



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 106

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Thirty-First Legislature

Monday, May 5, 2025

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

Speaker's Statement – Members' Anniversaries

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 10th anniversary of Hon. MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo; Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung; Hon. Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View; Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs; Hon. Ms Gray, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition; Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora; Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert; Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall; Hon. Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar; Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre; Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview; Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning; Hon. Mr. Hunter, Hon. Member for Taber-Warner; Hon. Mr. Loewen, Minister of Forestry and Parks; Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services; Ms Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie-East; Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock; Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo; and Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, who were elected on May 5, 2015. The Speaker presented each Member with a 10-year Mace pin. The Deputy Speaker presented the Speaker with a 10-year Mace pin.

Members' Statements

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding Red Dress Day.

MLA Calahoo Stonehouse, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding Red Dress Day (some remarks made in Cree).

Ms de Jonge, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore, made a statement regarding the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands by Allied forces.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement recognizing the 10th anniversary of the New Democratic Party forming Government.

Mr. Wiebe, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement regarding recent engagement sessions with Albertans in relation to refocusing the healthcare system.

Hon. MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement recognizing the 10th anniversary of the New Democratic Party forming Government.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, gave oral notice of the intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to

- (a) acknowledge the seriousness of the measles outbreak in Alberta after the largest single week increase in reported cases since the outbreak began in 2024,
- (b) condemn anti-vaccine misinformation on the safety of vaccines and the seriousness of measles,
- (c) develop and release a robust plan to increase Alberta's rates of immunization, and
- (d) increase Albertans' trust in public health by restoring the ability of the Chief Medical Officer of Health to issue regular updates on measles, vaccines and other public health matters.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

7 press releases from several First Nations expressing concern regarding the upholding of First Nations treaties in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1062/2023-25

6 pieces of correspondence from several First Nations to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding the upholding of First Nations treaties in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1063/2023-25

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

Assembly of First Nations press release dated May 5, 2025, recognizing the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQIA+ Peoples

Sessional Paper 1064/2023-25

Motions Under Standing Order 42

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

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- (b) condemn anti-vaccine misinformation on the safety of vaccines and the seriousness of measles,
- (c) develop and release a robust plan to increase Alberta's rates of immunization, and
- (d) increase Albertans' trust in public health by restoring the ability of the Chief Medical Officer of Health to issue regular updates on measles, vaccines and other public health matters.

Pursuant to Standing Order 42(1.1) and (1.2), Hon. Ms Hoffman and Hon. Min. LaGrange commented on the request for unanimous consent.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

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 211 Arts and Creative Economy Advisory Council Act — Hon. MLA Ceci

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 15

Brar	Elmeligi	Miyashiro
Ceci	Haji	Renaud
Chapman	Hoffman	Sabir
Dach	Ip	Schmidt
Eggen	Kasawski	Tejada

Against the motion: 44

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

Motions Other Than Government Motions

523. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schmidt:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to

- (a) affirm the fundamental importance of the “polluter pays” principle that the costs of well cleanup and remediation should be borne by the entities responsible for their operation,
- (b) ensure that no public funds are allocated to entities for the purpose of cleaning up or remediating liabilities, and
- (c) strengthen existing regulations and enforcement mechanisms to protect current and future taxpayers by holding responsible parties that are accountable.

A debate followed.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, moved that the motion be amended as follows:

- (a) by renumbering clauses (a), (b) and (c) as clauses (b), (c) and (d);
- (b) by adding the following before clause (b):
 - (a) recognize that the vast majority of oil and gas producers take their asset retirement obligations seriously and properly decommission and reclaim oil and gas sites at the end of a project,
- (c) in clause (b)
 - (i) by striking out “affirm” and substituting “continue to affirm”,
 - (ii) by striking out “the “polluter pays” principle” and substituting “the “polluter pays” principle adhered to by the Government”,
 - (iii) by striking out “cleanup” and substituting “decommissioning”, and
 - (iv) by striking out “entities” and substituting “licensees”;
- (d) in clause (c)
 - (i) by striking out “ensure” and substituting “continue to ensure”, and
 - (ii) by striking out “entities” and substituting “licensees”;
- (e) in clause (d)
 - (i) by striking out “strengthen existing” and substituting “continue to review and strengthen existing”, and
 - (ii) by striking out “holding responsible parties that are accountable” and substituting “continuing to hold responsible parties accountable”.

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A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

Debate continued on the motion as amended.

The question being put, the motion as amended was agreed to.

Adjournment

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

MONDAY, MAY 5, 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 Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 40 Professional Governance Act — Hon. Mrs. Sawhney

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

Bill 45 Critical Infrastructure Defence Amendment Act, 2025 – Hon. Mr. Amery

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 44 Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2025 – Hon. Mr. Sigurdson

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

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) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis on April 30, 2025) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1050/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 49 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1066/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 49 (A2) (Hon. Deputy Premier, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 1067/2023-25

Amendment to Bill 45 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1068/2023-25

Third Reading

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

Bill 44 Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2025 – Hon.
Mr. Sigurdson

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 44 Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2025 – Hon.
Mr. Sigurdson

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly
adjourned at 10:44 p.m. until Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker