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Province of Alberta**

No. 74

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Thirty-First Legislature

Wednesday, November 27, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, made a statement regarding the New Democratic Party's position on federal policies affecting the energy sector.

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to address affordability issues.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding the Government's plan for a care-first automobile insurance system.

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, made a statement regarding a lack of Government focus on the priorities of Albertans.

Ms Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie-East, made a statement regarding the leadership principles of the United Conservative Government.

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, made a statement regarding the need for Government to address a lack of public infrastructure in Alberta.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-25, s63(2); the Health Information Act, cH-5, s95(2); and the Personal Information Protection Act, cP-6.5, s44(2):

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Alberta Annual Report
2023-2024

Sessional Paper 668/2023-24

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

The Conversation website article dated November 25, 2024, entitled “Danielle Smith’s new policies make all Albertan youth unsafe”

Sessional Paper 669/2023-24

Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Health:

Report dated November 2024, entitled “Impact of Puberty Blockers in Gender-Dysphoric Adolescents: An evidence brief” with attached mission statement, both prepared by the New Zealand Ministry of Health

Sessional Paper 670/2023-24

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre:

Copy of a petition signed by approximately 360 Albertans expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 671/2023-24

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

Copy of a City of Medicine Hat utility bill dated November 13, 2024, relating to comments made by Mr. Wright during debate on Motion for a Return MR10 on November 25, 2024

Sessional Paper 672/2023-24

CBC News website article dated October 30, 2024, entitled “Trudeau says he’s asked spy agencies to share foreign interference information with Poilievre”

Sessional Paper 673/2023-24

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

Rocky Mountain Outlook website article dated November 13, 2024, entitled “Indigenous voices ‘heard, respected and acted upon,’ ministry says in statement responding to reconciliation bill,” relating to comments made by MLA Arcand-Paul during Oral Question Period on November 26, 2024

Sessional Paper 674/2023-24

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

Report dated November 25, 2024, entitled “Wildfire Smoke Exposure and Incident Dementia,” prepared by the Journal of the American Medical Association
Sessional Paper 675/2023-24

MLA Tejada, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein:

Report, undated, entitled “Canadian Trans Youth Health Survey 2024: Alberta,” prepared by the University of British Columbia
Sessional Paper 676/2023-24

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Document, undated, entitled “An Example of How Government Delays Access to Information Requests: Pretending to not Understand Them”
Sessional Paper 677/2023-24

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, including for the first division in Committee of the Whole.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 24 Alberta Bill of Rights Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Amery

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: 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)
Hunter	Pitt	Yao
Jean	Rowswell	Yaseen
Johnson		

Against the motion: 31

Batten	Goehring	Metz
Boparai	Gray	Notley
Brar	Haji	Pancholi
Ceci	Hayter	Renaud
Chapman	Hoffman	Sabir
Dach	Hoyle	Schmidt
Deol	Ip	Shepherd
Eggen	Irwin	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ellingson	Kasawski	Tejada
Elmeligi	Loyola	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eremenko		

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 24 Alberta Bill of Rights Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Amery

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

The question being put on the clauses of Bill 26, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2), the motion was agreed to. With Mr. van Dijken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 44

Amery	Johnson	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	Wiebe
Fir	Neudorf	Williams
Getson	Nicolaides	Wilson
Glubish	Nixon	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Guthrie	Petrovic	Yao
Hunter	Pitt	Yaseen
Jean	Rowswell	

Against the motion: 32

Arcand-Paul	Eremenko	Metz
Batten	Goehring	Notley
Boparai	Gray	Pancholi
Brar	Haji	Renaud
Ceci	Hayter	Sabir
Chapman	Hoffman	Schmidt
Dach	Hoyle	Shepherd
Deol	Ip	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eggen	Irwin	Tejada
Ellingson	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Elmeligi	Loyola	

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, moved that the Bill be amended in section 9, in the proposed section 33.2(2), by striking out “the board shall” and substituting “the board shall notify the student of the board’s obligations under clauses (a) and (b) and, if the student decides to proceed with the request, shall”.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 32

Arcand-Paul	Eremenko	Metz
Batten	Goehring	Notley
Boparai	Gray	Pancholi
Brar	Haji	Renaud
Ceci	Hayter	Sabir
Chapman	Hoffman	Schmidt
Dach	Hoyle	Shepherd
Deol	Ip	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eggen	Irwin	Tejada
Ellingson	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Elmeligi	Loyola	

Against the amendment: 44

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

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, moved that the Bill be amended in section 12 as follows:

- (a) in the proposed section 58.11 as follows:
- (i) in subsection (1) by striking out “provide notice to, and seek the consent of” and substituting “provide notice to and, if required by the policies, seek the consent of”;
 - (ii) in subsection (3) by striking out “provided consent for the student to do so in accordance with the policies established under section 58.12” and substituting “been notified under subsections (1) and (2) and, if the board’s policies established under section 58.12 require the parent’s consent, provided that consent in accordance with those policies”;

(iii) in subsection (4) by striking out “Where no consent has been provided under this section in respect of a student” and substituting “If a parent’s consent is required under this section in respect of a student and that consent is not provided, or if a parent’s consent is not required in respect of a student and the parent makes a signed written request that the student be excluded from all or part of the instruction, course or program of study or use of instructional materials”;

(b) in the proposed section 58.12 as follows:

(i) in subsection (1) by striking out “the provision of notice to, and the seeking the consent of” and substituting “the provision of notice to, the seeking of consent of, the provision of consent by, and the making of a request by”;

(ii) in subsection (2)(a) as follows:

(A) by striking out subclause (i) and substituting the following:

(i) the form and manner of the provision of notice under section 58.11(1), which must include sufficient detail to enable the parent to make an informed decision in respect of providing consent under section 58.11(3) or making a request under section 58.11(4);

(B) in subclause (ii) by striking out “section 58.11(2)” and substituting “sections 58.11(1) and (2)”;

(C) by adding the following immediately after subclause (ii):

(ii.1) whether the board is required to seek a parent’s consent under section 58.11(1);

(D) by striking out subclause (iii) and substituting the following:

(iii) if the policies require the board to seek the consent of the parent of a student, the form and manner of that consent, which must provide the parent with the option to provide consent for the student to take part in all or part of a course or program of study, or use all or part of instructional materials or an exercise, referred to in section 58.11;

(iii.1) the form and manner in which a parent of a student may submit a request under section 58.11(4) for the student to be excluded from the instruction, course or program of study or use of instructional materials;

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 32

Arcand-Paul	Eremenko	Metz
Batten	Goehring	Notley
Boparai	Gray	Pancholi
Brar	Haji	Renaud
Ceci	Hayter	Sabir
Chapman	Hoffman	Schmidt
Dach	Hoyle	Shepherd
Deol	Ip	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eggen	Irwin	Tejada
Ellingson	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Elmeligi	Loyola	

Against the amendment: 44

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

Hon. Mr. Nicolaides, Minister of Education, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

- A Section 7 is amended in the proposed section 18.1
- (a) in subsection (2) by striking out “A board” and substituting “Subject to subsection (3.1), a board”;
 - (b) by adding the following after subsection (3):
 - (3.1) Subsection (2) does not apply where the learning and teaching resources are used or provided to provide religious instruction.
 - (3.2) Where the use or provision under subsection (3.1) is by an external party, a board shall not permit that use or provision unless the external party is approved by the Minister.
- B Section 9 is amended in the proposed section 33.2

- (a) by striking out subsection (2) and substituting the following:
 - (2) Subject to subsection (4), if a student requests that a new preferred name or pronouns be used by teachers, teacher leaders and other school staff when referring to the student in school, the board shall notify the student’s parent of the request.
- (b) in subsection (3)
 - (i) by striking out “in school” and substituting “in school,”;
 - (ii) by striking out clauses (a) and (b) and substituting the following:
 - (a) in the case of a student who is 16 or 17 years of age, until the student’s parent is notified under subsection (2), or
 - (b) in the case of a student who is under 16 years of age,
 - (i) until the student’s parent is notified under subsection (2), and
 - (ii) unless the parent provides consent for the new preferred name or pronouns to be used by teachers, teacher leaders and other school staff when referring to the student in school.
 - (c) in subsection (4)(a) by striking out “or seeking the parent’s consent”.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 43

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

Against the amendment: 32

Arcand-Paul	Eremenko	Metz
Batten	Goehring	Notley
Boparai	Gray	Pancholi
Brar	Haji	Renaud
Ceci	Hayter	Sabir
Chapman	Hoffman	Schmidt
Dach	Hoyle	Shepherd
Deol	Ip	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eggen	Irwin	Tejada
Ellingson	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Elmeligi	Loyola	

The question being put on the remaining clauses of Bill 27, Education Amendment Act, 2024, 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	Jones	Schow
Armstrong-Homeniuk	LaGrange	Schulz
Boitchenko	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Bouchard	Long	Sinclair
Cyr	Lovely	Singh
de Jonge	Lunty	Stephan
Dreeshen	McDougall	Turton
Dyck	McIver	van Dijken
Ellis	Nally	Wiebe
Fir	Neudorf	Williams
Getson	Nicolaides	Wilson
Guthrie	Nixon	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Hunter	Petrovic	Yao
Jean	Rowswell	Yaseen
Johnson	Sawhney	

Against the motion: 32

Arcand-Paul	Eremenko	Metz
Batten	Goehring	Notley
Boparai	Gray	Pancholi
Brar	Haji	Renaud
Ceci	Hayter	Sabir
Chapman	Hoffman	Schmidt
Dach	Hoyle	Shepherd
Deol	Ip	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eggen	Irwin	Tejada
Ellingson	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Elmeligi	Loyola	

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(4), the Committee recessed at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2024 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

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

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

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

Mr. van Dijken, Deputy Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 27 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) —
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 678/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 27 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) —
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 679/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 27 (A3) (Minister of Education) — Agreed to on
division

Sessional Paper 680/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 25 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 681/2023-24

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 evening, including for the first division in Committee of the Whole.

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 30 Service Alberta Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nally

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 30 (A1) (Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 682/2023-24

Second Reading

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

Bill 32 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

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: 45

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
Guthrie	Nixon	Wilson
Hunter	Petrovic	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Jean	Pitt	Yao
Johnson	Rowswell	Yaseen

Against the motion: 15

Arcand-Paul	Eremenko	Kasawski
Brar	Goehring	Renaud
Ceci	Haji	Sabir
Chapman	Hayter	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Dach	Hoyle	Tejada

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

Bill 33 Protection of Privacy Act — Hon. Mr. Glubish

A debate followed.

MLA Arcand-Paul moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 35 All-season Resorts Act — Hon. Mr. Schow

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 32 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:29 p.m. until Thursday, November 28, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker