



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 88

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Thirty-First Legislature

Wednesday, March 19, 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 Broyce G. Jacobs, Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, 2001 to 2004 and 2008 to 2012, who passed away on March 14, 2025.

Members' Statements

Mr. Wiebe, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement regarding investments into northern Alberta in the proposed Budget 2025.

Hon. Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the Government's plans concerning the cleanup of abandoned oil wells.

Mr. Bouchard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the importance of supporting small businesses.

Hon. Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding Ramadan.

MLA Boparai, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Pitt, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following petitions for Private Bills:

of Hon. Rick Casson, Chair, Board of Directors, on behalf of the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta for the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta Act

of Loren Agrey, President, on behalf of Burman University for the Burman University Amendment Act, 2025

Notices of Motions

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

Bill 46 Information and Privacy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 – Hon. Mr. Glubish

Privilege – Incident Between Members

Hon. Mr. Williams, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding an incident which occurred March 18, 2025, within the parliamentary precincts, in which the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud allegedly used abusive language and harassed the Hon. Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 45 Critical Infrastructure Defence Amendment Act, 2025 – Hon. Mr. Amery

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont:

E-mail message dated March 11, 2025, from Baylee Giroux to Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, expressing concern regarding funding cuts to the Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton

Sessional Paper 875/2023-25

Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park:

Letter dated January 17, 2025, from Leslie Park to Mr. Kasawski, expressing concern regarding capacity at the Strathcona Community Hospital

Sessional Paper 876/2023-25

MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia:

5 e-mail messages to MLA Batten, expressing concern regarding allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices, relating to comments made by MLA Batten during Members' Statements on March 11, 2025

Sessional Paper 877/2023-25

Mrs. Petrovic, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod:

CBC News website article dated August 13, 2015, entitled "Health minister cancels \$3B contract, will not expand private services in Alberta"

Sessional Paper 878/2023-25

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

2 e-mail messages, senders' names redacted, to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, and Hon. Mr. Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, regarding the Government's plan for Calgary's Green Line LRT project

Sessional Paper 879/2023-25

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

E-mail message dated March 10, 2025, from Mike Kunicki to MLA Irwin, expressing concern regarding funding cuts to the Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton

Sessional Paper 880/2023-25

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

Western Standard website article dated October 11, 2023, entitled "Alberta NDP MLA says Israel guilty of genocide, barbaric acts"

Sessional Paper 881/2023-25

Rebel News website article dated October 11, 2023, entitled "Alberta NDP MLA says Israelis are 'barbarians,' guilty of genocide"

Sessional Paper 882/2023-25

Privilege – Incident Between Members

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The Speaker heard from Hon. Mr. Williams.

The Speaker advised that, as requested by Hon. Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, he would hear additional arguments on the following Monday.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(5)(b), the Assembly adjourned at 3:16 p.m. until Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker