



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 81

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Thirty-First Legislature

Thursday, February 27, 2025

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

Members' Statements

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, 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 recent Government investments to support municipal fire services.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding recent comments by Hon. Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Cochrane, concerning allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding Holi.

MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia, made a statement regarding the Government's management of Alberta's healthcare system.

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices.

Notices of Motions

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

Bill 39 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Edmonton Journal website article dated February 26, 2025, entitled “Wednesday’s letters: Mandatory drug treatment sites laudable,” relating to comments made by Mr. Wright during Second Reading debate on Bill 37, Mental Health Services Protection Amendment Act, 2025

Sessional Paper 808/2023-25

News release dated October 31, 2024, entitled “Federal Investigators take down the largest, most sophisticated drug superlab in Canada,” prepared by the Pacific Region RCMP Federal Policing program

Sessional Paper 809/2023-25

Document dated November 1, 2024, entitled “RCMP Bust B.C. Fentanyl Superlab Linked to Mexico and Transnational Exports,” prepared by Sam Cooper

Sessional Paper 810/2023-25

National Post website article dated December 3, 2024, entitled “Trump’s fentanyl ultimatum puts Canada’s ‘super labs’ under microscope”

Sessional Paper 811/2023-25

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader:

2025-26 Main Estimates Schedule, First Session, 31st Legislature

Sessional Paper 812/2023-25

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

3 e-mail messages addressed to MLA Irwin, regarding the need for increased salaries for educational support staff

Sessional Paper 813/2023-25

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

8 holiday greeting cards from Hon. Ms Hoffman

Sessional Paper 814/2023-25

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

E-mail message dated February 14, 2025, from Marilyn Tanguay to Mr. Haji, regarding allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services’ procurement practices

Sessional Paper 815/2023-25

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington:

Letter, undated, from Lisa Robinson to Ms Chapman, regarding the need for increased salaries for educational support staff

Sessional Paper 816/2023-25

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

Calgary Herald website article dated January 31, 2025, entitled “Opinion: Green Line a partnership in name only”

Sessional Paper 817/2023-25

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Temporary Recess

The Speaker recessed the Assembly at 2:49 p.m. until 3:15 p.m.

Budget Address / Messages From Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, delivered certain Messages from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker read the Messages to the Assembly (the Members standing).

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related documents:

Pursuant to the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cS-29, s4.1(1):

2025-26 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, General Revenue Fund
Sessional Paper 818/2023-25

2025-26 Government Estimates, General Revenue Fund
Sessional Paper 819/2023-25

Pursuant to the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cS-29, ss1(2) and 5(4):

Budget 2025, Government of Alberta 2025-28 Strategic Plan
Sessional Paper 820/2023-25

Budget 2025, Ministry Business Plans
Sessional Paper 821/2023-25

Government Motions

Prior to moving Government Motion 57, Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related document, pursuant to the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cS-29, ss1(2) and 5(4):

Budget 2025, Fiscal Plan 2025-28

Sessional Paper 822/2023-25

57. Moved by Hon. Mr. Horner:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the business plans and fiscal policies of the Government, as presented in the Assembly on February 27, 2025.

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(6) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:37 p.m. until Monday, March 10, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker