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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Thirty-First Legislature

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

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

Speaker's Statement – Tabling Returns and Reports

Honourable Members, prior to moving to the introduction of guests today, I do have a brief statement that I would like to make with respect to the Daily Routine.

In an April 22, 1993, ruling on the matter of tabling sensitive documents, Speaker Schumacher expressed extreme concern about the tabling of documents of a private or confidential matter. In his ruling on May 8, 2007, Speaker Kowalski reminded the Assembly that Alberta is one of the few jurisdictions in which voluntary tablings, those documents other than documents required to be tabled by statute or the Standing Orders, are allowed to be tabled, and Speaker Kowalski cautioned that the Assembly be very careful with the privilege in here we have with respect to tablings.

It is indeed the Member who is tabling the document who bears responsibility for the document itself. Even though Members have absolute privilege in this Assembly, that does not mean that that document produced by the Assembly could not become the content of a legal proceeding. As such, I encourage Members to weigh very carefully the oaths that they may have otherwise made when it comes to tabling such confidential documents.

Honourable Members, further to that, I will remain steadfast that it is up to the Assembly as to whether or not they wish to continue to permit voluntary tablings.

Members' Statements

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding funding for employment support in Budget 2025.

Hon. Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding Bill 54, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2025.

Hon. Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of His Holiness Pope Francis.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding recent actions and comments of the Premier.

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement regarding First Nations and Alberta separatism.

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, made a statement regarding the actions of the Premier and the recent federal election campaign.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Report dated May 2024, entitled "Contract Policing Assessment: 'What We Heard,'" prepared by Public Safety Canada

Sessional Paper 1038/2023-25

E-mail message dated May 13, 2024, sender's name redacted, to Mr. Wright, with attached document entitled "Desert Blume Homeowners Association – Security Proposal"

Sessional Paper 1039/2023-25

Hon. Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Cochrane:

Letter dated March 17, 2025, from Hon. Mr. Guthrie to Doug Wylie, Auditor General of Alberta, with attached handwritten notes, concerning allegations of political interference in Alberta Health Services' procurement practices

Sessional Paper 1040/2023-25

Hon. Mr. Ellis, Deputy Premier, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services:

Report dated February 2024, entitled "Alberta RCMP HR Executive Summary," prepared by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Sessional Paper 1041/2023-25

Letter dated August 21, 2024, from Rae-Ann Lajeunesse, Deputy Minister, Public Safety and Emergency Services, to Rob Hill, Deputy Commissioner, Commanding Officer Alberta RCMP, concerning Government funding for policing services

Sessional Paper 1042/2023-25

Letter dated April 11, 2025, from Brian Sauvé, President and CEO, National Police Federation, to Hon. Mr. Ellis, concerning the number of officers in the Alberta RCMP

Sessional Paper 1043/2023-25

Letter dated December 6, 2023, from Curtis Zablocki, Deputy Commissioner, Commanding Officer “K” Division, to Hon. Mr. Ellis, with attached document entitled “Provincial Police Service Multi-Year Financial Plan (MYFP), April 1, 2024 to 2029”

Sessional Paper 1044/2023-25

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

E-mail message dated April 14, 2025, sender’s name redacted, to Hon. Ms Hoffman, expressing concern regarding Government policies related to health care for seniors

Sessional Paper 1045/2023-25

E-mail message dated April 23, 2025, from Cristy Rusnell, to Naheed Nenshi, Leader of the Alberta New Democratic Party, expressing concern regarding surgical wait times

Sessional Paper 1046/2023-25

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Letter dated April 16, 2025, from Margaret Ireland to Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services, expressing concern regarding Government policies related to Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped payments

Sessional Paper 1047/2023-25

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont:

Letter, undated, from Meghan to Ms Hayter, expressing support for Bill 210, Employment Standards (Protecting Workers’ Tips) Amendment Act, 2024, relating to comments made by Ms Hayter during Second Reading debate on Bill 210 on April 28, 2025

Sessional Paper 1048/2023-25

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Long, Minister of Infrastructure:

Supplemental response to questions raised by Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, March 20, 2025, Ministry of Infrastructure, 2025-26 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 1049/2023-25

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 47 Automobile Insurance Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

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: 41

Amery	Johnson	Schow
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schulz
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Bouchard	Long	Singh
Cyr	Lovely	Stephan
de Jonge	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 motion: 18

Batten	Hayter	Renaud
Boparai	Hoffman	Schmidt
Calahoo Stonehouse	Hoyle	Shepherd
Deol	Irwin	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ellingson	Kayande	Sweet
Eremenko	Metz	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

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

Bill 50 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. McIver

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: 41

Amery	Johnson	Schow
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schulz
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Bouchard	Long	Singh
Cyr	Lovely	Stephan
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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 motion: 16

Boparai	Hoffman	Renaud
Calahoo Stonehouse	Hoyle	Shepherd
Deol	Irwin	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ellingson	Kayande	Sweet
Eremenko	Metz	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Hayter		

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

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

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 47 Automobile Insurance Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 50 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. McIver

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:58 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 40 Professional Governance Act — Hon. Mrs. Sawhney

Bill 41 Wildlife Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Loewen

Mr. Cyr, 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 41 (A1) (Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis) —
Adjourned

Sessional Paper 1050/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 40 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 1051/2023-25

Second Reading

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

Bill 49 Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 —
Hon. Mr. Ellis

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: 43

Amery	Johnson	Rowswell
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		

Against the motion: 18

Arcand-Paul	Ellingson	Kasawski
Brar	Elmeligi	Miyashiro
Ceci	Ganley	Renaud
Chapman	Goehring	Sabir
Dach	Haji	Schmidt
Eggen	Ip	Tejada

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

Bill 51 Education Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 49 Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 —
Hon. Mr. Ellis

Bill 51 Education Amendment Act, 2025 — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:29 p.m. until Thursday, May 1, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, April 30, 2025