



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Thirty-First Legislature

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, made a statement regarding Government action to address U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods.

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Ms de Jonge, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore, made a statement regarding the Government's plan to compensate primary care physicians.

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. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding an upcoming event the Premier will be attending alongside Ben Shapiro.

Mr. Boitchenko, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding the Trade Winds to Success Training Society.

Mr. Ellingson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement regarding actions the New Democratic Party is taking to address U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the impact a proposed reduction of benefits will have for severely disabled Albertans.

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

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

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

In accordance with Standing Order 99, the Standing Committee on Private Bills has reviewed the petitions that were presented to the Assembly on March 19, 2025, and I can advise the Assembly that the petitions comply with Standing Orders 90 to 94.

Notices of Motions

MLA Miyashiro, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill Pr5 Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta Act —
MLA Miyashiro

Mrs. Johnson, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill Pr6 Burman University Amendment Act, 2025 — Mrs. Johnson

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given March 25, 2025:

Bill 48 iGaming Alberta Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

Tabling Returns and Reports

Dr. Metz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Report dated March 2025, entitled "Operation Profit: Private Surgical Contracts Deliver Higher Costs and Longer Waits," prepared by the Parkland Institute
Sessional Paper 904/2023-25

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

CTV News Calgary website article dated March 25, 2025, entitled “Police seize 17.5 kg of drugs as part of trafficking investigation in Calgary, Edmonton”

Sessional Paper 905/2023-25

CBC News website article dated March 24, 2025, entitled “U.S. border patrol seizes over 52 kg of cocaine bound for Canada”

Sessional Paper 906/2023-25

MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia:

Alberta Politics website article dated March 26, 2025, entitled “Startling increases in outsourced surgical costs tend to corroborate claims of contract irregularities made by fired AHS CEO: Parkland study”

Sessional Paper 907/2023-25

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday:

Kainaiwa Nation document dated February 4, 2025, entitled “Coal Mining, Community Update”

Sessional Paper 908/2023-25

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow:

3 pieces of correspondence expressing concern regarding coal mining on the eastern slopes

Sessional Paper 909/2023-25

E-mail message dated February 25, 2025, from Emily Grenon to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services’ procurement practices

Sessional Paper 910/2023-25

2 pieces of correspondence, one from Ryan Thompson, and one from Margaret Cole, both addressed to MLA Kayande, expressing concern regarding a tax increase on wine

Sessional Paper 911/2023-25

E-mail message dated March 11, 2025, from Tiffany Stones to MLA Kayande, expressing concern regarding an upcoming event the Premier will be attending alongside Ben Shapiro

Sessional Paper 912/2023-25

Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Report dated March 2025, entitled “Access Denied: How the Changing Accessibility of Health-Care Services in Alberta Impacts Equity,” prepared by Rebecca Graff-McRae

Sessional Paper 913/2023-25

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

E-mail message dated March 14, 2025, from Katie to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding several Government policies and actions
Sessional Paper 914/2023-25

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

The Globe and Mail website article dated March 26, 2025, entitled “Alberta public health system losing staff, funding as province increases spending on private facilities”
Sessional Paper 915/2023-25

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

CBC News website article dated March 26, 2025, entitled “Alberta to claw back federal disability benefit from AISH recipients”
Sessional Paper 916/2023-25

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Amery, Minister of Justice, pursuant to the Statutes Repeal Act, cS-19.3, s2(1):

Report, undated, entitled “Statutes Repeal Act – 2025 List”
Sessional Paper 917/2023-25

Speaker’s Statement – Electronic Devices in the Chamber

The Speaker made a statement reminding Members of the rules regarding the use of electronic devices in the Chamber.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

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

Bill 43 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2025 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Second Reading

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

Bill 40 Professional Governance Act — Hon. Mrs. Sawhney

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Dyck speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker