



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Thirty-First Legislature

Monday, March 10, 2025

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Hon. Gordon J. Graydon, Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, 2001 to 2008, who passed away on December 7, 2024.

Speaker's Statement – Commonwealth Day

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of Commonwealth Day 2025.

Members' Statements

Mr. McDougall, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the restoration of the Grants in Place of Taxes program.

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement regarding the importance of Canadian unity amid U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods.

Mr. Boitchenko, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding the proposed Budget 2025.

MLA Calahoo Stonehouse, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the recent removal of the Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake from the Government caucus.

Mrs. Petrovic, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding International Women's Day.

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, made a statement regarding Ramadan.

Speaker's Statement – Oral Question Period and Members' Statements Rotations

Honourable Members, I would like to inform you that there has been a slight modification to the Oral Question Period and Members' Statements rotations as a result of a recent change in the caucus composition in the Assembly.

The Member for Lesser Slave Lake, who now sits as an independent, is entitled to one question per week, starting with question 9 on day 4 of the Oral Question Period rotation, which is this Thursday, and one Members' Statement every three weeks, starting on Day 92 of the Projected Sitting Days Calendar, which is March 26th. As a result, the Members' Statements rotation has reverted to a three-week rotation. This is week 1 of the Members' Statements rotation.

Members will find a revised Projected Sitting Days Calendar and Oral Question Period rotation on their desks.

Notices of Motions

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

Bill 40 Professional Governance Act — Hon. Mrs. Sawhney

Bill 41 Wildlife Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Loewen

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

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

- a) on the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, that Mr. Cyr replace Mr. Sinclair;
- b) on the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing, that Mr. Wiebe replace Hon. Mr. Long as Deputy Chair, and that Mr. Sinclair replace Hon. Mr. Long;
- c) on the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services, that Mrs. Petrovic replace Hon. Mr. Long;
- d) on the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future, that Mr. Cyr replace Mr. Sinclair;
- e) on the Standing Committee on Families and Communities, that Mrs. Johnson replace Hon. Mr. Long.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

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

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Washington Post website article dated December 24, 2023, entitled “Fentanyl super labs in Canada pose new threat for U.S. opioid epidemic”

Sessional Paper 823/2023-25

Edmonton Journal website article dated January 28, 2025, entitled “ ‘Merchants of death’: Top player in Alberta’s largest-ever fentanyl lab case sentenced to 16 years in prison”

Sessional Paper 824/2023-25

The Bureau website article dated March 10, 2025, entitled “Exclusive: Chinese Narco Suspect Caught in Private Meeting with Trudeau, Investigated by DEA, Linked to Panama, Caribbean, Mexico – Police Sources”

Sessional Paper 825/2023-25

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

3 e-mail messages regarding the Government’s plan for Calgary’s Green Line LRT project

Sessional Paper 826/2023-25

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington:

2 e-mail messages dated January 26, 2025, from Rebecca to Hon. Mr. Nicolaides, Minister of Education, regarding the need for increased salaries for educational support staff

Sessional Paper 827/2023-25

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.

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

E-mail message dated January 22, 2025, from Leah McNally to Mr. Haji, regarding the need for increased salaries for educational support staff

Sessional Paper 828/2023-25

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance:

Errata for pages 1 and 3 of the 2025-26 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, General Revenue Fund, tabled on February 27, 2025
Sessional Paper 829/2023-25

Pursuant to the Insurance Act, cI-3, s601(2), Automobile Insurance Rate Board 2024 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 830/2023-25

Pursuant to the Provincial Judges and Applications Judges Registered and Unregistered Pension Plans Regulation, AR 196/2001, sch1, s5(1) and sch2, s5(1), Provincial Judges and Applications Judges Registered and Unregistered Pension Plans 2023-2024 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 831/2023-25

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Orders 8(1) and 39(1)(a) in order to proceed to consideration of Government Motion 61.

Government Motions

61. Oral notice having been given March 10, 2025, moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

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- b) on the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing, that Mr. Wiebe replace Hon. Mr. Long as Deputy Chair, and that Mr. Sinclair replace Hon. Mr. Long;
- c) on the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services, that Mrs. Petrovic replace Hon. Mr. Long;
- d) on the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future, that Mr. Cyr replace Mr. Sinclair;
- e) on the Standing Committee on Families and Communities, that Mrs. Johnson replace Hon. Mr. Long.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Hon. Ms Gray, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to transfer sponsorship of Bill 214, Eastern Slopes Protection Act, to MLA Miyashiro, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR10. Moved by Ms Wright:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

A list showing the number of Albertans, organized by year, paid the basic minimum wage described in section 9(1)(a.1) of the Employment Standards Regulation (AR 14/1997) during the period from June 26, 2019, to March 31, 2024.

MR12. Moved by Hon. Mr. Sabir on behalf of Dr. Metz:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

Copies of all surveillance reports prepared by the Ministry of Health between May 1, 2019, and March 31, 2024, relating to the incidence of sexually transmitted infections and diseases in Alberta.

MR17. Moved by Hon. Mr. Sabir on behalf of Mr. Deol:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

Copies of all documents prepared by the Ministry of Infrastructure that set out which parts of the Red Deer Hospital Redevelopment capital project will be delivered using the public-private partnership model.

MR19. Moved by Hon. Mr. Sabir on behalf of Ms Sweet:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

Copies of all reports, evaluations, communications and recommendations prepared by the Government relating to the 2023 wildfire season of March 1, 2023, to October 31, 2023.

The following Motion for a Return was accepted as amended:

MR14. Moved by Hon. Mr. Sabir on behalf of MLA Batten:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

The number of stop orders issued, by year and location, to persons not authorized to provide child-care facilities under the Early Learning and Child Care Act, during the period from May 1, 2019, to March 31, 2024.

Hon. Mr. Jones, Minister of Jobs, Economy and Trade, moved that the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The number of stop orders issued, by year and location, to persons not authorized to provide child-care facilities under the Early Learning and Child Care Act, *during the period from February 1, 2021, to March 31, 2024.*

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Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 206 Child and Youth Advocate (Parent and Guardian Advisor) Amendment Act,
2024 — Mr. Cyr

Mr. Lundy, Acting 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 206 (A1) (Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul) — Adjourned

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Motions Other Than Government Motions

518. Moved by Hon. Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to undertake a policy review, with the objective of expanding protection for Albertans who are at risk of anaphylaxis caused by severe life-threatening allergic reactions, on the feasibility of facilitating the availability and use of epinephrine autoinjectors by the following categories of entities that interact with the public:

- (a) businesses,
- (b) municipal fire departments,
- (c) emergency medical services operators,

(d) school bus carriers.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hunter, Hon. Member for Taber-Warner, the Assembly adjourned at 5:27 p.m. until Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker