



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 15

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Thirty-First Legislature

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

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

Members' Statements

MLA Tejada, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

Ms Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie-East, made a statement regarding Bill 11, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 (No. 2).

Mr. Gurtej Brar, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding Alberta's South Asian community and concerns about public safety.

Mr. Wiebe, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement regarding the benefits of chiropractic care.

Mr. Haji, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding Government policies concerning private health care.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting disabled Albertans.

Speaker's Statement — Oral Question Period Questions from Parliamentary Secretaries

Honourable Members, just before Oral Question Period begins, I'd like to follow up on a matter that came up yesterday and refamiliarize all of us with the duties and rights of parliamentary secretaries in the Assembly.

At the outset of this, the 31st Legislature, the former Speaker outlined these rights and responsibilities. Speaker Cooper noted that parliamentary secretaries are private Members and accordingly they have the rights and duties of private Members, not of cabinet Ministers. Furthermore, he noted it is not appropriate "for a parliamentary secretary to direct questions to the Minister with whom the parliamentary secretary is affiliated." Members may find these comments on page 12 of Hansard from October 31, 2023.

In addition, former Speaker Kowalski also commented on the role of parliamentary secretaries during Oral Question Period. He stated that if a parliamentary secretary were to ask questions of the minister with whom he or she works, there might be an expression of discomfort by the chair and undoubtedly from Members throughout. Speaker Kowalski's comments can be found on page 13 of Hansard from April 16, 2008.

Therefore, I'd ask that parliamentary secretaries refrain posing questions to the Minister with whom they are affiliated in their parliamentary secretary role.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, presented a petition from 84 Albertans urging the Government to introduce a Bill to amend the Tobacco, Smoking and Vaping Reduction Act to extend a province-wide exemption for shisha lounges that exists for cigar lounges.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given November 5, 2025:

Bill 8 Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Neudorf

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Administrator, and oral notice having been given November 19, 2025:

Bill 12 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Tabling Returns and Reports

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow:

57 letters to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding recent legislation affecting transgender youth

Sessional Paper 188/2025

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

Page from City of Calgary Council meeting agenda dated November 2, 2020

Sessional Paper 189/2025

CBC News website article dated October 30, 2020, entitled “City council motion seeks \$20M cut from Calgary police budget”

Sessional Paper 190/2025

5 letters, one addressed to His Worship Amarjeet Sohi, Mayor of Edmonton; two addressed to Ben Henderson, Chairperson, Edmonton Police Commission; and two addressed to Ben Henderson and Matthew Barker, Executive Director, EPC, all from Hon. Mr. Ellis, Deputy Premier, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services, regarding police governance between Edmonton City Council and the EPC

Sessional Paper 191/2025

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

Letter dated October 21, 2025, from Megan Bishop to Hon. Ms Hoffman, urging the Government to increase annual support of the Book Publishers Operating Grant

Sessional Paper 192/2025

Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Primary and Preventative Health Services:

E-mail message dated November 20, 2025, from Dr. Justin Rashad Chin to Dr. Brian Wirzba, expressing support for the Government’s proposed changes to healthcare delivery, relating to comments made by Hon. Min. LaGrange during Oral Question Period on November 25, 2025

Sessional Paper 193/2025

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 194/2025

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

Letter dated November 20, 2025, from Mich Lam to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding Bill 9, Protecting Alberta's Children Statutes Amendment Act, 2025

Sessional Paper 195/2025

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

E-mail message dated October 20, 2025, from Kasey White to Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Primary and Preventative Health Services, expressing concern regarding COVID-19 and influenza vaccination policies

Sessional Paper 196/2025

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

CBC News website article dated August 7, 2025, entitled "Alberta no longer sure about big savings from auto insurance reforms"

Sessional Paper 197/2025

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

Letter dated May 6, 2025, from signatories from Treaty 6, 7, and 8 First Nations to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding recent actions and comments of the Premier concerning Alberta separatism

Sessional Paper 198/2025

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)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 7 Water Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Ms Schulz

Mrs. Johnson, Acting 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 7 (A1) (Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 199/2025

Amendment to Bill 7 (A2) (Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 200/2025

Second Reading

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

Bill 9 Protecting Alberta's Children Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Amery

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. Sabir speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2025 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Motions

13. Moved by Hon. Mr. Williams on behalf of Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that

- (a) the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices be appointed for the purpose of inviting applications for the position of Auditor General and to recommend to the Assembly the applicant it considers most suitable for that position;
- (b) reasonable disbursements by the Committee for advertising, staff assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel and other expenditures necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities shall be paid, subject to the approval of the Chair;
- (c) in carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee may utilize
 - (i) the services of members of the public service employed in a department, with the concurrence of the head of that department, and
 - (ii) the staff employed by the Assembly;

- (d) the Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued;
- (e) when its work has been completed, the Committee shall
 - (i) if the Assembly is sitting, report to the Assembly, or
 - (ii) if the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued, release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk and forwarding a copy to each Member of the Assembly.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

14. Moved by Hon. Mr. Williams on behalf of Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the 2025 Fall Sitting of the Assembly is extended until Thursday, December 11, 2025, unless on an earlier date the Government House Leader advises the Assembly that its business for the Sitting is concluded.

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Hon. Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, on November 18, 2025, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 6, Education (Prioritizing Literacy and Numeracy) Amendment Act, 2025 (No. 2), be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that the proposed screening assessment and reporting requirements are deeply ableist and will leave behind in their education thousands of children in Alberta, who are already struggling in overcrowded and under-supported classrooms in the public education system.

Sessional Paper 155/2025

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

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: 45

Amery	Johnson	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Sawyer
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Schow
Bouchard	Loewen	Schulz
Cyr	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

Against the motion: 14

Arcand-Paul	Haji	Miyashiro
Boparai	Irwin	Shepherd
Deol	Kasawski	Sweet
Eggen	Kayande	Tejada
Elmeligi	Metz	

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

Bill 10 Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Nally

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Williams, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:33 p.m. until Wednesday, November 26, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ric McIver,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, November 25, 2025