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Committee mandate: The Special Standing Committee on Members' Services is an all-party committee consisting of 11 Members of the Legislative Assembly. The Speaker is traditionally the chair of this committee, which approves the annual estimates of the Legislative Assembly Office and may modify regulations, orders, or other directives governing the office's financial and personnel administration. The committee also sets members' allowances, constituency office allowances, and members' benefits and establishes human resource, informatics, and financial management policy for the Legislative Assembly Office.

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Political parties

AL	Alberta Liberal Party
AP	Alberta Party
Ind.	Independent (no party affiliation)
ND	New Democratic Party
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W	Wildrose Party

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