



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 38

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Thirty-First Legislature

Monday, April 15, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the recently announced expansion of the Family Justice Strategy into Red Deer.

Hon. Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement regarding the need for Government to prioritize struggling Albertan families over federal disputes.

Mr. Sinclair, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding comments concerning him made by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia.

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting affordability.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding Pohela Boishakh.

Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding the proposed Alberta pension plan.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations:

Edmonton Journal article dated April 12, 2024, entitled “David Staples: ‘Mega-intellectual PR machine’: Professor blasts gigantic funding of Trudeau Liberals climate narrative,” relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Smith during Oral Question Period on April 15, 2024

Sessional Paper 307/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

E-mail dated March 15, 2024, from Margaret Brown, MSW, to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, and Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Health, expressing concern regarding a shortage of family doctors in Alberta

Sessional Paper 308/2023-24

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

Page from Alberta New Democratic Party website entitled “Support Affordable Housing in Alberta,” containing the text of a proposed petition concerning affordable housing

Sessional Paper 309/2023-24

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

11 pieces of correspondence between Herbert W. Sacks and the Premier’s Correspondence Unit, Community and Public Engagement, Government of Alberta, regarding discrimination and prejudice experienced at the University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 310/2023-24

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow:

Report dated May 2015, entitled “British Columbia’s Revenue-Neutral Carbon Tax: A Review of the Latest ‘Grand Experiment’ in Environmental Policy,” prepared by Brian C. Murray and Nicholas Rivers

Sessional Paper 311/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 204 Municipal Government (National Urban Parks) Amendment Act, 2023 —
Mr. Lundy

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 45

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

Against the motion: 17

Al-Guneid	Haji	Phillips
Arcand-Paul	Hayter	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Batten	Hoyle	Sweet
Ceci	Ip	Tejada
Ellingson	Irwin	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eremenko	Kayande	

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 204 Municipal Government (National Urban Parks) Amendment Act, 2023 —
Mr. Lundy

Second Reading

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

Bill 205 Housing Statutes (Housing Security) Amendment Act, 2023 — MLA Irwin

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

509. Moved by Ms Pitt (replaced):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Lieutenant Governor in Council to, in accordance with section 26 of the Judicature Act, refer to the Court of Appeal of Alberta the question of whether the federal Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act remains constitutional in light of the federal Governor in Council's recent exemption of only one type of carbon-based fuel, home heating oil, from the legislation's application resulting in an inequitable and disproportionate application of the legislation in different regions of the country, making indefensible the argument that it is a law made to address a national concern as a valid exercise of Parliament's peace, order and good government law making power under section 91 of the Constitution Act, 1867.

A debate followed.

Ms Al-Guneid, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, on behalf of Hon. Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, moved that the motion be amended by adding “and only after the Attorney General presents to the Assembly an opinion on the likelihood of success in relitigating the constitutionality of the federal Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act” immediately after “Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Lieutenant Governor in Council to, in accordance with section 26 of the Judicature Act”.

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A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

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

For the motion: 43

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

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Eremenko		

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:13 p.m. until Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker