



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Thirty-First Legislature

Monday, November 3, 2025

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

Members' Statements

Ms de Jonge, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore, made a statement regarding a recent Supreme Court of Canada ruling on the constitutionality of mandatory minimum sentences for accessing or possessing child pornography.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Hans Smits.

Hon. Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding CPR Month.

Ms Al-Guneid, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the effects of coal mining in the eastern slopes.

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(8), Hon. Mr. Williams, Deputy Government House Leader, provided notice to the Assembly that the Daily Routine shall continue beyond 3:00 p.m.

Mrs. Johnson, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding Government efforts to address rising food costs.

Ms Wright, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding Government healthcare policies.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Government Motion 4, agreed to on October 27, 2025, Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no evening sitting today.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 6 Education (Prioritizing Literacy and Numeracy) Amendment Act, 2025
(No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Report dated April 23, 2025, entitled “Emergency Department and Urgent Care Visits, January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2024,” prepared by Alberta Health Services, relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Hoffman during Oral Question Period on November 3, 2025

Sessional Paper 44/2025

Report dated August 11, 2025, entitled “ED and UCC Visits with a Disposition of LWBS or LAMA, All Provincial Sites, January 1, 2019, to July 31, 2025,” prepared by Alberta Health Services, relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Hoffman during Oral Question Period on November 3, 2025

Sessional Paper 45/2025

3 letters to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding Government policies affecting public education, relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Hoffman during Second Reading debate on Bill 1, International Agreements Act, on October 30, 2025

Sessional Paper 46/2025

Dr. Metz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

2 e-mail messages, both from Amanda Batty and addressed to Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing concern regarding the Back to School Act

Sessional Paper 47/2025

Mr. Ip, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West:

2 e-mail messages, both addressed to Mr. Ip, expressing concern regarding the Back to School Act

Sessional Paper 48/2025

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

Copies of 4 postcards from teachers to Hon. Ms Lori Sigurdson, expressing concern regarding Government policies affecting public education
Sessional Paper 49/2025

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

E-mail message dated October 21, 2025, from Courtney C. to MLA Arcand-Paul, expressing concern regarding Government policies affecting public education
Sessional Paper 50/2025

Chiefs Steering Committee on Technical Services news release dated October 31, 2025, entitled “Alberta’s Proposed Water Act Amendment a Direct Affront to Treaty Rights and Environmental Stewardship”
Sessional Paper 51/2025

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

Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness website article dated August 22, 2023, entitled “Fort McMurray Ends Veteran Homelessness”
Sessional Paper 52/2025

Document, undated, entitled “Net migration per 1,000 residents, 2023”
Sessional Paper 53/2025

MLA Calahoo Stonehouse, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Report dated July 10, 2014, entitled “Compilation of Conclusions and Recommendations from the United Nations Seminars on Treaties, Agreements and other Constructive Arrangements,” prepared by the United Nations
Sessional Paper 54/2025

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

10 e-mail messages expressing concern regarding Government policies affecting public education
Sessional Paper 55/2025

Ms Wright, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

E-mail message dated October 24, 2025, from Fiona to Ms Wright, regarding the importance of funding public health care, relating to comments made by Ms Wright during her Member’s Statement on November 3, 2025
Sessional Paper 56/2025

E-mail message dated October 26, 2025, from Suzanne to MLA Kayande, expressing concern regarding the Back to School Act
Sessional Paper 57/2025

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow:

5 pieces of correspondence expressing concern regarding several Government policies affecting transgender youth

Sessional Paper 58/2025

Dr. Elmeligi, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis:

E-mail message dated August 19, 2025, sender's name redacted, to Dr. Elmeligi, expressing concern regarding the outsourcing of jobs in Alberta's provincial park system

Sessional Paper 59/2025

E-mail message dated October 28, 2025, senders' names redacted, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly and Her Honour the Honourable Salma Lakhani, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, expressing concern regarding the Back to School Act

Sessional Paper 60/2025

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

2 e-mail messages, both dated October 27, 2025, senders' names redacted, expressing concern regarding Government policies affecting public education

Sessional Paper 61/2025

MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia:

Letter dated October 29, 2025, from Chandra Feltus to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding the Back to School Act

Sessional Paper 62/2025

Letter, undated, unaddressed, from a teacher at Rocky View Schools, expressing concern regarding Government policies affecting public education

Sessional Paper 63/2025

MLA Tejada, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein:

2 e-mail messages, one dated October 20, 2025, and one dated October 27, 2025, expressing concern regarding the Back to School Act

Sessional Paper 64/2025

Ms Al-Guneid, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore:

Letter, undated, unaddressed, from a teacher at Rocky View Schools, expressing concern regarding Government policies affecting public education

Sessional Paper 65/2025

Mr. Haji, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

2 letters, both undated, expressing concern regarding the process for booking COVID-19 vaccinations

Sessional Paper 66/2025

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs:

E-mail message dated October 16, 2025, sender's name redacted, to the Government of Alberta, expressing concern regarding the Government's priorities

Sessional Paper 67/2025

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

3 e-mail messages expressing concern regarding the Government's priorities

Sessional Paper 68/2025

Mr. Ellingson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills:

Letter, undated, from Jennifer and Jordan Nakaska, to Members of the United Conservative Caucus, expressing concern regarding the Back to School Act

Sessional Paper 69/2025

MLA Miyashiro, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

E-mail message dated October 27, 2025, from Amanda Hooker to Dr. Metz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing concern regarding the Government invoking the Notwithstanding Clause in response to a recent teachers' strike

Sessional Paper 70/2025

Hon. MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

2 e-mail messages, both dated November 3, 2025, and both addressed to Hon. MLA Ceci, expressing concern regarding Government policies affecting public education

Sessional Paper 71/2025

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont:

E-mail message dated October 10, 2025, from Kaisa Roggeveen, to Ms Hayter, expressing concern regarding Government policies affecting public education, relating to comments made by Ms Hayter during Oral Question Period on October 27, 2025

Sessional Paper 72/2025

Alberta Native News website article dated October 31, 2025, entitled "Alberta Cuts Funding Mid-Year to Program for Indigenous Mothers Who Have Faced Domestic Violence"

Sessional Paper 73/2025

Hon. Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader:

E-mail message dated October 26, 2025, from Rob, Assistant Principal, Edmonton Public Schools, to Hon. Ms Gray, expressing concern regarding the Back to School Act

Sessional Paper 74/2025

Privilege – Obstructing a Member in Performance of Duty

The Speaker invited Hon. Mr. Williams, Deputy Government House Leader, to speak to the purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 raised by Hon. Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Cochrane, on October 30, 2025, regarding Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, allegedly intimidating and obstructing the Hon. Member for Airdrie-Cochrane in the performance of his parliamentary duties.

The Speaker heard from Hon. Mr. Williams.

The Speaker then advised that he would rule on the purported question of privilege at a later date this week.

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 201 Employment Standards (Protecting Workers' Pay) Amendment Act, 2025
— Hon. Ms Ganley

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, MLA Irwin speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

501. Moved by Ms Pancholi:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

(a) recognize that

(i) Alberta separatism creates investment uncertainty and negatively impacts the economy, and

- (ii) actions taken by the Government that encourage or amplify separatist sentiment, including the work of the Alberta Next Panel, contribute to that investment uncertainty,
- (b) urge the Government to
 - (i) secure a better deal for Alberta within the federation without leveraging the threat of separatism, and
 - (ii) establish stronger working relationships with other provincial governments to strengthen interprovincial economic ties and reduce interprovincial trade barriers, and
- (c) denounce Alberta separatism and express support for national unity.

A debate followed.

Mrs. Petrovic, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, moved, pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), that Motion other than a Government Motion 501 be moved to the bottom of the relevant item of business on the Order Paper.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to on the voice vote. With Hon. Mr. McIver in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 43

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

Against the motion: 20

Arcand-Paul	Haji	Nenshi
Boparai	Hayter	Pancholi
Eggen	Irwin	Shepherd
Elmeligi	Kasawski	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ganley	Kayande	Sweet
Goehring	Metz	Tejada
Gray	Miyashiro	

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:37 p.m. until Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ric McIver,
Speaker