



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 76

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Thirty-First Legislature

Monday, December 2, 2024

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Stanley B. Cassin, Member for Calgary-North West, 1986 to 1989, who passed away on October 2, 2024.

Members' Statements

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding the federal Impact Assessment Act.

Mr. Ip, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting patients and front-line healthcare workers.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding World Nuclear Energy Day.

MLA Arcand-Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement regarding World AIDS Day.

Mr. Cyr, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Alex Janvier.

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding several Government healthcare policies.

Notices of Motions

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 213 Cancer Care Delivery Standards Act — Ms Goehring

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Getson, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Election Act, cE-1, s4(7), and the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, cE-2, s4(2):

Chief Electoral Officer Annual Report 2023-2024

Sessional Paper 695/2023-24

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont:

Document dated February 1, 2024, entitled “QTHC’s Statement on the UCP’s Proposed Gender Policies,” prepared by The Queer & Trans Health Collective

Sessional Paper 696/2023-24

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Letter, undated, from Esther Kupsch 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 697/2023-24

Letter, undated, from Dr. Cameron Barr to Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services, expressing concern regarding Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped support

Sessional Paper 698/2023-24

Letter, undated, from Skye Vermeulen, unaddressed, expressing concern regarding Family Support for Children with Disabilities support

Sessional Paper 699/2023-24

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

Report, undated, entitled “Transgender Women Athletes and Elite Sport: A Scientific Review,” prepared by E-Alliance, relating to comments made by MLA Arcand-Paul during Second Reading debate on Bill 29, Fairness and Safety in Sport Act, on November 26, 2024

Sessional Paper 700/2023-24

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

The Guardian website article dated November 27, 2024, entitled “Pakistan army and police accused of firing on Imran Khan supporters”

Sessional Paper 701/2023-24

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

10 e-mail messages expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 702/2023-24

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

Canadian Union of Public Employees document dated February 2, 2024, entitled “CUPE condemns Danielle Smith’s attacks on trans youth,” with attached web page entitled “Resist Attacks That Divide Us: CUPE stands with trans people”

Sessional Paper 703/2023-24

Canadian Labour Congress document dated February 1, 2024, entitled “Statement by Bea Bruske: Canada’s unions are calling out Alberta Premier’s attempt to use trans and gender-diverse children, youth and adults to score political points”

Sessional Paper 704/2023-24

Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park:

The Fort Saskatchewan Record website article dated November 28, 2024, entitled “Hands off our pensions”

Sessional Paper 705/2023-24

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

Document, undated, entitled “Parliamentary Committee Notes: Decreased Funding Levels for the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)”

Sessional Paper 706/2023-24

CTV News Calgary website article dated November 28, 2024, entitled “Alberta will patrol shared border with Montana as tariff threat looms: Premier”

Sessional Paper 707/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall:

Letter dated November 20, 2024, from Diane McLeod, Information and Privacy Commissioner, to Hon. Mr. Nally, Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction, providing the Commissioner’s comments and recommendations regarding Bill 34, Access to Information Act

Sessional Paper 708/2023-24

Dr. Metz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

55 pieces of correspondence expressing concern regarding the closure of Vecova recreation facility

Sessional Paper 709/2023-24

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Jones, Minister of Jobs, Economy and Trade, pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act, cW-15, s93(5):

Workers' Compensation Board Alberta 2023 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 710/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(1) in order to proceed to consideration of Government business for the remainder of the afternoon sitting.

Government Motions

53. Moved by Hon. Ms Smith:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly approve, pursuant to section 3 of the Alberta Sovereignty Within a United Canada Act, the following motion:

1. The Legislative Assembly is of the view that
 - (a) in accordance with section 92A of The Constitution Act, 1867, the Alberta Legislature has exclusive legislative jurisdiction over the exploration, development, conservation, management and production of non-renewable natural resources in Alberta,
 - (b) the Government of Canada has proposed the Oil and Gas Sector Greenhouse Gas Emissions Cap Regulations (“Federal Initiative”), which would, if implemented, cap oil and gas production in Alberta, result in a production cut of at least one million barrels of oil per day and effectively prohibit future oil and gas production growth in Alberta,
 - (c) the Federal Initiative will damage the economic and social well-being of Albertans by eliminating hundreds of thousands of jobs, cause the insolvency of tens of thousands of Alberta businesses, and lead to the loss of hundreds of billions of dollars in tax and royalty revenue by the Government of Alberta to support public social programs and infrastructure for Albertans,
 - (d) the Government of Alberta is, on behalf of the people of Alberta, the owner of the majority of oil and gas resources in Alberta and has a duty to ensure the value of those resources are maximized for Albertans,
 - (e) the Government of Alberta is committed to its continued partnership with private industry to maximize the value of Alberta’s oil and gas resources by granting mineral interests to corporations (“interest holders”) in exchange for resource royalties and income tax payments paid by interest holders to the Government of Alberta,

- (f) it is the intent of the Government of Alberta to more than double the production of oil and gas in the province of Alberta from current production levels while promoting and incentivizing the mass development and implementation of emissions reduction technologies related to oil and gas production, and
- (g) the Government of Alberta remains committed to ensuring that current and future Albertans continue to own and control oil and gas resources in Alberta, receive the full benefit of the development of those resources and are not restricted in the marketing or sale of those resources by any other government.

2. The Legislative Assembly is of the opinion that the Federal Initiative is unconstitutional on the basis that it is not directed at a matter falling within section 91 of The Constitution Act, 1867, and impermissibly intrudes into an area of exclusive provincial jurisdiction, namely the exploration, development, conservation, management, and production of non-renewable natural resources as set out in section 92A of The Constitution Act, 1867.

And be it further resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Lieutenant Governor in Council to consider the following responses to the Federal Initiative:

- (a) ensure that the Government of Alberta and any provincial entity, as defined in the Alberta Sovereignty Within a United Canada Act, refrain from participating in the implementation or enforcement of the Federal Initiative within Alberta, to the extent legally permissible;
- (b) use all legal means necessary to oppose the implementation or enforcement of the Federal Initiative in Alberta, including launching a legal challenge in the Alberta Courts;
- (c) ensure that oil and gas production facilities and related infrastructure that are owned by an interest holder in Alberta (“interest holder facilities”) are considered to be “essential infrastructure”, as defined in the Critical Infrastructure Defence Act;
- (d) prohibit the entry by any individual, including an employee or contractor of the Government of Canada, to an interest holder facility, excepting the interest holder and their employees and contractors, or anyone else specifically authorized to enter that interest holder facility by the Government of Alberta;
- (e) declare that all information or data related directly or indirectly to greenhouse gas emissions that are collected by interest holders at an interest holder facility (“Emissions Data”) are proprietary information and data that are owned exclusively by the Government of Alberta, and require all emissions data to be reported or disclosed by an interest holder only to the Government of Alberta;

- (f) use the Conventional Oil Royalty-in-Kind (CORIK) program to sell oil through the Alberta Petroleum Marketing Commission to purchasers around the world, work collaboratively with industry to expand the Bitumen Royalty-in-Kind (BRIK) program and develop a similar natural gas royalty-in-kind program, to ensure the Government and industry can maximize the value of Alberta's oil and gas resources, expand pipeline capacity, develop new markets for industry and minimize economic risk to future oil and gas resource development caused by the hostile policies of the Government of Canada; and
- (g) work collaboratively with the governments of the United States of America, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Northwest Territories, and Yukon, as well as First Nation governments located in those jurisdictions and in Alberta, to substantially increase pipeline capacity from Alberta to tidewater ports and to the United States of America.

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the afternoon.

Debate resumed.

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: 47

Amery	Johnson	Schow
Armstrong-Homeniuk	LaGrange	Schulz
Boitchenko	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Bouchard	Long	Sinclair
Cyr	Lovely	Singh
de Jonge	Lunty	Smith
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)
Horner	Pitt	Yao
Hunter	Rowswell	Yaseen
Jean	Sawhney	

Against the motion: 15

Al-Guneid	Chapman	Hayter
Arcand-Paul	Dach	Hoyle
Boparai	Eremenko	Renaud
Brar	Goehring	Sabir
Ceci	Haji	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 34 Access to Information Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

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	LaGrange	Schow
Boitchenko	Loewen	Schulz
Bouchard	Long	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Lovely	Sinclair
de Jonge	Lunty	Singh
Dreeshen	McDougall	Stephan
Dyck	McIver	Turton
Ellis	Nally	van Dijken
Fir	Neudorf	Wiebe
Getson	Nicolaides	Williams
Glubish	Nixon	Wilson
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Chapman	Hayter	Sweet

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

Bill 35 All-season Resorts Act — Hon. Mr. Schow

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. Amery speaking.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 34 Access to Information Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:49 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 35 All-season Resorts Act — Hon. Mr. Schow

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the evening, including for the first division in Committee of the Whole.

Debate resumed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

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

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: 46

Amery	Johnson	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	LaGrange	Schow
Boitchenko	Loewen	Schulz
Bouchard	Long	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Lovely	Sinclair
de Jonge	Lunty	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)
Horner	Pitt	Yao
Hunter	Rowswell	Yaseen
Jean		

Against the motion: 13

Al-Guneid	Elmeligi	Loyola
Batten	Hoffman	Metz
Boparai	Irwin	Shepherd
Deol	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eggen		

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

Bill 33 Protection of Privacy Act — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Debate continued on the amendment moved by Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, on November 28, 2024, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 33, Protection of Privacy Act, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

Sessional Paper 694/2023-24

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

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

For the motion: 45

Amery	Jean	Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Johnson	Sawhney
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Schow
Bouchard	Loewen	Schulz
Cyr	Long	Sigurdson (Highwood)
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Getson	Neudorf	Williams
Glubish	Nicolaides	Wilson
Guthrie	Nixon	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Petrovic	Yao
Hunter	Pitt	Yaseen

Against the motion: 13

Al-Guneid	Elmeligi	Loyola
Batten	Hoffman	Metz
Boparai	Irwin	Shepherd
Deol	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eggen		

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

Bill 36 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Schow

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

Bill 33 Protection of Privacy Act — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Bill 35 All-season Resorts Act — Hon. Mr. Schow

Bill 36 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Schow

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 34 Access to Information Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

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 34 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre on behalf the Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 711/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 34 (A2) (Hon. Member for Airdrie-East) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 712/2023-24

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Amery, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:27 p.m. until Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker