



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 80

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Thirty-First Legislature

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Lundy, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding recent Government investments to improve security at the Alberta-U.S. border.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the Government's fiscal practices and priorities.

Mr. McDougall, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the Government's plan for Calgary's Green Line LRT project.

Hon. Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement regarding allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices.

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding the benefits of workers and families settling in northern Alberta instead of commuting long distances.

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement regarding a lack of Government action to address the drug poisoning crisis affecting Indigenous Albertans.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, gave oral notice of the intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) recognize the serious questions that have been raised with respect to the Minister of Health and Premier and their alleged political interference and that of senior Government staff in the management of the healthcare system in Alberta,
- (b) recognize the serious questions that have been raised with respect to the Minister of Infrastructure and an alleged land transaction in which a property was purchased by the Government in a manner that may not be at arm's length or in the best interest of the public, and
- (c) urge the Government to take all necessary steps to immediately commence an independent, transparent and judicially led investigation into political interference and corruption in accordance with the Public Inquiries Act.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 38 Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Nally

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

New York Times website article dated June 17, 2022, entitled “Lavish Money Laundering Schemes Exposed in Canada”

Sessional Paper 800/2023-25

National Post website article dated December 5, 2024, entitled “Canada now a ‘low-risk, high-profit’ hot spot for fentanyl super labs – a sore spot for Washington”

Sessional Paper 801/2023-25

CTV News website article dated November 7, 2024, entitled “ ‘Highly sophisticated’ fentanyl ‘superlab’ shut down in Alberta,” relating to comments made by Mr. Wright in the Assembly on February 25, 2025

Sessional Paper 802/2023-25

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington:

E-mail message dated February 26, 2025, from Alissa Fownes to Ms Chapman, regarding the need for increased salaries for educational support staff

Sessional Paper 803/2023-25

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

Edmonton Journal website article dated December 16, 2024, entitled “Opinion: Let’s do better for our neighbours most in need”

Sessional Paper 804/2023-25

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

St. Albert Gazette website article dated February 20, 2025, entitled “Hundreds of Albertans still waiting for life lease repayments”

Sessional Paper 805/2023-25

Ms de Jonge, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore:

Social media post dated January 31, 2025, from the account of MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, depicting MLA Eremenko’s participation in a Street Cats patrol in downtown Calgary

Sessional Paper 806/2023-25

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.

Motions Under Standing Order 42

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

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- (c) urge the Government to take all necessary steps to immediately commence an independent, transparent and judicially led investigation into political interference and corruption in accordance with the Public Inquiries Act.

Pursuant to Standing Order 42(1.1), Hon. Ms Hoffman commented on the request for unanimous consent.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

56. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that the membership of the Assembly's committees be replaced as follows:

- a) on the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, that Mr. Stephan replace Mr. Dyck;
- b) on the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, that Mrs. Petrovic replace Mr. Lundy, and that MLA Miyashiro replace Ms Renaud;
- c) on the Standing Committee on Private Bills, that Ms Lovely replace Mr. Stephan as Deputy Chair, and that Ms Lovely replace Mr. Stephan;
- d) on the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing, that Hon. Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk replace Mr. Yao as Chair, that Mr. Long replace Mr. Yao, that Mr. Long replace Hon. Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk as Deputy Chair, and that Mr. Bouchard replace Mrs. Johnson;
- e) on the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, that Mrs. Johnson replace Mr. Cyr;
- f) on the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services, that Hon. Mr. Hunter replace Mr. Rowswell;
- g) on the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future, that Mr. Sinclair replace Mr. Cyr, and that Ms Lovely replace Mr. Yao;
- h) on the Standing Committee on Families and Communities, that Mr. van Dijken replace Ms Lovely as Chair, that Mr. van Dijken replace Ms Lovely, that Mr. Cyr replace Mr. Long, and that Mr. McDougall replace Mr. Boitchenko;
- i) on the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, that Mr. Yao replace Mr. McDougall, and that Mr. Boitchenko replace Mr. Sinclair.

A debate followed.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, moved that the motion be amended as follows:

- (a) in clause (a) by adding “, and that Mr. Wright replace Mr. Bouchard” immediately after “that Mr. Stephan replace Mr. Dyck”;
- (b) in clause (c) by striking out “Ms Lovely” wherever it occurs and substituting “Mr. Cyr”;
- (c) in clause (g) by striking out “Ms Lovely” and substituting “Mr. van Dijken”;

- (d) in clause (h) by striking out “that Mr. van Dijken replace Ms Lovely as Chair, that Mr. van Dijken replace Ms Lovely, that Mr. Cyr replace Mr. Long, and”.

Sessional Paper 807/2023-25

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

The question being put, the motion as amended was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 37 Mental Health Services Protection Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon.
Mr. Williams

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:40 p.m. until Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker