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Province of Alberta**

No. 65

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Thirty-First Legislature

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

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

Members' Statements

MLA Calahoo Stonehouse, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding several Government policies.

Mrs. Petrovic, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding recent Government investments in primary health care across Alberta.

MLA Tejada, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth.

Mr. Lundy, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding recent Government investments in the education system to address rising enrollment.

Ms Al-Guneid, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the need for Government to have a plan for responsible energy development.

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the need for more Government support to revitalize downtown Calgary.

Presenting Petitions

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, presented a petition from 12,465 Albertans urging the Government to (a) acknowledge that trans and gender diverse youth themselves, as well as their parents and caregivers, and healthcare professionals are the ones in the best position to determine the best course of action for their care to maximize physical and mental wellbeing; (b) acknowledge that healthcare decisions require a precise and individualized approach for each patient as determined by the patient, their family, and their healthcare provider, free from political interference; (c) not pass any Bill, if introduced, that would restrict, ban or otherwise increase barriers to accessing gender-affirming care.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 31 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Vancouver Sun website article dated September 15, 2024, entitled “B.C. will force severely addicted and mentally ill people into involuntary care: Eby”

Sessional Paper 566/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Schow, Minister of Tourism and Sport:

Report dated August 27, 2024, entitled “Violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences,” prepared by Reem Alsalem, United Nations Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences

Sessional Paper 567/2023-24

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

Copy of an online petition containing 20,146 names, asking the Government to consult with Albertans regarding the potential demolition of the former Royal Alberta Museum building, with attached comments from signatories

Sessional Paper 568/2023-24

Ms Chapman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Beddington:

Report, undated, entitled “Policy Brief: Sex Ed and Parental Consent, Opt-In vs. Opt-Out,” prepared by the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States

Sessional Paper 569/2023-24

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

Report dated February 1, 2024, entitled “Statement from the AMA Section of Pediatrics on gender-affirming treatments,” prepared by the Alberta Medical Association, Section of Pediatrics

Sessional Paper 570/2023-24

Letter, undated, from Sudhakar Sivapalan, MD, FRCPC, MSc, President, Section of General Psychiatry, Alberta Medical Association, and President, Alberta Psychiatric Association, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 571/2023-24

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

17 e-mail messages, all addressed to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 572/2023-24

Mr. Ellingson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills:

E-mail message dated October 25, 2024, sender’s name redacted, to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 573/2023-24

Mr. Haji, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

E-mail message dated September 8, 2024, from Taryn to Mr. Haji, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 574/2023-24

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont:

Letter dated November 1, 2024, from Hon. Marci Ien, P.C., M.P., Minister of Women and Gender Equality and Youth, to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 575/2023-24

MLA Tejada, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein:

E-mail message dated October 25, 2024, from Jocelyn Kelln to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 576/2023-24

Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated October 31, 2024, sent on behalf of the Alberta Assembly of Social Workers, to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 577/2023-24

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

St. Albert Gazette article dated October 31, 2024, entitled “Bill 20 could quadruple cost of 2025 election in St. Albert”

Sessional Paper 578/2023-24

St. Albert Gazette article dated October 31, 2024, entitled “Bill of Rights changes will have little impact, says local legal scholar”

Sessional Paper 579/2023-24

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

Canadian Encyclopedia webpage entitled “Danielle Smith”

Sessional Paper 580/2023-24

Hon. Ms Gray, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

E-mail message dated August 30, 2024, from Donna McEwan to Hon. Ms Gray, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 581/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 26 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2) — Hon. Ms Smith on behalf of Hon. Min. LaGrange

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Williams moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 25 Early Learning and Child Care Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Jones

A debate followed.

Mr. McDougall moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 27 Education Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. Sabir speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker