



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 57

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Thirty-First Legislature

Monday, May 27, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Lundy, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding the recently opened Amazon YYC4 fulfilment centre in Calgary.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the need for a legislative framework to increase accessibility for disabled Albertans.

Mr. Boitchenko, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding recently announced Government investments in hospitals in Devon and Drayton Valley.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the lack of Government focus on the priorities of Albertans.

Mr. Sinclair, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement recognizing his wife and the anniversary of their marriage.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the lack of Government action to build school playgrounds.

Notices of Motions

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

Bill 23 Miscellaneous Corrections Statute Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Schow

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Social media post dated May 27, 2024, from the account of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, regarding civilian casualties suffered in the city of Rafah

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ7. Asked for by Ms Sweet:

How many grants were distributed to municipalities in 2023 by the Forest Resource Improvement Association through the Alberta FireSmart Program?

WQ8. Asked for by Ms Sweet:

What was the total amount paid by the Government to municipalities for costs incurred in 2023 as a result of wildfires that occurred outside of forest protection areas?

WQ9. Asked for by Ms Sweet:

What is the total amount of compensation payable under any Government program to municipalities for costs incurred in 2023 as a result of wildfires that occurred outside of forest protection areas that remains outstanding as of April 15, 2024?

The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ1. Moved by Ms Goehring on behalf of Hon. Ms Sigurdson:

How many audits or investigations were conducted under the Nursing Homes General Regulation, the Co-ordinated Home Care Program Regulation or any ministerial directive made under the Regional Health Authorities Act that resulted in a finding of a contravention by an operator of the Continuing Care Health Services Standards (as amended July 16, 2018), during the period from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023?

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: 14

Boparai	Elmeligi	Renaud
Calahoo Stonehouse	Goehring	Sabir
Chapman	Kasawski	Schmidt
Dach	Metz	Shepherd
Eggen	Pancholi	

Against the motion: 47

Amery	Johnson	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schow
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Schulz
Bouchard	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Long	Sinclair
de Jonge	Lovely	Singh
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
Hunter	Pitt	Yaseen
Jean	Rowswell	

WQ2. Moved by Mr. Shepherd on behalf of Hon. Ms Sigurdson:

How many investigations were undertaken by the Ministry of Health in response to complaints about an operator under the Nursing Homes Act during the period from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023?

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: 16

Boparai	Goehring	Pancholi
Chapman	Ip	Renaud
Dach	Irwin	Sabir
Eggen	Kasawski	Schmidt
Ellingson	Metz	Shepherd
Elmeligi		

Against the motion: 45

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

Motions Other Than Government Motions

513. Moved by Mr. Ellingson:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce a Bill to amend the Alberta Sovereignty Within a United Canada Act that, if enacted, would require, on the introduction of a motion under section 3 of the Act, that the Government

- (a) conduct an economic impact study on the potential effects of implementing the matters proposed in the motion, and
- (b) immediately publish the results of that study to ensure that Members are informed, before they vote on that motion, in respect of all potential investment impacts due to regulatory or policy uncertainty, potential job losses, and potential negative impacts on the provincial economy.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:59 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 27, 2024 — 7:30 P.M.

Private Bills / Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill Pr2 Community Foundation of Medicine Hat and Southeastern Alberta Amendment Act, 2024 — Mr. Wright

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill Pr3 Providence Renewal Centre Amendment Act, 2024 — MLA Calahoo Stonehouse

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill Pr4 Rosebud School of the Arts Amendment Act, 2024 — Mrs. Petrovic

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 21 Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, 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 21, Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that more consultation is required with municipalities and municipal firefighters on the potential adverse impacts of the legislative amendments proposed by the Bill, if enacted.

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A debate followed on the amendment.

Pursuant to Government Motion 39, agreed to on May 23, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 8:41 p.m., the question was immediately put on the amendment to the motion for Second Reading of Bill 21, Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, which was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 12

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Kayande
Batten	Gray	Phillips
Brar	Hayter	Tejada
Ellingson	Hoyle	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

Against the amendment: 46

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

Pursuant to Government Motion 39, agreed to on May 23, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 8:58 p.m., the question was immediately put on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 21, Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 47

Amery	Johnson	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schow
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Schulz
Bouchard	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Long	Sinclair
de Jonge	Lovely	Singh
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
Hunter	Pitt	Yaseen
Jean	Rowswell	

Against the motion: 12

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Kayande
Batten	Gray	Phillips
Brar	Hayter	Tejada
Ellingson	Hoyle	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

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

Bill Pr2 Community Foundation of Medicine Hat and Southeastern Alberta Amendment Act, 2024 — Mr. Wright

Bill Pr3 Providence Renewal Centre Amendment Act, 2024 — MLA Calahoo Stonehouse

Bill Pr4 Rosebud School of the Arts Amendment Act, 2024 — Mrs. Petrovic

Bill 21 Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

Government Motions

41. Oral notice having been given May 22, 2024, moved by Hon. Mr. Schow, and debate adjourned on May 23, 2024, MLA Irwin speaking:

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.

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

For the motion: 47

Amery	Johnson	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schow
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Schulz
Bouchard	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Long	Sinclair
de Jonge	Lovely	Singh
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
Hunter	Pitt	Yaseen
Jean	Rowswell	

Against the motion: 12

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Kayande
Batten	Gray	Phillips
Brar	Hayter	Tejada
Ellingson	Hoyle	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

Government Bills and Orders

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

Debate continued on the amendment moved by MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, on May 23, 2024, 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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Pursuant to Government Motion 41, agreed to on May 27, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:34 p.m., the question was immediately put on the amendment to the motion for Second Reading of Bill 22, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, which was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 12

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Kayande
Batten	Gray	Phillips
Brar	Hayter	Tejada
Ellingson	Hoyle	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

Against the amendment: 47

Amery	Johnson	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schow
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Schulz
Bouchard	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Long	Sinclair
de Jonge	Lovely	Singh
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
Hunter	Pitt	Yaseen
Jean	Rowswell	

Pursuant to Government Motion 41, agreed to on May 27, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:51 p.m., the question was immediately put on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 22, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 47

Amery	Johnson	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schow
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Schulz
Bouchard	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Long	Sinclair
de Jonge	Lovely	Singh
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
Hunter	Pitt	Yaseen
Jean	Rowswell	

Against the motion: 12

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Kayande
Batten	Gray	Phillips
Brar	Hayter	Tejada
Ellingson	Hoyle	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

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

Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the duration of the evening, including the first division in Committee of the Whole. Unanimous consent was not granted.

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 21 Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

Hon. Mr. Ellis, Deputy Premier, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services, moved adjournment of Bill 21, Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, which was agreed to. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 46

Amery	Johnson	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schow
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Schulz
Bouchard	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Long	Sinclair
de Jonge	Lovely	Singh
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
Hunter	Rowswell	Yaseen
Jean		

Against the motion: 12

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Kayande
Batten	Gray	Phillips
Brar	Hayter	Tejada
Ellingson	Hoyle	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Health, moved adjournment of Bill 22, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, which was agreed to. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 46

Amery	Johnson	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schow
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Schulz
Bouchard	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Long	Sinclair
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Ellis	McIver	van Dijken
Fir	Nally	Wiebe
Getson	Neudorf	Williams
Glubish	Nicolaides	Wilson
Guthrie	Nixon	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Petrovic	Yao
Hunter	Rowswell	Yaseen
Jean		

Against the motion: 12

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Kayande
Batten	Gray	Phillips
Brar	Hayter	Tejada
Ellingson	Hoyle	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 21 Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

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

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43. Moved by Hon. Mr. Amery on behalf of 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 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. Amery and Hon. Ms Gray commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 47

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

Against the motion: 12

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Kayande
Batten	Gray	Phillips
Brar	Hayter	Tejada
Ellingson	Hoyle	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

44. Moved by Hon. Mr. Amery on behalf of 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 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. Amery and MLA Kayande commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 47

Amery	Johnson	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schow
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Schulz
Bouchard	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Long	Sinclair
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Guthrie	Nixon	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Petrovic	Yao
Hunter	Pitt	Yaseen
Jean	Rowswell	

Against the motion: 12

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Kayande
Batten	Gray	Phillips
Brar	Hayter	Tejada
Ellingson	Hoyle	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:29 a.m. Tuesday, May 28, 2024, until 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker