



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 99

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Thirty-First Legislature

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Williams, Minister of Mental Health and Addiction, made a statement regarding the Government's recovery-focused approach to addressing addiction.

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices.

Mrs. Johnson, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding the Government's recovery-focused approach to addressing addiction.

Mr. Haji, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding recent Government action affecting the affordability of child care.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding Vaisakhi.

Dr. Metz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting the rate of cancelled surgeries.

MLA Calahoo Stonehouse, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices.

Presenting Petitions

MLA Miyashiro, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, presented a petition from over 6,000 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation to immediately terminate the Grassy Mountain coal project proposed by Northback Holdings for the following reasons: 1) Northback has not provided verifiable practices to control selenium contamination in the Oldman River basin; 2) the risks of substantial harm to the environment, water and the agrifood economy of southern Alberta far exceed the benefits of the proposed coal mine.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given April 14, 2025:

Bill 53 Compassionate Intervention Act — Hon. Mr. Williams

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

CityNews website article dated April 9, 2025, entitled "Passover begins soon. For many Jews, the celebrations will occur amid anxieties and division"

Sessional Paper 991/2023-25

Document dated May 26, 2016, entitled "IHRA non-legally binding working definition of antisemitism," prepared by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance

Sessional Paper 992/2023-25

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

Lakeland Today website article, undated, entitled "Cyr disavows claims of support by Alberta Republican Party"

Sessional Paper 993/2023-25

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

The Bureau website article dated April 14, 2025, entitled "AI-Driven Election Interference from China, Russia, and Iran Expected, Canadian Security Officials Warn"

Sessional Paper 994/2023-25

The Bureau website article dated April 14, 2025, entitled "CSIS Warned Beijing Would Brand Conservatives as Trumpian. Now Carney's Campaign Is Doing It"

Sessional Paper 995/2023-25

National Post website article dated April 14, 2025, entitled “Carney apologizes for fake Trump-style buttons, Liberal staffers ‘reassigned’ ”

Sessional Paper 996/2023-25

The Niagara Independent website article, undated, entitled “Canada’s sleeper election issue: the loss of charitable status for religious organizations”

Sessional Paper 997/2023-25

B.I.G. Charity Law Group website article, undated, entitled “Why removing Charitable Status from Churches and Mosques is a Bad Idea”

Sessional Paper 998/2023-25

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

Letter dated January 17, 2024, from Mr. Cyr, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, to Hon. Mr. Wilson, Minister of Indigenous Relations, expressing concern regarding the transition to federal funding oversight for Jordan’s Principle

Sessional Paper 999/2023-25

Social media post from the account of Mr. Cyr, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, containing information regarding Jordan’s Principle

Sessional Paper 1000/2023-25

Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park:

18 letters from members of Sherwood Park United Church, expressing concern regarding recent legislation affecting transgender youth

Sessional Paper 1001/2023-25

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont:

Report, undated, entitled “Strength in Numbers: The 2023-2024 ACWS Report on Domestic Violence Shelter Impact in Alberta,” prepared by the Alberta Council of Women’s Shelters

Sessional Paper 1002/2023-25

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

2 pieces of correspondence, both dated April 4, 2025, both from Vicki Koersen, one addressed to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, and one addressed to MLA Irwin, expressing concern regarding several recent Government actions and policies

Sessional Paper 1003/2023-25

MLA Miyashiro, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

Report dated 2024, entitled “Giving Together,” prepared by the Community Foundation for Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta

Sessional Paper 1004/2023-25

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 44 Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2025 – Hon.
Mr. Sigurdson

A debate followed.

Mr. van Dijken moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

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

A debate followed.

Hon. Ms Sigurdson moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 41 Wildlife Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Loewen

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 47 Automobile Insurance Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Ms Hayter moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 41 Wildlife Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Loewen

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:45 p.m. until Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker