



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 107

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Thirty-First Legislature

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

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

Speaker's Statement – Members' Anniversaries

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 10th anniversary of Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, and Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, who were elected on May 5, 2015. The Speaker presented each Member with a 10-year Mace pin.

Speaker's Statement – 80th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands by Canadian and Allied forces.

Members' Statements

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, made a statement regarding the need for disability access legislation in Alberta.

Mr. Lundy, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding the Alberta New Democratic Party.

Dr. Metz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the need for disability access legislation in Alberta.

Hon. Mr. Hunter, Hon. Member for Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the economic relationship between Alberta and the federal government.

Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, read a statement from an Albertan regarding the need for more Government support for home care for Albertans with disabilities.

MLA Tejada, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding the impact a proposed reduction of benefits will have for Albertans with disabilities.

Notices of Motions

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, gave oral notice of the intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) recognize that Treaty No. 6, Treaty No. 7 and Treaty No. 8 between the Crown and First Nations predate the creation of Alberta,
- (b) acknowledge that existing aboriginal and treaty rights are recognized and affirmed under section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982, and are binding on federal and provincial governments, and
- (c) take all necessary steps to prevent a referendum on the independence of Alberta from Canada, which would be a clear breach of the Government's treaty obligations.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

E-mail message dated April 7, 2025, from Joan Laurie to Hon. Ms Hoffman, expressing concern regarding wait times for joint surgery

Sessional Paper 1069/2023-25

E-mail message dated April 14, 2025, from Shannen to Hon. Ms Hoffman, expressing concern regarding changes in funding for eye exams

Sessional Paper 1070/2023-25

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

E-mail message dated May 2, 2025, from Jennifer to MLA Irwin, expressing concern regarding recent comments and actions by Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, with attached Canadian Press website article dated August 8, 2014, entitled "Alberta's Wildrose party calls for inquiry into Redford's expenses"

Sessional Paper 1071/2023-25

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

Calgary Herald website article dated February 8, 2023, entitled "Opinion: It no longer makes sense for Alberta to rely on the RCMP for policing"

Sessional Paper 1072/2023-25

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow:

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion: an International Journal article, undated, entitled “Guest editorial, The benefits of inclusion: disability and work in the 21st century,” relating to comments made by MLA Kayande during his Member’s Statement on May 6, 2025

Sessional Paper 1073/2023-25

MLA Hoyle, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South:

Letter dated March 10, 2025, from Rajesh Kumar to MLA Hoyle, expressing concern regarding changes in funding to Inclusion Alberta

Sessional Paper 1074/2023-25

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

Calgary Herald website article dated May 6, 2025, entitled “Premier at heart of province’s political upheaval”

Sessional Paper 1075/2023-25

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont:

Letter, undated, from Taylor to Ms Hayter and Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services, expressing concern regarding funding for women’s shelters, relating to comments made by Ms Hayter during her Member’s Statement on May 1, 2025

Sessional Paper 1076/2023-25

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

E-mail message dated May 5, 2025, from Janice Manchul to Ms Renaud, expressing concern regarding the treatment of disabled Albertans in the healthcare system

Sessional Paper 1077/2023-25

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows:

Edmonton Journal website article dated November 8, 2018, entitled “AISH and seniors benefits will increase with cost of living under NDP bill”

Sessional Paper 1078/2023-25

CBC News website article dated November 4, 2019, entitled “People with severe disabilities feel ‘duped’ by Alberta government, AISH recipient says”

Sessional Paper 1079/2023-25

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Health:

Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2), College of Registered Nurses of Alberta 2023-2024 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 1080/2023-25

Pursuant to the Public Health Act, cP-37, s7(2), Public Health Appeal Board 2024 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 1081/2023-25

Motions Under Standing Order 42

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

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- (b) acknowledge that existing aboriginal and treaty rights are recognized and affirmed under section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982, and are binding on federal and provincial governments, and
- (c) take all necessary steps to prevent a referendum on the independence of Alberta from Canada, which would be a clear breach of the Government's treaty obligations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 42(1.1) and (1.2), MLA Arcand-Paul and Hon. Mr. Schow commented on the request for unanimous consent.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

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)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 38 Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Nally

MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia, moved that the Bill be amended in section 3 as follows:

- (a) in subsection (2)
 - (i) in clause (a)(iv), in the proposed section 9(2)(d), as follows:
 - (A) in subclause (iii) by striking out “subject to subsection (5.1),”;
 - (B) in subclause (iv) by striking out “subject to subsection (5.2),”, and
 - (ii) by striking out clause (b);
- (b) in subsection (3) as follows:
 - (i) by striking out clause (a) and substituting the following:
 - (a) by repealing subsection (3) and substituting the following:
 - (3) The Advocate must complete the review under subsection (2) and make the report of the review referred to in section 15.4(1) available to the public within one year from the earlier of the following:
 - (a) the date on which the Chief Medical Examiner provides notification of the death under section 32.1 of the Fatality Inquiries Act;
 - (b) the date on which the Advocate first collects information from the Registrar of Vital Statistics under subsection (8) about the death of the deceased person.
 - (ii) by striking out clause (d);
 - (c) by striking out subsection (8).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 15

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Metz
Batten	Hayter	Schmidt
Boparai	Hoyle	Shepherd
Deol	Irwin	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ellingson	Kayande	Sweet

Against the amendment: 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	Nicolaides	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Nixon	Yao
Hunter	Petrovic	Yaseen
Jean	Rowswell	

The question being put that Bill 38, Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2025, be reported, the motion was agreed to. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For 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
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Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(4), the Committee recessed at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 39 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Hon. Mr. Sabir moved that the Bill be amended by striking out section 7.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. van Dijken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 13

Brar	Elmeligi	Ip
Ceci	Goehring	Kasawski
Chapman	Haji	Miyashiro
Dach	Hoffman	Sabir
Eggen		

Against the amendment: 44

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

Hon. Mr. Sabir moved that the Bill be amended in section 7 by striking out subsections (2), (4) and (5).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 13

Brar	Elmeligi	Ip
Ceci	Goehring	Kasawski
Chapman	Haji	Miyashiro
Dach	Hoffman	Sabir
Eggen		

Against the amendment: 41

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

Hon. Mr. Horner moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

A Section 7(5) is amended by striking out “Subsection (2)(a)” and substituting “This section”.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 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	Nicolaides	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Nixon	Yao
Hunter	Petrovic	Yaseen
Jean	Rowswell	

Against the amendment: 12

Ceci	Elmeligi	Ip
Chapman	Goehring	Kasawski
Dach	Haji	Miyashiro
Eggen	Hoffman	Sabir

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

The following Bills were reported:

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

Bill 38 Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Nally

Bill 52 Energy and Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Neudorf

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 39 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 47 Automobile Insurance Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 53 Compassionate Intervention Act — Hon. Mr. Williams

Mr. van Dijken, Deputy Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 53 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1082/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 53 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1083/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 38 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia) — Defeated
on division
Sessional Paper 1084/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 52 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore) —
Defeated
Sessional Paper 1085/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 52 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore) —
Defeated
Sessional Paper 1086/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 39 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) —
Defeated on division
Sessional Paper 1087/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 39 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) —
Defeated on division
Sessional Paper 1088/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 39 (A3) (Hon. President of Treasury Board and Minister
of Finance) — Agreed to on division
Sessional Paper 1089/2023-25

Second Reading

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

Bill 54 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Amery

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 55 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Williams on behalf of
Hon. Min. LaGrange

A debate followed.

Mr. Kasawski moved adjournment of the debate, which was defeated.

Debate resumed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Ms Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas, the Assembly adjourned at 11:02 p.m. until Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker