



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

First Session

Thirty-First Legislature

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Thursday, March 20, 2025

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

**Speaker's Statement – International Francophonie Day**

The Speaker made a statement recognizing March 20, 2025, as International Francophonie Day.

**Members' Statements**

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding International Francophonie Day (remarks made in French).

Mr. Lundy, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding funding for new school construction projects in the proposed Budget 2025.

Mr. Haji, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the Government's lack of focus on affordability issues.

Hon. Mr. Hunter, Hon. Member for Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding tariffs on agricultural products and Alberta's economic relationship with the rest of Canada.

Dr. Elmeligi, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, made a statement regarding distribution and storage fees for small liquor producers in the proposed Budget 2025.

MLA Tejada, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement encouraging Albertans to fight back against several Government policies and actions.

## **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Oral notice having been given March 19, 2025:

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

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

Graph, undated, entitled “Real GDP per Capita Growth in the OECD, 2015-Q1 to 2024-Q3,” prepared by OECD Data Explorer

Sessional Paper 883/2023-25

The Bureau website article dated March 20, 2025, entitled “Indian National Convicted in Washington for Smuggling 170 Pounds of Ecstasy from Canada for Transnational Drug Syndicate”

Sessional Paper 884/2023-25

Calgary Herald website article dated March 20, 2025, entitled “Nelson: Team Canada will use and abuse Alberta”

Sessional Paper 885/2023-25

Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations:

Globe and Mail website article dated June 29, 2021, entitled “Report calls for public takeover of old oil and gas wells to fund their cleanup,” relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Smith during Oral Question Period on March 18, 2025

Sessional Paper 886/2023-25

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services:

Document, undated, entitled “Currently listed entities,” prepared by the Government of Canada, Public Safety Canada

Sessional Paper 887/2023-25

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

E-mail message dated March 12, 2025, from Shane Fallows to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding several Government policies and actions

Sessional Paper 888/2023-25

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Message From Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

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

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

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following document pursuant to the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act, cS-29, s4(5):

2024-25 Supplementary Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund, including the 2024-25 Fiscal Plan Update

Sessional Paper 889/2023-25

### Government Motions

58. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Assembly shall meet in the evening on Monday, March 24, 2025, for consideration of Government business, unless the Government House Leader notifies the Assembly that there shall be no evening sitting that day by providing notice under Notices of Motions in the Daily Routine or at any time prior to 6 p.m.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

59. Moved by Hon. Mr. Horner:

Be it resolved that the Message from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2024-2025 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

60. Moved by Hon. Mr. Horner:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 61(2), the Committee of Supply shall be called to consider the 2024-2025 Supplementary Supply Estimates for three hours on Monday, March 24, 2025.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## **Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)**

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Mr. Getson, Chair, Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future, presented the following report:

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(10), the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future has reviewed the 2025-26 proposed estimates and business plans for the Ministries of Advanced Education; Agriculture and Irrigation; Arts, Culture and Status of Women; Executive Council; Immigration and Multiculturalism; Infrastructure; Jobs, Economy and Trade; Technology and Innovation; and Tourism and Sport.

Ms Lovely, Chair, Standing Committee on Families and Communities, presented the following report:

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(10), the Standing Committee on Families and Communities has reviewed the 2025-26 proposed estimates and business plans for the Ministries of Children and Family Services; Education; Health; Justice; Mental Health and Addiction; Public Safety and Emergency Services; Seniors, Community and Social Services; and Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction.

Mr. Rowswell, Chair, Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, presented the following report:

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(10), the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship has reviewed the 2025-26 proposed estimates and business plans for the Ministries of Affordability and Utilities; Energy and Minerals; Environment and Protected Areas; Forestry and Parks; Indigenous Relations; Municipal Affairs; Transportation and Economic Corridors; and Treasury Board and Finance.

The question being put on the resolutions for the 2025-26 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates for the General Revenue Fund for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2026, the motion was agreed to. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 46

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

Against the motion: 16

Dach	Hoffman	Sabir
Deol	Irwin	Schmidt
Ellingson	Kasawski	Shepherd
Elmeligi	Loyola	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eremenko	Metz	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Gray		

The question being put on the resolutions for the 2025-26 Government Estimates for the General Revenue Fund for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2026, the motion was agreed to. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 45

Amery	Jean	Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Johnson	Sawhney
Boitchenko	Jones	Schow
Bouchard	LaGrange	Schulz
Cyr	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
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Horner	Nixon	Yao
Hunter	Petrovic	Yaseen

Against the motion: 17

Dach	Hoffman	Schmidt
Deol	Irwin	Shepherd
Ellingson	Kasawski	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Elmeligi	Loyola	Sinclair
Eremenko	Metz	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Gray	Sabir	

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair and Ms Pitt reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2025-26 Offices of the Legislative Assembly, General Revenue Fund, and the 2025-26 Government Estimates, General Revenue Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to His Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2026:

<b>Support to the Legislative Assembly</b>	\$89,683,000
<b>Office of the Auditor General</b>	\$30,212,000
<b>Office of the Ombudsman</b>	\$4,651,000
<b>Office of the Chief Electoral Officer</b>	\$12,608,000
<b>Office of the Ethics Commissioner</b>	\$1,091,000
<b>Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner</b>	\$9,237,000
<b>Office of the Child and Youth Advocate</b>	\$16,873,000
<b>Office of the Public Interest Commissioner</b>	\$1,468,000
<b>Advanced Education</b>	
Expense	\$2,834,146,000
Capital Investment	\$1,050,000
Financial Transactions	\$990,900,000
<b>Affordability and Utilities</b>	
Expense	\$119,581,000
Capital Investment	\$25,000
Financial Transactions	\$94,279,000
<b>Agriculture and Irrigation</b>	
Expense	\$788,336,000
Capital Investment	\$9,215,000

**Arts, Culture and Status of Women**

Expense	\$222,049,000
Capital Investment	\$2,331,000
Financial Transactions	\$2,590,000

**Children and Family Services**

Expense	\$1,225,203,000
Capital Investment	\$1,310,000

**Education**

Expense	\$5,977,805,000
Capital Investment	\$565,000
Financial Transactions	\$17,285,000

**Energy and Minerals**

Expense	\$683,390,000
Capital Investment	\$500,000

**Environment and Protected Areas**

Expense	\$550,024,000
Capital Investment	\$45,231,000
Financial Transactions	\$808,000

**Executive Council**

Expense	\$67,382,000
Capital Investment	\$25,000

**Forestry and Parks**

Expense	\$364,929,000
Capital Investment	\$106,514,000
Financial Transactions	\$14,110,000

**Health**

Expense	\$22,353,994,000
Capital Investment	\$30,430,000
Financial Transactions	\$162,789,000

**Immigration and Multiculturalism**

Expense	\$41,823,000
Capital Investment	\$25,000

**Indigenous Relations**

Expense	\$230,284,000
Capital Investment	\$25,000

**Infrastructure**

Expense	\$501,925,000
Capital Investment	\$1,857,746,000
Financial Transactions	\$13,964,000

**Jobs, Economy and Trade**

Expense	\$2,216,618,000
Capital Investment	\$8,150,000

**Justice**

Expense	\$692,601,000
Capital Investment	\$17,599,000

**Mental Health and Addiction**

Expense	\$1,775,525,000
Capital Investment	\$16,625,000

**Municipal Affairs**

Expense	\$1,367,335,000
Capital Investment	\$145,000

**Public Safety and Emergency Services**

Expense	\$1,243,209,000
Capital Investment	\$23,315,000
Financial Transactions	\$37,118,000

**Seniors, Community and Social Services**

Expense	\$10,255,349,000
Capital Investment	\$4,072,000
Financial Transactions	\$19,700,000

**Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction**

Expense	\$211,573,000
Capital Investment	\$72,330,000
Financial Transactions	\$5,500,000

**Technology and Innovation**

Expense	\$921,498,000
Capital Investment	\$158,628,000
Financial Transactions	\$25,000,000

**Tourism and Sport**

Expense	\$133,983,000
Capital Investment	\$25,000



### **Transportation and Economic Corridors**

Expense	\$1,833,019,000
Capital Investment	\$1,561,812,000
Financial Transactions	\$129,461,000

### **Treasury Board and Finance**

Expense	\$214,145,000
Capital Investment	\$75,000
Contingency	\$4,000,000,000

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

### **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

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

Bill 42 Appropriation Act, 2025 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Williams, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:40 p.m. until Monday, March 24, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,  
Speaker