mr. Wiebe replace Mr. Stephan.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 20 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. McIver

Mr. van Dijken, Deputy 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 20 (A1) (Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs) — Adjourned

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Second Reading

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

Bill 22 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

A debate followed.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 22, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that the reorganization in the health care system resulting from the legislative amendments proposed by this Bill, if enacted, will destabilize and create inefficiencies regarding effective patient care in the health care system, resulting in negative impacts for patients and health care workers.

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MLA Irwin moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the afternoon.

Government Motions

39. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 21, Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Second Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Schow and Hon. Mr. Sabir commented on the time allocation motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Ms Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 45

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

Against the motion: 14

Boparai	Ip	Renaud
Dach	Irwin	Sabir
Deol	Loyola	Schmidt
Eggen	Metz	Shepherd
Goehring	Pancholi	

40. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 20, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Schow and Hon. Mr. Eggen commented on the time allocation motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Ms Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 45

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

Against the motion: 15

Boparai	Ip	Pancholi
Dach	Irwin	Renaud
Deol	Kasawski	Sabir
Eggen	Loyola	Schmidt
Goehring	Metz	Shepherd

41. Oral notice having been given May 22, 2024, moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 22, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Second Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Schow and MLA Irwin commented on the time allocation motion.

Debate adjourned, MLA Irwin speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, May 27, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, May 23, 2024