



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 98

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Thirty-First Legislature

Monday, April 14, 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 Dr. Rajinder “Raj” Pannu, Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, 1997 to 2008, who passed away on January 30, 2025.

Members’ Statements

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, made a statement regarding Alberta’s economic relationship with the rest of Canada.

MLA Hoyle, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, made a statement regarding allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services’ procurement practices.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding the visit to Alberta by a delegation from the Council of State Governments Midwest.

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services’ procurement practices.

Mr. McDougall, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the visit to Alberta by a delegation from the Council of State Governments Midwest.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement expressing concern regarding Government policies related to Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped payments.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Yao, Chair, Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, presented the following report pursuant to Standing Order 55 and the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, cA-23, s6(4)(c):

Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Annual Report
2024-2025

Sessional Paper 972/2023-25

Notices of Motions

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

Bill 53 Compassionate Intervention Act — Hon. Mr. Williams

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre:

Letter dated April 11, 2025, from Brian Sauvé, President and CEO, National Police Federation, to Hon. Mr. Ellis, Deputy Premier, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services, expressing concern regarding statements made by Hon. Mr. Ellis during Second Reading debate on Bill 49, Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, on April 10, 2025

Sessional Paper 973/2023-25

Mr. Dyck, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie:

National Post website article dated April 3, 2025, entitled “OnlyFans creator who joined NDP campaign trail dropped over ‘disrespectful’ Holocaust video”

Sessional Paper 974/2023-25

Western Standard website article dated April 5, 2025, entitled “NDP candidate’s remarks on Jews spark controversy”

Sessional Paper 975/2023-25

Edmonton Journal website article dated July 14, 2020, entitled “Union leader under fire for comments linking UCP strategies to Nazis”

Sessional Paper 976/2023-25

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

Copy of a petition expressing support for Bill 209, Reconciliation Implementation Act

Sessional Paper 977/2023-25

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

Document dated April 9, 2025, entitled “What lies ahead for community-level homelessness planning in Alberta?” prepared by Nick Falvo Consulting
Sessional Paper 978/2023-25

Hon. Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Cochrane:

Calgary Herald website article dated April 11, 2025, entitled “Braid: Government tries to deflect auditor general to lawyers – No way, says Doug Wylie”
Sessional Paper 979/2023-25

Calgary Herald website article dated April 12, 2025, entitled “Opinion: One inquiry to rule them all; separate probes into Alberta Health decisions limit transparency”
Sessional Paper 980/2023-25

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud:

Rocky Mountain Outlook website article dated April 12, 2025, entitled “UCP MLAs address federal election safety, coal and gender questions at Barrhead fundraiser,” relating to comments made by Ms Pancholi during Oral Question Period on April 14, 2025
Sessional Paper 981/2023-25

The New York Times website article dated April 14, 2025, entitled “This Canadian Conservative Is Playing ‘Good Cop’ With Trump,” relating to comments made by Ms Pancholi during Oral Question Period on April 14, 2025
Sessional Paper 982/2023-25

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s39(3):

Special Standing Committee on Members’ Services Constituency Services
Amendment Order, 2025 (No. 2), Order No. MSC 04/25
Sessional Paper 983/2023-25

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR1, asked for by Hon. Ms Notley on November 18, 2024:

A list of every fee, gift or other benefit that exceeds \$500 in value that was accepted by an employee of the Premier's Office or an employee of the office of a Minister in accordance with Order in Council 237/2023, including the exact value and description of each fee, gift or other benefit that was accepted.
Sessional Paper 984/2023-25

Return to Order of the Assembly MR13, asked for by Mr. Ellingson on November 18, 2024:

A list of all employees and contractors employed or engaged by the Invest Alberta Corporation during the period from March 31, 2019, to March 31, 2024.

Sessional Paper 985/2023-25

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Sigurdson, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR4, asked for by Ms Sweet on November 18, 2024:

A list of all grants, organized by year, provided by the Government to the non-profit corporation Results Driven Agriculture Research (RDAR) during the period from April 1, 2019, to March 31, 2024.

Sessional Paper 986/2023-25

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors:

Return to Orders of the Assembly MR5 and MR8, both asked for by Mr. Dach on November 18, 2024:

MR5. Copies of all documents prepared by the Government relating to the effectiveness of salt brine solutions for de-icing provincial highways.

Sessional Paper 987/2023-25

MR8. A list of all Community Airport Program funding recipients for each year during the period from May 1, 2019, to March 31, 2024, and, in respect of each recipient, the amount of funding received and description of the project for which funding was received.

Sessional Paper 988/2023-25

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Jones, Minister of Jobs, Economy and Trade:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR11, asked for by Ms Wright on November 18, 2024:

A list of all payments, organized by year and occupation, made during the period from December 9, 2020, to March 31, 2024, under the Heroes Compensation Act to a first responder who died as a result of an accident.

Sessional Paper 989/2023-25

Return to Order of the Assembly MR15, asked for by MLA Batten on November 18, 2024:

A list showing the number of payments, referred to as “compassionate payments”, made by the Government to families affected by child-care closures in the Calgary area due to the E-coli outbreak declared by Alberta Health Services on September 4, 2023, and the amount of each payment.

Sessional Paper 990/2023-25

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 209 Reconciliation Implementation Act — MLA Arcand-Paul

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 18

Arcand-Paul	Elmeligi	Kasawski
Brar	Goehring	Miyashiro
Ceci	Gray	Renaud
Chapman	Haji	Sabir
Dach	Hoffman	Tejada
Eggen	Ip	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

Against the motion: 44

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

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

Bill 210 Employment Standards (Protecting Workers' Tips) Amendment Act, 2024
— Hon. Ms Gray

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. Jones speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

521. Moved by Hon. Ms Hoffman:

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.

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

For the motion: 29

Al-Guneid	Ganley	Metz
Arcand-Paul	Goehring	Miyashiro
Brar	Gray	Pancholi
Calahoo Stonehouse	Guthrie	Renaud
Ceci	Haji	Sabir
Chapman	Hayter	Shepherd
Dach	Hoffman	Sinclair
Eggen	Ip	Tejada
Ellingson	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Elmeligi	Kayande	

Against the motion: 45

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

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington, moved, pursuant to Standing Order 8(1.2), that the Assembly consider Motion 522, the motion other than a Government motion that is next in precedence on the Order Paper. The question being put, the motion under Standing Order 8(1.2) was agreed to.

522. Moved by Ms Chapman:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take the necessary steps to address overcrowded classrooms by hiring additional teaching staff to ensure that all Alberta classrooms meet the recommended class size based on grade level for Kindergarten to Grade 12, as set out in the 2003 Alberta's Commission on Learning Report "Every Child Learns, Every Child Succeeds."

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. Sabir speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker

Title: Monday, April 14, 2025