

No. 63

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Thirty-First Legislature

Thursday, October 31, 2024

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

Members' Statements

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, made a statement regarding Diwali and Bandi Chhor Divas.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding the Government's review of professional regulatory organizations.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement and read a poem regarding views expressed by the United Conservative Party.

Hon. Mr. Hunter, Hon. Member for Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding Government action to reduce rural crime.

Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the need for Government to address several issues in the continuing care system.

Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding the value of volunteer-run events in Sherwood Park.

Speaker's Statement – Table Officer

The Speaker made a statement introducing Vani Govindarajan, who will be assisting at the Table beginning this afternoon.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(8), Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, provided notice to the Assembly that the Daily Routine shall continue beyond 3:00 p.m.

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave revised oral notice pursuant to Standing Order 34(3) that Motion for a Return MR19 shall be dealt with on Monday, November 4, 2024 [replaces oral notice provided on May 16, 2024].

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given, on the motion that the following Bill be now read a First time:

Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2) — Hon. Min. LaGrange

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

Rowswell

Sawhney

Schow

For the motion: 45

Amery Jean Armstrong-Homeniuk Johnson Boitchenko LaGrange Bouchard Loewen

 $Sigurdson \ {\it (Highwood)}$ Sinclair Cyr Long de Jonge Lovely Singh Dreeshen Smith Lunty Dyck McDougall Stephan McIver Turton van Dijken Nally

Ellis Fir Neudorf Getson Wiebe Glubish Nicolaides Wilson

Guthrie Nixon Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)

Horner Petrovic Yao Pitt Hunter Yaseen Against the motion: 34

Arcand-Paul Eremenko Metz Batten Goehring Notley Boparai Gray Pancholi Haji Renaud Brar Calahoo Stonehouse Hoffman Sabir Ceci Hoyle Schmidt Chapman Shepherd Ιp

Dach Irwin Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Deol Kasawski Sweet Eggen Kayande Tejada

Ellingson Loyola Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

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The following Bill was read a First time:

Bill 26 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2) — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Notice having been given:

Bill 27 Education Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

Bill 29 Fairness and Safety in Sport Act — Hon. Mr. Schow

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Getson, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, ss19(1) and 19(5):

Office of the Auditor General of Alberta Results Report for the year ended March 31, 2024

Sessional Paper 545/2023-24

Mr. Ellingson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills:

E-mail message dated October 25, 2024, sender's name redacted, to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding the Government's proposed policies with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 546/2023-24

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington:

Report dated May 7, 2019, entitled "Sex-ed: Preventing violence and increasing safety," prepared by Action Canada for Sexual Health & Rights

Sessional Paper 547/2023-24

Mr. Wright, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat:

Document dated March 22, 2023, entitled "Less than 1% of the \$22B in federal carbon tax revenues have been returned to small businesses, and the cost is going up again on April 1"

Sessional Paper 548/2023-24

Document, undated, entitled "Trudeau's Carbon Tax Will Cost Every Canadian Worker \$6,700 Per Year"

Sessional Paper 549/2023-24

Document, undated, entitled "Legal firearm owners are rarely involved in gun homicides: Statistics Canada"

Sessional Paper 550/2023-24

MLA Hoyle, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South:

CBC News website article dated October 24, 2024, entitled "Alberta's squeeze on renewable energy has pushed investment to other provinces"

Sessional Paper 551/2023-24

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow:

The Canadian Press article, undated, entitled "Canadian soldier killed by IED less than one week into mission"

Sessional Paper 552/2023-24

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

E-mail message dated February 7, 2024, from Bridgette to MLA Irwin and Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, expressing concern regarding the Government's proposed policies with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 553/2023-24

Mr. Haji, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

CBC News website article, undated, entitled "More people relying on the Calgary Food Bank than ever before, according to new data"

Sessional Paper 554/2023-24

Dr. Metz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Calgary Herald website article dated April 6, 2024, entitled "Helping Our First Responders"

Sessional Paper 555/2023-24

9 pieces of correspondence addressed to Dr. Metz expressing concern regarding mental health support for first responders

Sessional Paper 556/2023-24

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

Calgary Herald website article dated October 31, 2024, entitled "Housing costs No. 1 concern for business owners: study"

Sessional Paper 557/2023-24

Legislative Assembly of Alberta web pages depicting the Independent Officers of the Legislature

Sessional Paper 558/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

49. Oral notice having been given October 30, 2024, moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the report of the Select Special Ethics Commissioner and Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee (Sessional Paper S.P. 534/2023-24) and recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council that Gordon McClure be appointed as Chief Electoral Officer for the Province of Alberta effective November 18, 2024.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 28 Meat Inspection Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Sigurdson

Hon. Mr. Sigurdson moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 25 Early Learning and Child Care Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Guthrie on behalf of Hon. Mr. Jones

Hon. Mr. Guthrie moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:07 p.m. until Monday, November 4, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper, Speaker