



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Thirty-First Legislature

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Dyck, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement regarding the Government's plan to develop artificial intelligence data centres.

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont, made a statement regarding the anniversary of the École Polytechnique massacre and gender-based violence.

Mrs. Petrovic, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the Government's accomplishments during the 2024 Fall Sitting.

MLA Boparai, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding the need to increase awareness and funding for menopausal health.

Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the meaning of Christmas.

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the need to address the rise of racism in Alberta.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 210 Employment Standards (Protecting Workers' Tips) Amendment Act, 2024
— Hon. Ms Gray

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Financial Post website article dated December 4, 2024, entitled “ ‘We’re in a recession,’ says former Bank of Canada governor Stephen Poloz”

Sessional Paper 753/2023-24

The Canadian Press website article dated May 30, 2024, entitled “Former BoC governor Stephen Poloz warns on low business investment, lost productivity”

Sessional Paper 754/2023-24

Statistics Canada document dated November 29, 2024, entitled “Gross domestic product, income and expenditure, third quarter 2024”

Sessional Paper 755/2023-24

Coldwell Banker Horizon Realty document dated October 11, 2024, entitled “Is Canada Losing Investor Confidence? What it Means for Real Estate”

Sessional Paper 756/2023-24

Document dated March 2024, entitled “Economic Trends,” prepared by the Ministry of Treasury Board and Finance

Sessional Paper 757/2023-24

Calgary Herald website article dated October 4, 2024, entitled “Varcoe: Investment poised to grow in Alberta into 2025, as economy strengthens and interest rates fall”

Sessional Paper 758/2023-24

National Post website article dated December 4, 2024, entitled “Alberta plan to address border issues ‘solid,’ Canada needs single security agency: border security expert”

Sessional Paper 759/2023-24

Ms Al-Guneid, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore:

Social media post, undated, from the account of Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP, regarding Government actions creating uncertainty for the oil and gas sector

Sessional Paper 760/2023-24

CBC News website article dated November 28, 2024, entitled “ ‘ Black cloud’: Alberta’s latest fight with Ottawa could drive oilpatch investment away”

Sessional Paper 761/2023-24

New York Times website article dated November 23, 2024, entitled “Alberta Breaks With the Canadian Pension Model,” relating to comments made by Ms Al-Guneid during Third Reading debate on Bill 26, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2), on December 3, 2024

Sessional Paper 762/2023-24

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

Report, undated, entitled “Edmonton’s Living Wage Report 2024,” prepared by the Edmonton Social Planning Council

Sessional Paper 763/2023-24

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

The Telegraph website article dated December 3, 2024, entitled “Spain’s Socialists ban trans women from female sports”

Sessional Paper 764/2023-24

Hon. MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Letter dated December 3, 2024, from Carole Armes to Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services, expressing concern regarding the need for accessibility legislation

Sessional Paper 765/2023-24

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

E-mail message dated November 26, 2024, from the Delton School parent council to Hon. Mr. Nicolaides, Minister of Education, and Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding funding for the replacement of Delton School

Sessional Paper 766/2023-24

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow:

American Mathematical Society article dated April 2022, entitled “Courts, Commissions, and Consultations: How Mathematicians Are Working to End Gerrymandering”

Sessional Paper 767/2023-24

MLA Calahoo Stonehouse, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

The Canadian Press website article dated December 4, 2024, entitled “First Nations want Impact Assessment Act review for Pathways Alliance project”

Sessional Paper 768/2023-24

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

E-mail message dated December 2, 2024, from Taramay Curtis to MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, expressing concern regarding the need for affordable housing

Sessional Paper 769/2023-24

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nicolaides, Minister of Education, pursuant to the Education Act, cE-0.3, s225.7(3):

Alberta Teaching Profession Commission Annual Report 2023-24

Sessional Paper 770/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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.

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)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

- (a) in section 3
 - (i) in subsection (1) by striking out clause (t), and
 - (ii) by striking out subsection (5);
- (b) in section 29(6)(a) by striking out “section 4(1)(a), (t) or (w)” and substituting “section 4(1)(a) or (t)”.

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

For the amendment: 16

Batten	Ellingson	Loyola
Boparai	Elmeligi	Sabir
Calahoo Stonehouse	Hoffman	Schmidt
Dach	Irwin	Shepherd
Deol	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eggen		

Against the amendment: 44

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

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

The question being put on the clauses of Bill 35, All-season Resorts Act, the motion was agreed to. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 41

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

Against the motion: 17

Batten	Ellingson	Metz
Boparai	Elmeligi	Sabir
Calahoo Stonehouse	Hoffman	Schmidt
Dach	Irwin	Shepherd
Deol	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eggen	Loyola	

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

The following Bill was reported:

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

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

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 33 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) —
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 771/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 33 (A2) (Hon. Member for Airdrie-East) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 772/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 33 (A3) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 773/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 33 (A4) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 774/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 33 (A5) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 775/2023-24

Third Reading

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

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

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: 44

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

Against the motion: 17

Batten	Ellingson	Metz
Boparai	Elmeligi	Sabir
Calahoo Stonehouse	Hoffman	Schmidt
Dach	Irwin	Shepherd
Deol	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eggen	Loyola	

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

Bill 34 Access to Information Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

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: 46

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

Against the motion: 17

Batten	Ellingson	Metz
Boparai	Elmeligi	Sabir
Calahoo Stonehouse	Hoffman	Schmidt
Dach	Irwin	Shepherd
Deol	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eggen	Loyola	

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

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

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Shepherd speaking.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

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

Bill 34 Access to Information Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024 — 7:30 P.M.

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.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 31 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Amery

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: 46

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

Against the motion: 33

Al-Guneid	Elmeligi	Kayande
Batten	Eremenko	Loyola
Boparai	Ganley	Metz
Brar	Goehring	Notley
Calahoo Stonehouse	Gray	Renaud
Ceci	Haji	Sabir
Chapman	Hayter	Schmidt
Dach	Hoffman	Shepherd
Deol	Hoyle	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eggen	Irwin	Sweet
Ellingson	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third 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: 46

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

Against the motion: 33

Al-Guneid	Elmeligi	Kayande
Batten	Eremenko	Loyola
Boparai	Ganley	Metz
Brar	Goehring	Notley
Calahoo Stonehouse	Gray	Renaud
Ceci	Haji	Sabir
Chapman	Hayter	Schmidt
Dach	Hoffman	Shepherd
Deol	Hoyle	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eggen	Irwin	Sweet
Ellingson	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

Hon. Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Tabling Returns and Reports.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

19 e-mail messages to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 776/2023-24

Copy of a petition containing approximately 1,200 names urging the Government to reverse the decision to close Alberta's long-COVID outpatient clinics

Sessional Paper 777/2023-24

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 36 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Schow

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 31 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Amery

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

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

Bill 36 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Schow

Speaker's Statement — 2024 Fall Sitting

The Speaker gave a statement thanking the employees of the Legislative Assembly Office for their work during this Sitting.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 54, agreed to on December 3, 2024, and on advice from Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, to the Assembly that the business for the Fall Sitting is concluded, the Assembly adjourned at 10:33 p.m. until February 2025.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker