



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 101

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Thirty-First Legislature

Thursday, April 17, 2025

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding allegations of political interference in public sector procurement practices.

Mr. Wright, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding Oral Health Month.

Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the need for increased Government funding for home-care services.

Mr. McDougall, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the proposed Taylor Family Campus Centre at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology.

Hon. MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding Bill 211, Arts and Creative Economy Advisory Council Act.

Hon. Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the benefits of enhanced rock weathering.

Speaker's Statement – Oral Question Period and Members' Statements Rotations

Honourable Members, I would like to inform you that there has been a slight modification to the Oral Question Period and Members' Statements rotations as a result of a recent change in the caucus composition in the Assembly. Subject to any arrangements made between Members for today, the Member for Airdrie-Cochrane, who now sits as an independent, is entitled to one question per week starting with question 9 on Day 2 of the Oral Question Period rotation, which is Tuesday, April 29, 2025, and one Member's Statement every three weeks, starting on Day 112 of the Projected Sitting Days Calendar, which is May 14, and week 2 of the Members' Statements rotation.

Members will find the revised Projected Sitting Days Calendar and Oral Question Period rotation on their desks.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Copy of a petition signed by 37,004 Albertans urging the Government to increase funding for home-care services, relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Sigurdson during her Member's Statement on April 17, 2025

Sessional Paper 1016/2023-25

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

2 e-mail messages to MLA Irwin, one from Carol Anne and one from Nik Gauthier, expressing concern regarding Government policies related to Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped payments

Sessional Paper 1017/2023-25

MLA Miyashiro, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

Lethbridge Herald article dated April 16, 2025, entitled "On the exorbitant price of Tylenol in Alberta"

Sessional Paper 1018/2023-25

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Edmonton Journal website article dated April 16, 2025, entitled "UCP caucus expels outspoken MLA Peter Guthrie amid new accusations," relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Hoffman during Oral Question Period on April 17, 2025

Sessional Paper 1019/2023-25

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

62. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1) and for the duration of the 2025 Spring Sitting of the First Session of the 31st Legislature, the Assembly shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings 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 pm.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

Bill 37 Mental Health Services Protection Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon.
Mr. Williams

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 50 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. McIver

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Ms Sweet speaking.

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 37 Mental Health Services Protection Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon.
Mr. Williams

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

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Orders 3(6) and 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until
Monday, April 28, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker