



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 94

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Thirty-First Legislature

Monday, April 7, 2025

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

Speaker's Statement —The Battle of Vimy Ridge

The Speaker made a statement recognizing April 9, 2025, as the National Day of Remembrance for the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

Members' Statements

Mr. Wiebe, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement regarding recently announced Government initiatives to improve the delivery of acute health care.

Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to respond to recently announced U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods.

Hon. Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding Government support for those diagnosed with eating disorders.

MLA Miyashiro, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding Green Shirt Day.

Ms Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie-East, made a statement regarding Alberta's economic relationship with the rest of Canada.

Dr. Elmeligi, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting wildlife corridors.

Notices of Motions

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, gave oral notice of the intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) acknowledge that the recently implemented tariffs by the Government of the United States will have serious negative impacts on Alberta's workers, small-business owners and key industries, including energy, agriculture and manufacturing,
- (b) recognize the urgent threat presented by these tariffs to Albertans' retirement plans as a result of ongoing economic instability and investment losses, and
- (c) urge the Government to
 - (i) publicly express its opposition to the tariffs announced by President Donald Trump on behalf of the Government of the United States, which are harming Alberta's economy, and
 - (ii) take all necessary steps to protect major industries in Alberta by strengthening and expanding domestic and international markets for Alberta products, and implement comprehensive supports for impacted workers and families to help mitigate any negative impacts on jobs, pensions and retirement savings.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given March 27, 2025:

Bill 49 Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 —
Hon. Mr. Ellis

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Cyr, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul:

Copy of a petition containing 16 signatures, urging the Government to end the practice of daylight saving time

Sessional Paper 920/2023-25

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Report, undated, entitled "Accessible Alberta: Recommendations for provincial accessibility legislation," prepared by the Office of the Advocate for Persons with Disabilities

Sessional Paper 921/2023-25

Mr. Getson, Chair, Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future:

Responses to questions raised on March 12, 2025, Ministry of Jobs, Economy and Trade, 2025-26 Main Estimates Debate

Sessional Paper 922/2023-25

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

Parkland Institute media release dated March 26, 2025, entitled "Private surgical contracts drive up costs and wait times as real public hospital funding declines"

Sessional Paper 923/2023-25

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

The Bureau website article dated April 7, 2025, entitled "Follow the Money: Diaspora Researchers Map CCP Influence on Canadian Prime Ministers in Voter Education Push"

Sessional Paper 924/2023-25

The Bureau website article dated April 7, 2025, entitled "BREAKING: Chinese Information Operation Using 'Positive and Negative' Narratives to Influence Chinese Canadian Voters on PM Carney, Election Monitor Says"

Sessional Paper 925/2023-25

The Bureau website article dated March 31, 2025, entitled "REPOST: Beijing's control of media in Canada enabled election interference: CSIS documents"

Sessional Paper 926/2023-25

The Bureau website article dated April 5, 2025, entitled " 'It's the Community. It's the Family. It's the City': U.S. Experts Warn Canada Is Losing the Fight Against PRC Criminal Networks – Washington Has Run Out of Patience"

Sessional Paper 927/2023-25

National Post website article dated April 3, 2025, entitled "Liberals drop Edmonton candidate who praised Hamas, Hezbollah in video"

Sessional Paper 928/2023-25

Postmedia News website article dated April 1, 2025, entitled "LILLEY UNLEASHED: Carney won't repeal anti-pipeline legislation"

Sessional Paper 929/2023-25

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

E-mail message dated April 3, 2025, from Jessie Cadman to Hon. Mr. Turton, Minister of Children and Family Services, expressing concern regarding funding for the Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton

Sessional Paper 930/2023-25

MLA Miyashiro, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

Lethbridge Herald website article dated April 2, 2025, entitled "We can't trust headwaters to the government"

Sessional Paper 931/2023-25

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Child and Youth Advocate Act, cC-11.5, s9.1(5):

Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Mandatory Reviews of Child Deaths, for the period dated October 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025
Sessional Paper 932/2023-25

Motions Under Standing Order 42

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

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Pursuant to Standing Order 42(1.1) and (1.2), Ms Pancholi and Hon. Mr. Schow commented on the request for unanimous consent.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 208 Psycho-Educational Assessment Access Act — Ms Hayter

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. With Ms Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 16

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Kayande
Arcand-Paul	Hayter	Metz
Batten	Hoffman	Renaud
Boparai	Hoyle	Sweet
Calahoo Stonehouse	Irwin	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
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Against the motion: 42

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

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

Bill 209 Reconciliation Implementation Act — MLA Arcand-Paul

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

521. Moved by Hon. Ms Hoffman (replaced):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take all necessary steps to

(a) commence a public inquiry, in accordance with section 2 of the Public Inquiries Act, into recent allegations of improper procurement contracts entered into by Alberta Health Services, including with respect to chartered surgical facilities,

(b) appoint at least one commissioner who is a judge of the Court of Appeal, the Court of King's Bench or the Court of Justice in Alberta, and

(c) declare that section 7 of the Public Inquiries Act applies with respect to the public inquiry.

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the afternoon.

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned, Hon. Ms Hoffman speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker