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[The Speaker in the chair]

Prayers

The Speaker: Lord, the God of righteousness and truth, grant to our King, to his government, to Members of the Legislative Assembly, and to all in positions of responsibility the guidance of Your spirit. May they never lead the province wrongly through love of power, desire to please, or unworthy ideas but, laying aside all private interest and prejudice, keep in mind their responsibility to seek to improve the condition of all. Amen.

Hon. members, we will now be led in the singing of *God Save the King* by Mr. Michael Peters. I invite you to participate in the language of your choice.

Hon. Members:

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King!

The Speaker: Hon. members, please be seated.

Statement by the Speaker International Francophonie Day

The Speaker: Hon. members, in 2018 March was officially proclaimed as Francophonie Month in Alberta. The Legislative Assembly of Alberta marks International Francophonie Day with a public ceremony that includes official remarks, live performance, the Franco-Alberta flag, and the official flag of the International Organization of La Francophonie in celebration.

Today, which happens to be International Francophonie Day, I had the honour of hosting an event in the rotunda and an opportunity to be immersed in French culture. French is the mother tongue of approximately 88,000 Albertans, about 2 per cent of the population. Alberta's francophone population grew by approximately 28 per cent between 2006 and 2021. Excluding Quebec, Alberta has the fourth-largest minority francophone population after Ontario, New Brunswick, and British Columbia. Francophonies have been instrumental in building Alberta and, in fact, the nation into the culturally rich and diverse place we live. Please join me in wishing our francophone neighbours a happy Francophonie Month.

Introduction of Visitors

The Speaker: Hon. members, as I just mentioned, we hosted the annual Francophonie Day celebration in the rotunda today, and there is a delegation that has joined us in the Speaker's suite: the president of the ACFA, Nathalie Lachance; the executive director, the deputy executive director, and the executive director of the parents of francophone Albertans; and the project co-ordinator of the alliance for young families of Alberta society. Please rise and receive the warm welcome of the Assembly.

Also joining us in the Speaker's gallery today are two of my favourite residents of Cypress-Medicine Hat. They are the spouse and the mother of the hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat,

Emily and Donna Wright. Please rise and receive the warm welcome of the Assembly.

Introduction of Guests

The Speaker: The hon. the Premier has a school group to introduce.

Ms Smith: Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's my great pleasure to introduce a class of grade 6 students that I know are very important to you. This class has travelled all the way from the outstanding constituency of Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills to be here and visit you today. They are led by their teacher, Mrs. Brown, and are from Olds Koinonia Christian School. To all the great students, please rise and receive the warm welcome of the Assembly.

I also understand that there's a very special student in this class that you may know personally. I've had the pleasure of meeting her on a couple of occasions. I think the last time was when she was two years old. I know that she is a very bright, smart, beautiful young lady who's going to grow up to do great things, including perhaps sitting right here in this Legislature as I know she likes politics – she takes after her dad – your daughter, Ms Peyton Cooper. I would invite her to rise and receive the warm welcome.

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Sherwood Park also has a school group.

Mr. Kasawski: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In Sherwood Park there is a bucolic little lake with a wooden covered bridge called Woodbridge, and there are students from Woodbridge elementary here. Will the bright students and teachers and chaperones of Woodbridge elementary school please rise and receive the warm welcome of the Assembly.

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat.

Mr. Wright: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's truly an honour to rise and introduce my mother, who's been here a number of times now. But I believe this is the first time I have been lucky enough to introduce my loving and endearing wife, Emily Wright. I would ask them both to please rise again and receive the warm welcome of the House.

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka.

Mrs. Johnson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to introduce to you and through you to all Members of the Legislative Assembly my guests from Team Alberta Crops, including my brother Kevin Bender with Alberta Grains, Jasen Aussant with Alberta Grains, Jennifer Crowson with Alberta Sugar Beet Growers, Carl Huvenaars and Russell Wildeman with Alberta-B.C. Seed Growers, Kevin Veenstra with Alberta seed growers, Stacey Bajema with Potato Growers of Alberta, and Connie Phillips, Alberta Beekeepers. Please rise and receive the warm and traditional welcome of the Assembly.

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti.

Mr. Wiebe: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to introduce to you and through you my lovely wife of 40 years, Mary. Please rise and receive the warm welcome of the Assembly.

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Grande Prairie.

Mr. Dyck: Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce through you to all Members of the Legislative Assembly my wife, who has been married to me for between eight and nine years – a little uncertain

– my best friend and spouse and mother of my three boys. Please rise and receive the warm welcome of the Assembly.

The Speaker: The hon. Minister of Justice.

Mr. Amery: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I rise to introduce to you and through you to all members of the Assembly Dr. Riad Tarrabain and Jallal Tarrabain, prominent Edmontonians, wonderful people, and close friends. Please rise and receive the warm welcome of this Assembly.

The Speaker: The Minister of Technology and Innovation.

Mr. Glubish: Merci, M. le Président. J'aimerais vous présenter ma bonne amie Nathalie Lachance de l'ACFA. Nathalie travaille d'arrache-pied chaque jour pour défendre les Franco-albertains et elle a été un mentor pour moi alors que je continue à perfectionner mes compétences en français. Je vous invite à vous lever et lui à réserver l'accueil chaleureux de l'Assemblée.

The Speaker: Are there others? The hon. Member for Camrose.

Ms Lovely: Mr. Speaker, it's my pleasure to rise and introduce to you and through you to all members of the Assembly, Mrs. Sara-Lyn Quist. Would you please rise and receive the warm welcome of the Chamber, good friend.

Members' Statements

Mois de la Francophonie albertaine

Ms Renaud: Merci, M. le Président, mesdames et messieurs, étudiants, chers amis de la francophonie. Aujourd'hui nous célébrons le mois de la francophonie, un moment pour honorer notre histoire, notre culture, et surtout notre résilience. Je suis heureuse d'être ici avec vous pour célébrer ensemble la richesse et la diversité de notre francophonie. Ensemble affirmons avec fierté notre attachement et notre engagement à la langue française et au culture francophone.

L'an prochain nous allons marquer le centième anniversaire de l'association canadienne française de l'Alberta, un trait vivant de la force et de l'unité de notre communauté. Depuis un siècle nous avons surmonté des défis, affirmé notre place dans cette province, contribué aux développements dans tous les domaines. Mais le travail n'est pas terminé. La demande pour les services en français continue en santé, en éducation, dans les services sociaux, les métiers, et l'emploi. J'applaudis le travail de l'ACFA à renforcer les liens avec les peuples autochtones et les Métis et promouvoir la réconciliation.

Nous devons continuer à développer la francophonie en Alberta non seulement pour protéger nos droits mais aussi pour assurer un avenir prospère aux générations futures. Face aux défis récents qui remettent parfois en question notre souveraineté, non seulement notre souveraineté linguistique, nous devons rester debout, fières et solidaires.

La francophonie albertaine n'est pas une minorité silencieuse mais une communauté dynamique, essentielle à l'industrie et la richesse de notre province. Continuons à bâtir ensemble à l'avenir pour le français royaume ici chez nous en Alberta.

Merci et bonne célébration. Welcome and happy Francophonie Day.

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The Speaker: The hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont.

School Construction and Modernization

Mr. Lundy: Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday I attended an announcement hosted by the ministers of Education and Infrastructure that announced 14 new school projects in and around Edmonton, adding nearly 16,400 new and renovated student spaces. This announcement was very important for my riding because it included two new school projects in Beaumont under Budget 2025, if passed. There will be a new public and Catholic high school on a shared site in the Azur/Lakeview neighbourhood. This announcement means that there are now three school projects in process in my riding of Leduc-Beaumont, with the other project being the renovation of the École Corinthia Park K to 6 school. Of course, I had the pleasure of attending the grand opening of the Ohpaho secondary school in Leduc this past fall.

Mr. Speaker, we are seeing schools built at record speed by Alberta's government across the province. Despite some of the falsehoods and fake political bravado put forward by the opposition, our government is funding school projects at all stages at record speed. In total Alberta's government is funding 132 ongoing school projects. School projects move through steps like planning, design, and construction. School projects need blueprints, a plan, and a design before shovels hit the ground. I'm not surprised the NDP are failing to grasp this concept. When they were in government, their plans and blueprints for Alberta were shoddy at best. Their projects included follow-through built on nothing more than their ideological aspirations. The members opposite will come to learn that if you are going to do a job, you've got to do it right. This Conservative government is taking all the steps required to succeed.

More schools now, Mr. Speaker, that's the job. Through generational investments and an innovative acceleration program we are building the schools every child deserves.

Thank you.

Government Priorities

Mr. Haji: Mr. Speaker, life in Alberta for many is no longer tough; it is unbearable. More than half of Albertans are reporting that their standard of living has fallen and they are barely making ends meet, forced to choose between rent, groceries, and keeping the lights on. Families are sacrificing, seniors are struggling, and young people are losing hope for a future they can afford. Yet while Albertans suffer, this mirage government thrives – wait – not by serving the people but serving themselves. Instead of addressing the affordability crisis, the UCP is embroiled in corruption, proving once again that when they put their own interests first, it's everyday people who pay the price.

Take the example of the corrupt care scandal, where this government funnelled millions of taxpayers' dollars into backroom contracts for their friends while our hospitals are left underserved, our ERs overcrowded, and patients are left in hallways. While Albertans waited hours, sometimes days, for urgent care, this government was signing off sweetheart deals. This is not just mismanagement; this is simply betrayal.

Mr. Speaker, corruption is not just unethical; it is expensive. Every wasted dollar, every backroom deal, every ethical violation means less support for struggling families, exhausted front-line health workers, overwhelmed teachers, underpaid education assistants, seniors on fixed incomes, and students drowning in debt. Albertans work hard, and they play by the rules, and they expect simply that government to do the same.

It's time for leadership that puts people over profit. It's time for integrity over a Sam Mraiche influence. It's time for affordability over greed. Albertans demand a public inquiry.

Chinese Tariffs on Canadian Products

Mr. Hunter: Mr. Speaker, canola is a fantastic crop for many Alberta farmers. It has been described as the crop that keeps the lights on and the one that makes sure there's food on the table. For farmers in southern Alberta canola, specifically seed canola, means stability. With a good canola harvest farmers can invest in the future for their farms.

But when things go sideways, like with the current trade disputes with China and the U.S., farmers need to know that we have their back. On March 8 China announced tariffs on many Canadian agricultural products, including canola. In fact, China made this decision in retaliation to the federal government's 100 per cent surtax on all Chinese electric vehicles and a 25 per cent surtax on imported Chinese steel and aluminum products.

These tariff wars could have been prevented. The federal Liberals made these deliberate choices to appease Ontario and the east. Premier Scott Moe of Saskatchewan has made it clear: the west will bear the brunt of the Liberals' obtuse behaviour. Instead of supporting the backbone of our country, our farmers, the Liberals have decided to sacrifice for their very own short-term political gains. It's not just wrong; it's a betrayal of Alberta farmers.

Mr. Speaker, the federal Liberals are trying to win an election at the west's expense. Sound familiar? They have pulled this play out of their playbook every single election that I can remember. Wouldn't it be nice, just once, to have the federal Liberals treat all of those who signed on Confederation equally?

Thank you.

Liquor Fees and Taxes

Dr. Elmeligi: Banff-Kananaskis has a very delectable growth in craft breweries, cideries, distilleries, and boutique wine shops. From delicious maple whisky to crabapple gin and the smoothest vodka, from tasty local brews and ciders to a local sommelier who will help you pick out that perfect bottle of wine: whatever your beverage of choice, we've got it.

I hear the UCP talk a big game about supporting local businesses, but are they? The AGLC has saddled small liquor distillers with high distribution fees, which limits how far and wide they can sell their products. This drastically limits their sales potential and prevents other Albertans from drinking that crabapple gin. Oh, but those distribution fees don't apply to large businesses. A fine wine store complained to the AGLC about how a 300 per cent increase in storage fees was beyond what they could afford. The AGLC's response: move your business to another province. So they did.

Conversely, large businesses were charged an increase of 2 per cent for storage fees. The AGLC says that they were just fulfilling the Premier's mandate of red tape reduction, but my constituents feel that the AGLC has been allowed to attack the smallest agencies and extort egregious additional fees.

In Budget 2025 there's a high-end wine tax also impacting small businesses. Yet another break for big businesses at the cost of small ones. Not only did the AGLC not consult with small businesses on these changes, they didn't even give them a heads-up. In estimates debate last week neither the minister nor the CEO of AGLC could provide an answer regarding the inequity of favouring large producers and driving small businesses, well, out of business.

Budget 2025 also has a 22 per cent tax increase for Big Rock Brewery because they're just too successful and produce too much

delicious ale. Take notice, craft brewers: there's a ceiling to your success.

Alberta is calling, Mr. Speaker, but if you're a liquor, beer, or wine business, it's a collect call. You can answer, but it'll cost you.

Government Accountability

Member Tejada: A hit dog will holler, and, boy, have we ever heard a lot of hits and a whole lot of hollering. Today was the final day of estimates, two weeks of our NDP caucus holding this government to account while they evade responsibility, all this amidst a corrupt care scandal that would make Ralph Klein blush. This government calls AHS a black box, but it's actually a Pandora's box of backroom deals, kickbacks, sad statements of defence, denials, and attacks on public officials. Let's not forget character assassination and high drama.

Deflect from what you can't defend, attack your critics, and spin, spin, spin. It brings to mind the acronym DARVO. That's short for deny, attack, reverse victim and offender. The acronym was coined by Dr. Jennifer Freyd, a psychologist and scholar. It's a tactic used by wrongdoers to avoid accountability and silence whoever speaks truth to power.

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In the Alberta context, this is how we can defend ourselves from it. Keep the following in mind: make sure you have a support network, like, say, thousands of Albertans who continue to tell this government they've had enough. Two, demand accountability, and don't let up the pressure through phoning and writing your MLA. Your greatest assets are knowledge, facts, and information. Don't fall for the denials and word salad. Speak truth to power, and stay focused. Keep records, and don't let them change the channel on bad behaviour.

If you have more light to shine on this nonsense, e-mail us at corruptcare@albertandp.ca. When it comes to corrupt governments laying out the gravy train for friends while making your life less affordable, let them know you've had it.

To the UCP: Albertans deserve better than chaos, cuts, and corruption. They deserve better than deflections, denials, and defamation. They deserve better, and better is possible. The Alberta New Democrats are here to offer them just that.

Oral Question Period

The Speaker: The Leader of His Majesty's Loyal Opposition has question 1.

Children's Pain Medication Purchase

Ms Gray: Mr. Speaker, despite health officials advising strongly against it, this Premier gambled \$70 million on Turkish Tylenol and, predictably, that failed. Leaked documents show that buying 5 million bottles of this Turkish Tylenol was politically motivated, fiscally reckless, and against expert advice. Yet this government directed AHS to buy it from their friend Sam Mraiche. Now millions of bottles sit on pallets in an Edmonton warehouse, an expensive testament to this government's hubris and incompetence. Why did the Premier ignore expert advice and approve this foolish deal that wasted dollars?

The Speaker: The hon. the Premier has the call.

Ms Smith: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's not quite as the members opposite described it. There was a choice to make: either get the Health Canada approval first, then go ahead and make the order, or

do it in the opposite order. In the end Health Canada approved it, we ordered the medication, the supply shortage ended, and we were able to avert a crisis. I think the members opposite forget that people were going online, trying to buy children's Tylenol for \$150 a bottle. They were crushing adult acetaminophen into yogurt to feed to their kids. It was getting dangerous. People expected government to act, and we did.

Ms Gray: Health officials did suggest that the government act. They suggested the government ask Health Canada to arrange the purchase, but of course the Premier ignored all advice, chose the riskiest of all the options presented to her, and ended up wasting \$70 million. Like unusable and overpriced gowns and masks, like the bad DynaLife deal, like private surgeries at the heart of the corrupt care scandal, why does this Premier continually insist on wasting Albertans' vital health care dollars on junk deals that all have ties to MHCare?

The Speaker: The hon. the Premier has the call.

Ms Smith: Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe the members opposite seem to have forgotten there was a COVID crisis, a global pandemic, supply shortages on a whole array of medical equipment and supplies. It was a shortage that was taking place all over the world. In fact, the procurement department at AHS was one of the most successful in being able to procure product, to the point where they were also able to share it with other jurisdictions. Coming out of COVID we were still facing supply chain disruptions, and I'm very pleased that we are going to be seeing the creation of new generic pharmaceutical facilities right in Alberta.

Ms Gray: Multiple terrible deals. This government is so bad at business that they bought eight years' worth of Turkish Tylenol despite a three-year shelf life. The leaked notes show that they knew. They were warned that 5 million bottles would expire long before they could be used and would be a huge waste of money. It had such dangerous risks that this government was forced to pull it from the shelves because AHS admitted it would have been fatal for babies it was bought for. The incompetence is staggering. Why won't the Premier admit that she ignored official advice, applied political pressure to import the Tylenol, and call a public inquiry into corrupt care?

Ms Smith: Well, what the member opposite says is absolutely untrue. Atabay pharmaceuticals has been in operation since 1939. They provide this product, exactly this product, all throughout Europe, through the Middle East and Africa. The incident that was referred to was when they used it inappropriately for babies under the age of six months, which was not where it was supposed to be applied. As a result, they ended up having to use a different product, but, Mr. Speaker, there's nothing wrong with this product. The supply shortage ended faster than anybody expected, and we're looking to be able to place that with another country.

The Speaker: The hon. the Leader of the Opposition for her second set of questions.

Ms Gray: A terrible deal that involved players who are now involved in the corrupt care scandal.

Health Services Procurement Process

Ms Gray: Mr. Speaker, we know that on December 20 the chief financial officer of AHS wrote in a letter to MHCare that they were worried that one or more employees working for AHS and MHCare

at the same time might have been acting inappropriately. Will the Premier please be specific? We've asked in the Chamber before: on what day was she briefed about the chief financial officer at AHS sending this letter to MHCare and these serious concerns?

Ms Smith: Mr. Speaker, I've never been briefed on that because what happens in government is that procurement decisions are made at multiple layers below in the administration. The decision of government is to move forward on a purchase, but the RFP, the contracting process, and then the details around the contract are made by staff within AHS. If there are problems within the staff at AHS, within their procurement model, that's what we're getting to the bottom of trying to find out. It's why we've got the Auditor General and we've got a retired judge looking into it.

Ms Gray: Jitendra Prasad had an MHCare e-mail address at the same time that this government mandated through ministerial directive, which they drove against expert advice, that AHS give Sam Mraiche \$70 million for Turkish Tylenol. They gave it to him in advance. He's now sitting on \$49 million of undelivered product. Mr. Prasad had an e-mail address at the same company that AHS was buying the medications from. It looks like he was working for the buyer and the seller at the same time, which in retrospect makes sense because it was such a bad deal. When did the Premier learn about this?

Ms Smith: Mr. Speaker, I would remind the members opposite that there is a statement of claim that has been issued in conjunction with a \$1.7 million ask for compensation, a statement of defence that has been filed by the government. None of the allegations have been tested in court, and when they are, we'll get to the bottom of the answers. We've also got the Auditor General looking into it, a retired judge looking into it. The report is going to be available in July, and I look forward to seeing if there are recommendations for how we can improve processes.

Ms Gray: Mr. Speaker, Blayne Iskiw left AHS and joined MHCare. He now also co-owns companies that this Premier's chief of staff tried to get bloated contracts for, and he may have been working for MHCare while also working for AHS, just like Jitendra Prasad. The AHS chief financial officer had serious concerns. The CEO was incensed. The board said to go to the RCMP. The Premier now claims that she's never been briefed. She's certainly more than aware of it now. When criminal activity was potentially taking place, why did the Premier fire the people involved instead of calling a public inquiry?

The Speaker: The hon. Premier.

Ms Smith: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are very good reasons why the government is taking more control over AHS. It's because they have not done a great job of delivering on the services that Albertans need. We have a primary care system that is going to be delivering on family practitioners for individuals. We've got a mental health and addictions model that is now going to be ensuring people have a pathway to recovery. We've got an assisted living model that is going to make sure that people are taken out of hospitals so that we have those hospital beds available for acute care. [interjections] And we're going to be using chartered surgical centres to reduce backlogs.

Mr. Hunter: Point of order.

Ms Smith: That's why we had to take charge.

The Speaker: A point of order is noted at 1:59.
The hon. the Leader of the Opposition.

Premier's Disclosure of Gifts and Benefits

Ms Gray: Mr. Speaker, every member of this Assembly must file an annual ethics disclosure as required by the Conflicts of Interest Act. The list must include gifts that members receive worth \$250 or more. Now, the limit used to be lower, but the UCP changed the rules just before Christmas to allow themselves to take even bigger gifts, and they gave Marshall Smith, the Premier's then chief of staff, the authority to sign off on some gifts. It sounds like the fox watching the henhouse. I'm curious why the Premier's recently filed ethics disclosure does not list a single gift on it.

The Speaker: The hon. the Premier.

Ms Smith: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The rules are that we file three different types of ethics disclosures to the Ethics Commissioner. Gifts under \$250 are not included, \$250 to \$1,000 have to be disclosed within a certain period of time, and those over \$1,000 also have to be disclosed.

I have given all of the information to the Ethics Commissioner. He has not indicated that he's seen any problems with what I've delivered to him. All of these members have the same requirements on them. I'm not the police officer of the decisions that members make, but it is their obligation to make sure they report.

2:00

Ms Gray: I am curious and suspicious. We have the only Premier in Alberta's history who has been found to breach the Conflicts of Interest Act. We know through media reports that the Premier has received generous gifts, including gifts from Sam Jaber last May. She admitted it in committee two days ago, yet the Premier's ethics disclosure says she received no gifts. None. Nada. Zilch. I'm very curious: why did the Premier's ethics disclosure not include gifts that she told media in media availabilities would be disclosed on her ethics disclosure?

Ms Smith: Mr. Speaker, they are disclosed to the Ethics Commissioner. The way the reporting works is that the disclosures go to the – a certain amount that are private the Ethics Commissioner reviews and sees if there are any issues with, and then there's a public disclosure. I have followed all of the rules. I have indicated what events I've attended, and the Ethics Commissioner has raised no concerns with me.

Ms Gray: To be clear, first the government changed the rules to a version they liked better and allowed bigger gifts, and now they're saying they're following the rules. Well, every year every gift over \$250 must be reported. The act says that document "shall include a list of all fees, gifts and other benefits." The Government House Leader and minister of environment both listed on their disclosure gifts of blankets from First Nations. Reporting gifts is required, not optional, under the law. Why are we not seeing these disclosures? Why is this accountability not available for Albertans? They expect it, especially in light of the scandal.

Ms Smith: Well, Mr. Speaker, the act says that the information has to be disclosed to the Ethics Commissioner. I have disclosed the information to the Ethics Commissioner. I've had my meeting with the Ethics Commissioner. He indicated no concerns with any of the things that I've disclosed. I know everybody else is going to be having their meeting with the Ethics Commissioner, and I hope that they have a similarly positive meeting with him. [interjections]

The Speaker: Order.

Children's Pain Medication Purchase

(continued)

Mr. Shepherd: Mr. Speaker, in late 2022 the Premier stood behind a sign reading Help Is on the Way and told Albertans she'd found the deal of the century for 5 million bottles of Turkish Tylenol. But it turns out it was only a deal for the UCP's friend Sam Mraiche, who got \$70 million up front for a product received months after it was needed, was found unsafe for use, got pulled from shelves, and now sits in a warehouse, collecting dust. Why did the Minister of Health tell AHS to sign this terrible deal for Turkish Tylenol?

The Speaker: The hon. the Minister of Health.

Member LaGrange: Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the Premier had indicated earlier, there was a crisis situation. The minister at the time was asked to look at all options to make sure that we could alleviate that crisis. Parents – and I know because I have eight grandchildren – were desperate for Tylenol. They could not get Tylenol. They had sick children. They wanted something to alleviate the pain. The minister of the day took action, and product was brought in to Alberta to alleviate the crisis that was happening. They did appropriately.

Mr. Shepherd: Mr. Speaker, parents were desperate, and this government did nothing to help them.

This government likes to claim that they can't be held responsible for goods and services that AHS buys, but reported for the *Globe and Mail* today: well, it confirms that all of the terrible decisions made around Turkish Tylenol were made by the current Premier and the then Minister of Health. They chose the riskiest option against the recommendations of their own officials despite clear warnings that Albertans could be left on the hook for a product that would be no longer needed and might not be approved. The Premier's response: where do I sign? An apology would be nice, but Albertans really just want a refund on their \$49 million. When will the Minister of Health do her job and get our money back?

The Speaker: The hon. the Minister of Health.

Member LaGrange: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Of course, to alleviate that crisis that was occurring, the minister of the day did in fact bring in additional product of Tylenol. As the Premier has already indicated, that product is being used in Europe. It's being used in Africa. It's also being used in the Middle East. It's safe. It was used here to alleviate the issues that we were experiencing, and we're going to make sure that the credit that is still outstanding is going to be used for product that Albertans can use.

Mr. Shepherd: Mr. Speaker, Albertans aren't buying this government's spin, but they are demanding answers about unprecedented allegations of political interference and kickbacks in the corrupt care scandal. Now, the government's story keeps changing. They're pointing fingers in every direction, but the only thing this government loves more than taking credit is trying to shift the blame. After years of growing interference, it's clear, as we learned today, that there's no daylight between AHS and the UCP. This government is responsible for every decision made, every dollar wasted, every Albertan suffering from lack of care. Will the minister stand and take responsibility today for her government's disastrous decisions?

The Speaker: The hon. Minister of Health.

Member LaGrange: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll take credit and our government will take credit for, in fact, making sure that more

surgeries are being done in clinically approved times. We're also lowering wait times at ERs. We are also making sure ambulances get back on the road. We're also making sure that health care facilities have the resources they need. The members opposite starved the rural facilities. That is unacceptable. We're going to change that and make sure that all our facilities are up to snuff.

Canadian Energy Centre

Mr. Schmidt: The Premier gave her own office a nearly 25 per cent increase in its budget this year. The excuse: she's bringing the UCP's failed energy war room under her wing. The war room has wasted Albertans' money on more than one stolen logo, bogus attacks, and questionable research; in other words, a classic UCP failure. Did the government ever consider using this money to do its actual job and promote Alberta instead of continuing this embarrassment?

Mr. Jean: Mr. Speaker, I was so proud last week just to go to Texas and to watch the Premier in action. She was not just leading Alberta and such a great example to Albertans, but she was leading the country and leading the world. By her example we saw her rise up to the occasion and actually represent Alberta in such a way that the world is now learning about what Alberta has to offer: the fourth-largest reserve of oil in the world, the ninth-largest gas reserve. We have the energy, and the world wants it, and we're going to provide it.

Mr. Schmidt: Given that the UCP war room's claim to fame is attacking an animated children's movie about Bigfoot and his son and given that Bigfoot's roommates in this super serious movie are a raccoon and a bear, all of whom talk to each other in English, and given that this UCP war room spent Albertans' money on a campaign fighting Netflix for making a wholesome children's movie, why does the Premier want to double down and waste millions more this year going after children's films like Bigfoot? Who's next? Bambi?

Mr. Jean: Now, Mr. Speaker, it's true that my six-year-old daughter would enjoy this conversation very much with the member opposite, and maybe they would have some cartoons in common. But this is not a joking matter. We sell a lot of oil to the United States. We sell a lot of oil to the world, and that pays for schools; it pays for hospitals; it pays for roads and bridges. It's important to send our message to the world because without that message, we're going to be landlocked, and we can't be landlocked. I know that's what the NDP wants. They're one minute protesting pipelines, and the other moment they're not talking about it. [interjections]

The Speaker: Order.

Mr. Schmidt: Given it seems that these days Alberta's oil money goes into Sam Mraiche's pocket and given that the UCP war room stole its logo from a tech company, had their staff falsely represent themselves as journalists, and is best known for attacking a movie for kids and given that the war room's efforts proved to be a massive waste of Albertans' money, provided zero benefit to the people of Alberta, and accomplished nothing but boosting Bigfoot's ratings, I must insist: why does this government want to keep lighting Albertans' money on fire?

Mr. Jean: Mr. Speaker, the NDP are focused on an AHS scandal that never happened. They're talking about a cartoon character while the rest of the world is worried about turning the gas on so they can have heat. While 8 and a half million people die every year

from lack of energy, this member is talking about cartoons and worried about something that doesn't exist. I'm not going to take any lessons from the NDP on anything to do with our government. [interjections]

The Speaker: Order.

The hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat has a question to ask.

2:10

Bill 45

Mr. Wright: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Alberta's government is taking steps to protect our economy, our oil and gas industry by proposing amendments to the Critical Infrastructure Defence Act. These changes are intended to protect Alberta from unconstitutional federal overreach and secure our southern border from dangerous crime and illicit drugs by creating a two-kilometre-deep border zone north of the Alberta-U.S. border. Can the Minister of Justice share how these amendments will strengthen Alberta's abilities to defend its natural resources and economy from disastrous federal interference?

The Speaker: The hon. Minister of Justice.

Mr. Amery: Well, thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. That was by far the best question of today. The member is absolutely right. This legislation gives us the crucial tools that we need to protect Alberta from federal government overreach. These amendments would also include denying federal workers access to our oil and gas facilities and the information they contain if that access would be unlawful. Alberta will continue to pursue doubling its oil production to meet the ... [interjections]

The Speaker: Order. Order. Order.

The hon. Minister of Justice is the one with the call.

Mr. Amery: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Alberta will continue to look towards its goal of doubling oil and gas production so that we can meet the needs of the world.

Thank you.

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat.

Mr. Wright: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the minister for that answer. Given that these proposed amendments will further assist Alberta's exclusive jurisdiction over its natural resources and given that these changes explicitly state that the act applies to federal governments to prevent unlawful federal enforcement, can the Minister of Justice tell this House how these amendments align with the Alberta Sovereignty within a United Canada Act and protect Alberta's emission data from unconstitutional federal mandates?

Mr. Amery: Mr. Speaker, it was this very Assembly that passed that motion in December, and that motion signalled that we would use every tool available to us to stop a federal emissions cap from damaging industry, damaging this province's economy and its prosperity. That's exactly what we're planning to do with this legislation. Updating the act to include facilities where oil and gas production data records are held will help protect Alberta's economy and the province's ability to continue to grow. Alberta will not tolerate Ottawa's infringement on this province's industry.

The Speaker: The hon. member.

Mr. Wright: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Given that these amendments also designate a two-kilometre-deep border zone north of the Alberta-

U.S. border as essential infrastructure and given that securing Alberta's southern border in my riding is essential to preventing crime and ensuring public safety, can the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services explain how these amendments will enhance border security and what additional steps our government is taking to protect the Alberta southern border?

The Speaker: The hon. the Deputy Premier.

Mr. Ellis: Well, thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I think this Chamber does know that the amendments to this act are vital to increasing border security along Alberta's southern border. Of course, it provides another tool in the tool box for law enforcement when it comes to lawful placement. We also have our Interdiction Patrol Teams that are out there doing an outstanding job, those 51 uniformed officers, 31 of which are in the process of being hired right now. They have carbine rifles, 10 support staff, dispatchers, analysts, four drug patrol dogs, 10 surveillance drones. We're taking care of the border, and we're keeping this border secure. [interjections]

The Speaker: Order.

Investigation of Health Services Procurement

Mr. Ellingson: Mr. Speaker, every day we hear more about the extent of the corrupt care scandal, a scandal that raised the concern of the former Minister of Infrastructure to the point he quit his job in the Premier's cabinet. Other UCP MLAs have also raised concerns with the corrupt care scandal, including the MLA for Taber-Warner when he said: it doesn't look good when the CEO was fired and then the full board is fired shortly thereafter, likely very, very soon thereafter. To the Minister of Finance. The buck stops with Treasury Board. What exactly does it take for the minister to believe a judicial-led public inquiry is required?

Mr. Amery: Mr. Speaker, we've been very clear about this whole thing. There is a statement of claim that has been filed by an AHS CEO seeking four times her contracted severance. There is a statement of defence which clarifies this government's position line by line, very clearly and articulately so. I don't know what the member is referring to when he references the Minister of Finance. There are multiple investigations . . . [interjections]

The Speaker: Order. Order. Order.

All I can hear is the hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, which is surprising because he doesn't have the call; the hon. the Minister of Justice does.

Mr. Amery: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I am, yes, the Minister of Justice, not that member. We are continuing to defend the claims as alleged. All of that will become clear very shortly.

Mr. Ellingson: Well, given that Treasury Board and Finance is responsible for financial planning and responsible for fiscal management of this government and given that the contracts at the centre of this corrupt care scandal are worth hundreds of millions of dollars, given that the scandal has resulted in Albertans losing faith in the government's ability to be accountable for their hard-earned tax dollars that they pay, when will the Minister of Finance call for a public inquiry into corrupt care?

Mr. Amery: Mr. Speaker, once again, there are multiple investigations happening, independent investigations that have nothing to do with this government. This government is fully complying with those investigations. The statement of defence

outlines our position very clearly. Alberta Justice is responsible for defending this government, and we're going to diligently do so. We're going to take an approach that is completely opposite of what was alleged in the statement of claim, because it's completely wrong. We will defend that claim vigorously, and we will defend it till the end.

Mr. Ellingson: Given that the corrupt care scandal calls into question the procurement practices in the Ministry of Health and given that the scandal has also extended into Infrastructure's purchasing of land to the direct benefit of the same individual that sold the government bad PPE, unusable Turkish Tylenol, and bloated surgical contracts and given that this government is prone to approving contracts apparently without review or consultation, when will the Minister of Finance step in and call for a public inquiry?

Mr. Amery: Mr. Speaker, nothing in that member's statement was accurate. The CEO was fired for the reasons that were articulated in the statement of defence. All of the government ministries and the Premier leading the way have said that we will co-operate with any investigation on behalf of the Auditor General, on behalf of the retired judge. The statement of defence outlines our position very clearly. I would encourage that member to read it. If he has read it, I would encourage him to read it one more time.

Thank you.

Funding for Homeless Supports

Member Irwin: I spent time this week asking budget questions of the minister supposedly responsible for housing. The weight of these discussions is not lost on me as years of underinvestment in housing has led to a devastating situation on our streets. Homelessness has tripled in Edmonton since 2019 under the UCP. We've seen record numbers of deaths of unhoused people, and Edmonton has experienced some of the highest numbers of frostbite amputations. Yet despite these horrific stats, we're seeing cuts to homelessness supports in the UCP's budget. To the minister. My question is simple. How can you justify this?

Mr. Nixon: Mr. Speaker, the hon. member just never misses an opportunity to be wrong. There are no cuts in this budget to the homeless line item. In fact, it's the highest preventative services line item in the history of the province, about a quarter billion just directly to homeless emergency supports, the highest amount of shelter spaces in the province's history, investigation and navigation centres, getting people services like IDs – that's what's taking place – and, most importantly, in the last year alone in Edmonton over 8,000 homeless people being directly connected to housing supports. We're getting it done. They want to keep them in tents, but we didn't like that.

Member Irwin: Given that on April 1 most community-based housing organizations across Alberta are losing funding just so this UCP government can centralize control in Edmonton all while we know communities like Medicine Hat have had success tackling homelessness through their locally driven housing-first approach and given that cutting local organizations' funding seems a lot like a UCP-government-in-Edmonton-knows-best, top-down kind of approach – hmm, pretty rich for a government that loves to criticize Ottawa for the same thing – when did the minister become such a fan of bloated government and centralized decision-making?

Mr. Nixon: Mr. Speaker, what I've always been a fan of is working with local organizations, unlike what the socialist NDP wanted to

do, to bring everything into government, punish things like faith-based organizations, nonprofit organizations, not allowing them to do their job. We continue to invest over \$100 million in CBOs, including in Medicine Hat, where both MLAs and the local CBO are doing excellent work. We're going to continue to work very closely with them. We are in constant contact with them. We're going to make sure we actually care for the homeless again, unlike what the NDP did, which was abandon the people that are homeless in our province.

Member Irwin: Given it's just more cuts, chaos, and corruption, because in addition to the cruel cuts to homelessness supports, the UCP has made cuts to sexual assault centres, to disability advocacy groups, to optical services, to supports for kids in government care, to name just a few, yet they have billions – yes, you heard me: billions – to give to oil and gas companies to clean up their own messes, millions for hockey billionaires, and millions more for sketchy surgical contracts, Albertans are choosing between paying bills and putting food on their table. Why isn't the UCP choosing to invest in Albertans?

2:20

Mr. Nixon: Mr. Speaker, my ministry has the second-largest budget in government, which shows the commitment that this government has to being able to care for Albertans. Most importantly, when it comes to those who are facing homelessness, I'm proud of our record. We've worked very, very hard to help people. We're going to continue to do so.

Unfortunately, we saw with the NDP's damaging policies with homelessness that it was not only damaging the people that were in encampments; it was creating an economic disaster now, that even places like the White House and the Americans were pointing out the disaster that was taking place in our capital city. This government fixed it. We're going to stand with Albertans, and we're going to resist the damaging NDP policies going forward.

Health Care in Northern Alberta

Mr. Sinclair: Mr. Speaker, health care in Lesser Slave Lake has hit rock bottom. While the minister and the Premier continue to refocus and play musical chairs with AHS CEOs and boards that they've hand-picked, then fired, meanwhile we can't get a straight answer on the helicopter pad for the High Prairie hospital. The community has even offered money for most of the costs themselves. They're simply asking for permission from AHS, but they continue to be ignored. To the Minister of Health today: when can the High Prairie hospital expect to finally get this helicopter pad approved?

The Speaker: The hon. the Minister of Health.

Member LaGrange: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I've mentioned to the member opposite many times when we've spoken in the past, we are currently doing a review of all of the fixed-wing and rotary-wing ambulance facilities and services that we do have. I expect that report very shortly, and we will be making decisions following that report.

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake.

Mr. Sinclair: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Given that Slave Lake hospital's emergency department has been forced to close overnight multiple times in the past 12 months, leaving our residents in the north feeling abandoned and frustrated that our lives appear to matter less to this Premier than those in the big cities and further given that every time the ER is closed, the people of Lesser Slave

Lake have less and less faith in the Premier's ineffective vision for health care in northern Alberta, would the same minister or the Premier please commit to making meaningful changes to health care policies to prevent future hospital closures in my hometown of Slave Lake?

Mr. Schow: Point of order.

The Speaker: A point of order is noted at 2:22.

The hon. the Minister of Health.

Member LaGrange: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Every part of Alberta is a priority for our government. It is the reason why we are actually spending \$28 billion to provide health care across this province. We are continuing to make progress in getting more physicians into the province. When I started, we were at 10,600. We're well over 12,212. I just met with the president of the Alberta Medical Association yesterday, and there is great excitement over the new primary care compensation model, which will also attract more physicians to locations like rural Alberta.

Mr. Sinclair: Mr. Speaker, given that there's little in Budget 2025 for my riding in health care, I assumed this government was making responsible fiscal choices everywhere but given I notice there's a \$22 million interim catheterization lab slated to open in 2028 in this minister's own riding, further given the new Red Deer hospital is poised to be open in 2030 and includes a new catheterization lab, leaving taxpayers on the hook for an absurd amount for only two years of services, will the minister tell us why that \$22 million couldn't be better spent in northern Alberta to allow us to keep our hospitals open? [interjections]

The Speaker: Order.

The hon. the Minister of Health.

Member LaGrange: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The interim cath lab: if the member opposite wanted to come and have a conversation with me, he would be able to understand that it's actually being funded through the Red Deer hospital foundation. We are facilitating that expansion for that interim time and the space . . . [interjections]

The Speaker: Order. Order. Order.

The hon. the Minister of Health.

Member LaGrange: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is being funded through the foundation so that we can have cardiac catheterization services in central Alberta quicker. In fact, we've been underserved for many, many years. As well, Lethbridge will also be getting cardiac catheterization as well as the north. We're going to be looking at every . . .

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning has a question.

Provincial Response to Tariffs on Agricultural Products

Ms Sweet: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The provincial government has a responsibility to support Alberta agriculture producers. Given that business risk management supports are shared with a 40-60 per cent split with the federal government and given that there are now 100 per cent tariffs on canola oil, canola meal, and peas and an additional 25 per cent on pork and given that the United States has planned 25 per cent tariffs on all agricultural products, which will be a significant detriment to both crop and livestock production,

causing deep concerns among Alberta beef producers, will the minister be renegotiating stronger BRM supports at the next FPT to support our agriculture industry?

The Speaker: The hon. the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation.

Mr. Sigurdson: Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Absolutely, we always advocate for stronger BRM programs. But I want to tell you what I'm going to do. I'm going to go ahead and I'm going to end the tariffs on EVs, that do nothing but benefit central Canada and punish our producers here in Alberta. Then I'm actually going to pick up the phone, and I'm going to phone Xi Jinping in China. I'm going to negotiate a mutual trade beneficial agreement. Then I'm going to take all the money that we got off those tariffs and support our producers. Oh, wait. I can't do that because I'm not the federal government. This government, this Conservative government, is tired of cleaning up the messes of our Liberal federal government. [interjections]

The Speaker: Order.

The hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning.

Ms Sweet: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Given that tariffs have a significant impact on our canola industry and given that there are opportunities in the industry to diversify and develop more value-added here in Alberta and given for diversification to succeed, the UCP government needs to change regulations on biodiesel and aviation fuel and given this will support the biofuel industry and also create investment certainty, to the minister: why hasn't the government increased the mixed fuel standard and adopted an aviation standard? It creates jobs, and it supports canola.

Mr. Sigurdson: Well, Mr. Speaker, I am very proud of this government. Through our agriprocessing investment tax credit last year we saw a record \$3 billion of investment in this province, including \$1.7 million in the Imperial Oil 20,000 BPD biodiesel facility, and recently we just announced Canary Biofuels moving forward, essential developments in this province that allow our canola and rapeseed producers to be able to have a pathway for them to sell domestically here in the province. That is real support for our producers.

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning.

Ms Sweet: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Given the cattle industry is facing extreme economic uncertainty due to U.S. tariffs and given that support will be required through emergency stimulus funds from both the federal and provincial governments and given payments will need to be done within two weeks of the tariffs coming in and should be pro-rated among the receipts and given support for cattle feeders who have had forward contracts cancelled should also be paid out within the first two weeks, to the minister: do you agree with this request, and are you prepared to honour it?

The Speaker: The hon. the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation.

Mr. Sigurdson: Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Right now it's very apparent, the failure of our federal government. Two of our largest trading partners we're in disputes with right now. I've been actively working with our Alberta beef producers and our cattle feeders, hearing their concerns every day. What I can say is that what we need now more than ever is federal leadership to end this trade dispute. I'm very proud of our Premier, who is down every single day meeting with our U.S. counterparts and trying to do everything possible to prevent these tariffs, which is the best scenario for Alberta producers.

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont has a question.

Homeless Supports and Affordable Housing

Mr. Lundy: Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. All levels of government share the responsibility of addressing homelessness. Over the past several years Alberta's government has invested more than \$500 million to support Albertans experiencing homelessness with the goal of getting people off the streets and back on their feet. In conjunction with the federal government Alberta has signed the Canada-Alberta agreement for the unsheltered homelessness and encampments initiative, which provides additional funding for provincial homelessness initiatives. To the Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services: what are some of the key housing investments in Budget 2025 aimed at supporting long-term housing stability?

The Speaker: The hon. Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services.

2:30

Mr. Nixon: Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. We're investing an extra over \$220 million directly in emergency homeless initiatives right here in our province. We are excited that the federal government has stepped up to the plate to partner with our approach of dismantling encampments, dangerous encampments, and making sure that we invest in safe places for people that go through recovery, sometimes for addictions, or in other housing that they may need.

One of the things I think that we are most proud of is that we're investing \$98 million in local programs to get people directly off the street into housing. Again, last year, as I was just saying earlier, Mr. Speaker, we were able to get 8,000 Albertans from the streets to access the housing supports in our province, showing that Alberta's way works.

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont.

Mr. Lundy: Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker and to the minister for that response. Given the dangers of those living in an encampment, both to those specific individuals and to the public at large, and given that housing affordability helps vulnerable Albertans access supportive housing options, to the same minister: how will you ensure the most effective allocation of the funding to achieve measurable outcomes in reducing homelessness and improving long-term housing stability for vulnerable Albertans?

Mr. Nixon: Well, Mr. Speaker, we heard loud and clear from our partners all across the province that there was a need to streamline the funding process in the homeless space, for Alberta's government to take the grant process back in-house and be able to look globally at what was taking place on homelessness to get resources to the front lines to care for people. We're doing that right now in our province. Again, we've been able to work with the federal government for them to recognize that our approach of dismantling dangerous encampments that have been pushed forward as policy by NDP parties across the country is the wrong approach, which is why they're supporting Alberta's approach.

The Speaker: The hon. member.

Mr. Lundy: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and again to the minister. Given the significant investments made by both provincial and federal governments and further given that breaking the cycle of homelessness requires sustainable housing solutions and further given the overall complexity of homelessness, to the same minister:

how is our government tracking progress in providing affordable and sustainable housing supports for those in need?

Mr. Nixon: Well, Mr. Speaker, since 2019 Alberta's government directly has invested almost a billion dollars in affordable housing. We continue through our stronger foundations plan to invest upwards of \$9 billion with our partners between now and 2031. We're well on track, actually ahead of schedule, to create 82,000 more affordable housing spaces inside our province. We're excited about that.

At the same time, Mr. Speaker, we have rejected the NDP's plan to bring in rent control, which has devastated other rental markets in the country, focused on removing red tape and making sure our market can help restore affordability as well while we make those investments, which is why we see housing starts in Alberta up by 34 per cent, the only place in Canada that's seeing success when it comes to housing.

Health Care Concerns

Ms Hoffman: If you are sick or someone you love is sick, nothing else matters. When you call 911, you should be confident that help is on the way. If you get a cancer diagnosis, you deserve a Premier who doesn't blame you but ensures that you have an oncologist and a full health team to support you in your cancer experience. Instead of focusing on the things that matter most to Alberta patients, this government is focused on a rebranding exercise, trying to distract from their cuts, chaos, and corruption. How much money has already been spent on rebranding that could have been spent on front-line health care services instead of this PR communications nightmare?

The Speaker: The hon. the Minister of Health.

Member LaGrange: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In fact, I'm hearing great things as I go across the province talking to Albertans and talking to health care professionals about the refocusing. The fact that we are actually having dedicated leadership and dedicated resources to Recovery Alberta, to Primary Care Alberta: there's great excitement. As we're setting up assisted living Alberta as well as Acute Care Alberta, the member opposite should be out and about talking to people because they're actually quite excited about the changes that are coming. [interjections]

The Speaker: Order.

Ms Hoffman: The answer for logos and rebranding alone is \$1.6 million, Mr. Speaker. Given that's the cost of 450 more public hip replacements or 200 patients being able to be admitted to hospital for the night instead of being turned away because there just weren't enough staff or resources or 25 more registered nurses that could have been hired to staff the Calgary cancer centre beds that still sit empty, does the minister really believe it's more important to have a new logo on an ambulance than to hire 30 more paramedics to respond to emergencies?

Member LaGrange: Mr. Speaker, I've already indicated through Budget 2025 that we're actually adding resources in all those areas. But let's take a walk down memory lane, when the member opposite was the Minister of Health, when wait times for cataracts, for hip replacement, and for knee replacement surgery all rose by 30 per cent or more. Thirty per cent more in the wait times, and that's when our province was actually losing people. We've gained more people into Alberta, we have more seniors, and we're still improving better than the member opposite.

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, without the use of a preamble.

Ms Hoffman: Given that the government is focused on a reverse Robin Hood, taking from the public and giving to rich UCP insiders – maybe \$1.6 million doesn't feel like a lot to the UCP when they've already gifted over \$600 million just to one person's companies – to the Premier. Since the Health minister wasn't invited along to this specific party – most Oilers fans can't imagine being able to afford to take their kids to a playoff game and sit in the nosebleeds. How much were the tickets worth, and was it actually worth the government's integrity? Why isn't it in the public reporting of the gifts the minister and Premier received?

The Speaker: As the hon. member will know, I use the widest possible swath connecting first and second and third questions. This has certainly reached the boundaries of that.

The hon. the Minister of Health.

Member LaGrange: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also want to go down memory lane and remind you that when the member opposite was the Minister of Health, a well-respected CEO not only quit but also gave up her severance because she was worried about escalating political interference. I know the member opposite likes to do stand-up comedy. Maybe her next career will be better than her last one.

Vaccination Policies

Member Batten: Mr. Speaker, the beauty of vaccines is that they provide long-term protection from serious diseases, but for a vaccine to work effectively, it needs time, usually around two weeks. Yesterday the Minister of Health took zero accountability for the measles outbreak in Alberta. Maybe if Sam Mraiche was selling vaccines, Albertan families would be able to find them. How will this minister, who has refused to condemn antivax events and statements by her colleagues, prevent an even more horrific outbreak of measles?

Member LaGrange: Mr. Speaker, I'm not sure what the member opposite is talking about. In fact, if the member opposite read the *Edmonton Journal* just two days ago, the headline: LaGrange promotes measles shots . . . [interjections] Oh, sorry; I can't use my own name. My apologies on that. Of course, we are making sure that we provide information to Albertans so that they can get the vaccines for their families if they so choose. We have 14 cases in Alberta, all contained within families.

Member Batten: Given the government caucus celebrates antivax individuals who lobby this minister for children to not get vaccinated and given that the government can't even import safe children's pain medicines for our most vulnerable patients in the NICU, given that health care professionals told this government that Turkish Tylenol would increase the risk of necrotizing enterocolitis, potentially a fatal injury to the intestines in these tiny patients, why is this minister so unable to put children first and ensure that they are cared for safely and properly, with access to vaccines against deadly diseases and safe medications?

Member LaGrange: Mr. Speaker, nothing could be further from the truth. As a mother of seven, as a grandmother of eight, I will put my record against theirs any day of the week in protecting children. I have done it consistently from the time that I was young. I continue to do it as a rehab practitioner working with the mentally and physically disabled. I will continue to protect . . .

Ms Hoffman: Corruption.

Member LaGrange: . . . our children, absolutely. Full stop.

An Hon. Member: Point of order.

Member Batten: Given this government will go to the ends of the earth if Sam Mraiche calls a so-called bargain on Turkish Tylenol and given the minister ignores her colleagues' platform antivaxxers, including touring them around this Legislature and promoting their extreme unscientific ideas and given that this is the worst health care minister we have ever seen, will the minister stop passing the buck and start putting children first instead of bending to the whims of her antivax colleagues and the government's corrupt care buddies?

The Speaker: A point of order is noted at 2:38.
The hon. the Minister of Health.

Member LaGrange: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Of course, we're going to continue to put children and families first. We will make sure that they have the medication they need, the information they need, the vaccines they need, that they can get right now at no cost. But I believe that when the member opposite is talking about the worst Minister of Health ever, they're talking about their own minister that sat in the NDP as Minister of Health.

2:40 Human Trafficking Prevention

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk: Mr. Speaker, human trafficking is an offence against human dignity that scars both its victims and our society. Addressing this horrific crime requires a unified effort with the participation of law enforcement, the community, and all levels of government. I've had the opportunity to champion CEASE, a nonprofit community organization which works to combat human trafficking while supporting survivors in Edmonton. To the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services: what kind of collaboration takes place between law enforcement and community organizations like CEASE to fight the scourge in our communities?

The Speaker: The hon. minister of public safety, the Deputy Premier.

Mr. Ellis: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, and of course thanks to the member for that very important question. Collaboration with law enforcement and community partnerships is, quite frankly, vital to the success in combatting that scourge of human trafficking. As we all know, human trafficking often remains hidden. It leaves scars on victims and survivors and, of course, communities. This is a very real crisis affecting not just people in Alberta, not just affecting people in Canada, but, quite frankly, all throughout the world.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville.

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Minister. Given that many of us only consider human trafficking as a threat to women and girls and given that the U.S. State Department research from 2019 identifies nearly 30 per cent of all human trafficking victims globally as men and boys and further given our government's commitment to ending human trafficking in all its forms, can the same minister tell this Chamber how his ministry is working to address this critical issue amongst all demographics without gender bias?

The Speaker: The hon. minister of public safety, the Deputy Premier.

Mr. Ellis: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, and thank you again to the member for that question. Look, the government is of course committed to addressing the critical issue across all demographics, quite frankly. This is why we have funded the Alberta centre to end human trafficking, have made significant investments to disrupt trafficking networks and support survivors. Whether it's sex trafficking, labour trafficking, or any other form of exploitation, we are committed to exposing traffickers, safeguarding victims, and empowering survivors to break free from that cycle of abuse.

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville.

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Minister. Given that Alberta's ALERT team recently arrested three people for allegedly operating a decadelong human trafficking operation across multiple provinces and given that human trafficking often takes place within broader global networks of organized crime, requiring the sharing of information between jurisdictions to address, and further given the federal government's inaction on border security, can the Minister please tell us how he plans to maintain Alberta's steadfast commitment to our secure border through collaboration between our provincial and American neighbours?

The Speaker: The hon. minister of public safety.

Mr. Ellis: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Of course, we all know border security is paramount for this government. That's why we committed over \$29 million for border security. That's why we're working very closely with the national RCMP as well as the Canada Border Services Agency to stop not just drug smuggling, illegal guns but also human trafficking. We on this side of the House believe in border security, and that's why I can say with confidence, working with all of our partners, including our American friends, that this border is secure.

The Speaker: Hon. members, that concludes the time allotted for Oral Question Period. In 30 seconds or less we will continue with the remainder of the daily Routine.

Introduction of Bills

The Speaker: The hon. the Minister of Technology and Innovation.

Bill 46

Information and Privacy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025

Mr. Glubish: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I rise to request leave to introduce a bill, the Information and Privacy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025.

This is just some consequential amendments that follow the legislation we passed in last sitting with bills 33 and 34. I look forward to the debate in the Chamber.

[Motion carried; Bill 46 read a first time]

Tabling Returns and Reports

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat.

Mr. Wright: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to table five requisite copies of three tablings. One is a graph showing the real GDP per capita growth in the OECD from 2015 to 2024, showcasing the failure of Liberal-NDP policies and the impact on Albertans and Canadians.

The second is a Bureau article showcasing that foreign nationals were apprehended smuggling 170 pounds of drugs out of Canada at

the U.S. border. This individual was part of a transnational drug syndicate.

The third one is an article calling out the fact that “Team Canada will use and abuse Alberta” by writing threat checks that Alberta won’t pay.

The Speaker: Are there others? The hon. the Premier.

Ms Smith: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to submit five requisite copies of a story by Bob Weber in *The Canadian Press* from 2021, Report Calls for Public Takeover of Old Oil and Gas Wells to Fund Their Cleanup. Instead of being sold to pay creditors, the report says that a reclamation trust could have taken over those wells and used the revenue to clean up the sites and create reclamation jobs. I mentioned this in the Legislature yesterday. It’s called the disclosure project, proposed by Regan Boychuk.

The Speaker: The hon. Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services.

Mr. Nixon: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to table five requisite copies of Public Safety Canada’s current list of terrorist entities, which I will note specifically includes the terrorist organization Hamas, which all members of this Chamber should condemn though, sadly, some have not.

The Speaker: Are there others? The hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood.

Member Irwin: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to table one of the countless number of e-mails I’ve received from constituents and folks all across Alberta calling on the Premier to cancel her upcoming trip to attend the PragerU event in Florida. This one is from Shane Fallows, and he lives in High Level, Alberta. I urge the Member for Peace River to read this e-mail as well.

Thank you.

The Speaker: Are there others? Order.

Hon. members, that brings us to points of order. At 1:59 the Government House Leader rose on a point of order, which was subsequently withdrawn.

At 2:22 the hon. the Government House Leader also rose on a point of order.

Point of Order Imputing Motives

Mr. Schow: Yes, I did, Mr. Speaker. At the time noted, I rose on a point of order under 23(h), (i), and (j), which read “(h) makes allegations against another Member; (i) imputes false or unavowed motives to another Member; (j) uses abusive or insulting language of a nature likely to create disorder.”

Mr. Speaker, at the time noted the Member for Lesser Slave Lake was speaking and said: our lives up here matter less to our Premier than those in the big cities. I do believe that this would certainly be imputing false or unavowed motives, especially given this government’s tremendous spending record on projects in northern Alberta, including \$189 million for replacement of a health care centre in Beaverlodge, highway 686 paving between Peerless Lake and Trout Lake, \$101 million for highway 63 twinning north of Fort McMurray.

The Speaker: I hesitate to interrupt, but this particular piece of the point of order debate sounds like continuing debate on a very important matter. I’m not sure if you have other content to provide to the point of order really?

Mr. Schow: I do, Mr. Speaker. I understand that this member is a new member, and probably they didn’t read the entire budget and as a result don’t quite fully understand the implications for northern Alberta. That might why the member feels this way. But I think that these particular comments, being wildly inaccurate and inappropriate, are a point of order, and I ask this new member to apologize and withdraw and refrain from using language like that in the future.

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake.

Mr. Sinclair: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A lot to unpack there. My parents told me I do have pretty good rhythm, but I do not have the Blues, so you’ll have to bear with me. I believe I said: the Premier appears to have. I was referencing her official role in policies with northern Alberta, not a personal attack against her.

As far as the other comments from the House leader: I might call that a point of order. I find that offensive to basically say that the only former member inside of this caucus that was Indigenous can’t read a budget or doesn’t understand a budget when that’s clearly not the case. It’s not my fault that the people from my riding feel this way, which is why I’ve gotten an overwhelming amount of support for my comments. Mr. Speaker, I don’t know how you want me to rule on that.

2:50

The Speaker: The good news for you is that you don’t get to rule; I do.

I do have the benefit of the Blues, and the hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake said the following: “leaving our residents in the north feeling abandoned and frustrated that our lives appear to matter less to this Premier than those in the big cities.” What I would say with respect to this particular point of order is that I do agree with the Member for Lesser Slave Lake that providing much personal commentary about individuals involved in a point of order is not likely to create debate, and I’ll caution the hon. Government House Leader.

But you also can’t imply that the Premier thinks people’s lives don’t matter in particular regions of the province. That is most certainly a point of order and attributing a false motive, for which you can apologize and withdraw, as it is a point of order.

Mr. Sinclair: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Two minutes well worth it. I’m sorry.

The Speaker: I consider your “I’m sorry” an apology. The matter is dealt with and concluded.

At 2:38, the Deputy Government House Leader rose on a point of order.

Point of Order Allegations against a Member

Mr. Williams: Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise on . . .

Mr. Schow: Point of order.

Mr. Williams: I rise on 23(h) and (j). At 2:38 the Minister of Health was answering a question, and the member of the Legislature for Edmonton-Glenora, in an attempt to interrupt the answer of the Minister of Health, said, quote: I will continue to protect. The Member for Edmonton-Glenora tried to complete the sentence by saying: corruption.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I understand that this is just one utterance and that word, “corruption,” can be understood in many different ways. The minister was talking about herself in the first person singular. I

appreciate, whether or not this rises to a point of order – again, I leave it in your hands – that the interruptions and attempts to finish sentences with accusations, implications that individual members are themselves corrupt are starting to become a point of derision and disorder in the House.

I would at very least appreciate the Speaker's guidance with members opposite starting with a warning, if not a point of order, where they are attempting to complete sentences from the members opposite and implying that those members who are answering questions, as the Minister of Health was, are personally corrupt or personally protecting corruption.

The Speaker: The Opposition House Leader.

Ms Gray: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I don't think this is a point of order; I think this is a matter of debate. I think we heard the Deputy Government House Leader, even in making this point of order, acknowledge that it was not a strong one.

In this case the Member for Edmonton-Glenora certainly did not make any personal accusations. I will say that one of the practices of this House and something I have seen many, many times from the government caucus is heckles that interrupt in an attempt to derail a speaker. I don't believe this is a point of order, but I look forward to your ruling.

The Speaker: I do have the benefit of the Blues, and I am prepared to rule. While I appreciate the comments from the Official Opposition House Leader with respect to . . .

Mr. Williams: Who?

The Speaker: The one over here.

I appreciate her comments with respect to members of the government and, particularly, former Speakers or otherwise attempting to interrupt or intervene in the debate. I speak with a certain level of experience that on occasion those attempts have also risen to the level of a point of order in which the Speaker has intervened and reprimanded the former Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills on numerous occasions.

I think that yesterday members who have the misfortune of sitting close to the Speaker here in the front bunch of the opposition were reminded about their volume and level of heckling. Today a member may have been specifically addressed for similar sorts of interjections. In particular, I am very sympathetic to the Deputy Government House Leader's position around implying that any member of the Assembly is corrupt rises to the level of a point of order.

As I've said on numerous occasions, just because something is a point of order today doesn't necessarily make it a point of order tomorrow. There are a number of parameters and challenges, including context and precedent and all sorts of things, that the Speaker uses. I do think that in this case this has risen to the level of a point of order, and I will ask the hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora to apologize and withdraw.

Ms Hoffman: Then today I will apologize and withdraw.

The Speaker: I appreciate the apology and the withdrawal.

I might just remind the Assembly, prior to hearing the last point of order from the hon. Government House Leader, about the good things that can happen when there is a sincere, honest, and quick apology. We didn't necessarily see that from the Member for Lesser Slave Lake, but I think that there is a certain amount of flexibility in his new learnings and understanding.

With that said, the hon. Government House Leader.

Point of Order Insulting Language

Mr. Schow: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I did rise on a point of order as you were just about to address the last one, that we just discussed. While the Member for Lesser Slave Lake was gathering his things, I heard what I thought very clearly was: racist, calling me a racist, followed by another word that I won't repeat.

Mr. Speaker, if I am incorrect, I am more than happy to withdraw, but that kind of accusation in this Chamber is wildly unparliamentary, and I believe it would rise to a point of order under 23(h), (i), and (j) if it was proven to be true, but I'll leave it in your hands.

The Speaker: Thank you for your comments.

As you know, pursuant to Standing Order 15(3), which obviously doesn't apply directly to the circumstances here today – and I would provide some caution about referring to the presence or absence of any member. As we know, members have lots of reasons to not be in the Assembly. Having said that, I agree. If the hon. member did say it, it would be a point of order. It's difficult for the Speaker to rule on any matter without an accurate record, of which I don't have the benefit of the Blues. My hesitation is to whether or not I will hear about this on Monday, when we can look to confirm.

I think in light of the current circumstances, because I didn't hear that and I will be unable to rule on Monday either way unless the member acknowledges those were the words he used, in which case I would expect him to apologize and withdraw, I'll consider the matter dealt with and concluded, but I will have a personal conversation with the hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake prior to the next sitting.

I consider the matter dealt with and concluded.

Ordres du jour.

Orders of the Day Transmittal of Estimates

The Speaker: The hon. the President of Treasury Board and the Minister of Finance.

Mr. Horner: Mr. Speaker, I have received a message from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, which I now transmit to you.

The Sergeant-at-Arms: Order! All rise, please.

The Speaker: The Lieutenant Governor transmits supplementary supply estimates of certain sums for the requirement of the service of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Please be seated.

Mr. Horner: Mr. Speaker, I now wish to table the 2024-2025 supplementary supply estimates, including the update to the 2024-2025 fiscal plan as required by the Sustainable Fiscal Planning and Reporting Act. This 2024-2025 fiscal plan update can be found in the preface of this document and contains no changes from the information provided in the 2025-2028 fiscal plan tabled for Budget 2025. The document I'm tabling today reflects the government's ongoing commitment to support Albertans and their communities, including some of the issues we've faced and the needs we've addressed since Budget 2024 was tabled in February of last year.

Our government is committed to keeping our province as the best place in Canada to live, work, and raise a family. When passed, the estimates will authorize approximate increases of \$470.3 million in

expense funding, \$3.9 million in capital funding for the government, and \$18.3 million in other financial transactions.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

3:00

Government Motions

Evening Sitting on March 24, 2025

58. Mr. Schow moved:

Be it resolved that pursuant to Standing Order 4(1) the Assembly shall meet in the evening on Monday, March 24, 2025, for consideration of government business unless the Government House Leader notifies the Assembly that there shall be no evening sitting that day by providing notice under Notices of Motions in the daily Routine or at any time prior to 6 p.m.

The Speaker: Hon. members, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1) this is a nondebatable motion.

[Government Motion 58 carried]

59. Mr. Horner moved:

Be it resolved that the message from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2024-2025 supplementary supply estimates for the general revenue fund, and all matters connected therewith be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Speaker: Hon. members, this is a debatable motion pursuant to Standing Order 18(1)(i). Is there anyone wishing to join in the debate?

Seeing and hearing none, I am prepared to call the question.

[Government Motion 59 carried]

60. Mr. Horner moved:

Be it resolved that pursuant to Standing Order 61(2) the Committee of Supply shall be called to consider the 2024-2025 supplementary supply estimates for three hours on Monday, March 24, 2025.

The Speaker: Hon. members, this is a nondebatable motion pursuant to Standing Order 61(2).

[Government Motion 60 carried]

Committee of Supply

[Ms Pitt in the chair]

The Chair: Hon. members, I'd like to call the committee to order.

Hon. members, prior to beginning, the chair will outline the process for this afternoon. The Committee of Supply will first call on the chairs of legislative policy committees to report on their meetings with the various ministries under their mandate. No vote is required when these reports are presented. The committee will then proceed to the vote on the estimates of the offices of the Legislative Assembly. The vote on the main estimates will then take place. Members are reminded that errata for pages 1 and 3 of the 2025-26 offices of the Legislative Assembly estimates, general revenue fund, were tabled on March 10, 2025, and you will find copies of those on your desk. Finally, the chair would like to remind all hon. members of Standing Order 32(3), which provides that after the first division is called in Committee of Supply, the interval between division bells shall be reduced to one minute for any subsequent divisions.

Committee Reports

The Chair: I would now like to invite the hon. chair of the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future to present the committee's report. The hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland.

Mr. Getson: Thank you, Chair. As chair of the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(10) I'm pleased to report that the committee has reviewed the 2025-26 proposed estimates and business plans for the following ministries: Ministry of Advanced Education; Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation; Ministry of Arts, Culture and Status of Women; Executive Council; Ministry of Immigration and Multiculturalism; Ministry of Infrastructure; Ministry of Jobs, Economy and Trade; Ministry of Technology and Innovation; and the Ministry of Tourism and Sport.

The Chair: Thank you.

I'd like to now call on the chair of the Standing Committee on Families and Communities to present the committee's report. The hon. Member for Camrose.

Ms Lovely: As chair of the Standing Committee on Families and Communities and pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(10) I'm pleased to report that the committee has reviewed the 2025-26 proposed estimates and business plans for the following ministries: Ministry of Children and Family Services; Ministry of Education; Ministry of Health; Ministry of Justice; Ministry of Mental Health and Addiction; Ministry of Public Safety and Emergency Services; Ministry of Seniors, Community and Social Services; Ministry of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

The Chair: Thank you.

I'll call the chair of the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship. The hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright.

Mr. Rowswell: As chair of the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship and pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(10) I'm pleased to report that the committee has reviewed the 2025-2026 proposed estimates and business plans for the following ministries: Ministry of Affordability and Utilities, Ministry of Energy and Minerals, Ministry of Environment and Protected Areas, Ministry of Forestry and Parks, Ministry of Indigenous Relations, Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Ministry of Transportation and Economic Corridors, Ministry of Treasury Board and Finance.

Thank you.

The Chair: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

We shall now proceed to the vote. On the 2025-26 offices of the Legislative Assembly estimates general revenue fund pursuant to Standing Order 59.03(5), which requires that these estimates be decided without debate or amendment prior to the vote on the main estimates, I must now put the following question. On all matters relating to the 2025-26 offices of the Legislative Assembly estimates general revenue fund for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2026, \$165,823,000, are you agreed?

[The voice vote did not indicate agreement]

[Several members rose calling for a division. The division bell was rung at 3:07 p.m.]

[Fifteen minutes having elapsed, the committee divided]

[Ms Pitt in the chair]

For:

Amery	Johnson	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schow
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Schulz
Bouchard	Loewen	Sigurdson, R.J.
Cyr	Long	Sinclair
de Jonge	Lovely	Singh
Dreeshen	Lunty	Stephan
Dyck	McDougall	Turton
Ellis	McIver	van Dijken
Fir	Nally	Wiebe
Getson	Neudorf	Williams
Glubish	Nicolaides	Wilson
Guthrie	Nixon	Wright, J.
Horner	Petrovic	Yao
Hunter	Rowswell	Yaseen
Jean		

Against:

Dach	Hoffman	Sabir
Deol	Irwin	Schmidt
Ellingson	Kasawski	Shepherd
Elmeligi	Loyola	Sigurdson, L.
Eremenko	Metz	Wright, P.
Gray		

Totals: For – 46 Against – 16

[The Offices of the Legislative Assembly expense was carried]

Agreed to:
Offices of the Legislative Assembly \$165,823,000

The Chair: Two more questions for you. Shall the vote be reported?
Are you agreed?

Hon. Members: Agreed.

The Chair: Any opposed? Carried.

Vote on Main Estimates 2025-26

The Chair: We shall now proceed to the final vote on the main estimates.

[The voice vote did not indicate agreement]

[Several members rose calling for a division. The division bell was rung at 3:26 p.m.]

[One minute having elapsed, the committee divided]

[Ms Pitt in the chair]

For the motion:

Amery	Jean	Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk		Johnson Sawhney
Boitchenko	Jones	Schow
Bouchard	LaGrange	Schulz
Cyr	Loewen	Sigurdson, R.J.
de Jonge	Long	Singh
Dreeshen	Lovely	Stephan
Dyck	Lunty	Turton
Ellis	McDougall	van Dijken
Fir	McIver	Wiebe
Getson	Nally	Williams
Glubish	Neudorf	Wilson
Guthrie	Nicolaides	Wright, J.

Horner	Nixon	Yao
Hunter	Petrovic	Yaseen

3:30

Against the motion:

Dach	Hoffman	Schmidt
Deol	Irwin	Shepherd
Ellingson	Kasawski	Sigurdson, L.
Elmeligi	Loyola	Sinclair
Eremenko	Metz	Wright, P.
Gray	Sabir	

Totals: For – 45 Against – 17

[Motion carried]

The Chair: One more question on that. Shall the vote be reported?
Are you agreed?

Hon. Members: Agreed.

The Chair: Any opposed? Carried.

I would now like to invite the hon. Government House Leader to move that the committee rise and report the 2025-26 offices of the Legislative Assembly estimates, general revenue fund, and the 2025-26 government estimates, general revenue fund. The hon. Deputy Government House Leader.

Mr. Williams: Well, thank you, Madam Chair. I move that the committee rise and report the 2025-26 offices of the Legislative Assembly estimates, general revenue fund, and the 2025-26 government estimates, general revenue fund.

[Motion carried]

[The Speaker in the chair]

The Speaker: The hon. the Chair of Committees, the Deputy Speaker.

Ms Pitt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions relating to the 2025-26 offices of the Legislative Assembly estimates, general revenue fund, and the 2025-26 government estimates, general revenue fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again.

The following resolutions for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2026, have been approved.

Offices of the Legislative Assembly: support to the Legislative Assembly, \$89,683,000; office of the Auditor General, \$30,212,000; office of the Ombudsman, \$4,651,000; office of the Chief Electoral Officer, \$12,608,000; office of the Ethics Commissioner, \$1,091,000; office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, \$9,237,000; office of the Child and Youth Advocate, \$16,873,000; office of the Public Interest Commissioner, \$1,468,000.

Government main estimates.

Advanced Education: expense, \$2,834,146,000; capital investment, \$1,050,000; financial transactions, \$990,900,000.

Affordability and Utilities: expense, \$119,581,000; capital investment, \$25,000; financial transactions, \$94,279,000.

Agriculture and Irrigation: expense, \$788,336,000; capital investment, \$9,215,000.

Arts, Culture and Status of Women: expense, \$222,049,000; capital investment, \$2,331,000; financial transactions, \$2,590,000.

Children and Family Services: expense, \$1,225,203,000; capital investment, \$1,310,000.

Education: expense, \$5,977,805,000; capital investment, \$565,000; financial transactions, \$17,285,000.

Energy and Minerals: expense, \$683,390,000; capital investment, \$500,000.

Environment and Protected Areas: expense, \$550,024,000; capital investment, \$45,231,000; financial transactions, \$808,000.

Executive Council: expense, \$67,382,000; capital investment, \$25,000.

Forestry and Parks: expense, \$364,929,000; capital investment, \$106,514,000; financial transactions, \$14,110,000.

Health: expense, \$22,353,994,000; capital investment, \$30,430,000; financial transactions, \$162,789,000.

Immigration and Multiculturalism: expense, \$41,823,000; capital investment, \$25,000.

Indigenous Relations: expense, \$230,284,000; capital investment, \$25,000.

Infrastructure: expense, \$501,925,000; capital investment, \$1,857,746,000; financial transactions, \$13,964,000.

Jobs, Economy and Trade: expense, \$2,216,618,000; capital investment, \$8,150,000.

Justice: expense, \$692,601,000; capital investment, \$17,599,000.

Mental Health and Addiction: expense, \$1,775,525,000; capital investment, \$16,625,000.

Municipal Affairs: expense, \$1,367,335,000; capital investment, \$145,000.

Public Safety and Emergency Services: expense, \$1,243,209,000; capital investment, \$23,315,000; financial transactions, \$37,118,000.

Seniors, Community and Social Services: expense, \$10,255,349,000; capital investment, \$4,072,000; financial transactions, \$19,700,000.

Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction: expense, \$211,573,000; capital investment, \$72,330,000; financial transactions, \$5,500,000.

Technology and Innovation: expense, \$921,498,000; capital investment, \$158,628,000; financial transactions, \$25,000,000.

Tourism and Sport: expense, \$133,983,000; capital investment, \$25,000.

Transportation and Economic Corridors: expense, \$1,833,019,000; capital investment, \$1,561,812,000; financial transactions, \$129,461,000.

Treasury Board and Finance: expense, \$214,145,000; capital investment, \$75,000; contingency, \$4,000,000,000.

Mr. Speaker, that concludes my report.

The Speaker: If the hon. Chair of Committees might clarify the amount of the financial transactions for Transportation and Economic Corridors.

Ms Pitt: Transportation and Economic Corridors: financial transactions, \$129,461,000.

The Speaker: Hon. members, does the Assembly concur in the report? If so, please say aye.

Hon. Members: Aye.

The Speaker: Any opposed, please say no. In my opinion, the ayes have it. That motion is carried and so ordered.

Introduction of Bills

(*reversion*)

The Speaker: The hon. the Minister of Finance and the President of Treasury Board.

Bill 42 Appropriation Act, 2025

Mr. Horner: Mr. Speaker, I request leave to introduce Bill 42, the Appropriation Act, 2025. This being a money bill, Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the contents of this bill, recommends the same to the Assembly.

The bill requests a total of \$66.3 billion from the general revenue fund to provide funding to the government of \$56.8 billion for expense, \$3.9 billion for capital investments, \$1.5 billion for financial transactions, and \$4 billion for contingencies. Additionally, the bill requests a total of \$166 million for the Legislative Assembly expenses for the year as detailed in the offices of the Legislative Assembly estimates. I ask all my colleagues in the Assembly to support this bill so we can fulfill our commitments to Alberta and keep our economy moving forward.

Thank you.

[Motion carried; Bill 42 read a first time]

Mr. Williams: Mr. Speaker, after the passing of the first reading of the Appropriations Act I believe it is deeply appropriate to act and move that the Assembly stand adjourned until 1:30 on the next available Monday.

[Motion carried; the Assembly adjourned at 3:40 p.m.]

Bill Status Report for the 31st Legislature - 1st Session (2023-2025)

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The Bill sponsor's name is in brackets following the Bill title. If it is a money Bill, (\$) will appear between the title and the sponsor's name. Numbers following each Reading refer to Hansard pages where the text of debates is found; dates for each Reading are in brackets following the page numbers. Bills numbered 1 to 200 are Government Bills. Bills numbered 201 or higher are Private Members' Public Bills. Bills numbered with a "Pr" prefix are Private Bills.

* An asterisk beside a Bill number indicates an amendment was passed to that Bill; the Committee line shows the precise date of the amendment.

The date a Bill comes into force is indicated in square brackets after the date of Royal Assent. If a Bill comes into force "on proclamation," "with exceptions," or "on various dates," please contact Legislative Counsel, Alberta Justice, for details at 780.427.2217. The chapter number assigned to the Bill is entered immediately following the date the Bill comes into force. SA indicates Statutes of Alberta; this is followed by the year in which it is included in the statutes, and its chapter number. Please note, Private Bills are not assigned chapter number until the conclusion of the Fall Sitzings.

Bill 1 — Alberta Taxpayer Protection Amendment Act, 2023 (Smith)

First Reading — 10 (*Oct. 30, 2023 aft., passed*)
Second Reading — 57-58 (*Nov. 1, 2023 aft.*), 96-97 (*Nov. 2, 2023 aft., passed*)
Committee of the Whole — 145-47 (*Nov. 7, 2023 aft., passed*)
Third Reading — 147-54 (*Nov. 7, 2023 aft., passed on division*)
Royal Assent — (*Dec. 7, 2023 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on December 7, 2023; SA 2023 c6]

Bill 2 — Alberta Pension Protection Act (Horner)

First Reading — 89-90 (*Nov. 2, 2023 aft., passed*)
Second Reading — 154-55 (*Nov. 7, 2023 aft.*), 274-85 (*Nov. 21, 2023 aft.*), 336-43 (*Nov. 23, 2023 aft.*), 394-400 (*Nov. 28, 2023 aft.*), 424-30 (*Nov. 29, 2023 aft., passed*)
Committee of the Whole — 522-30 (*Dec. 5, 2023 aft.*), 552-59 (*Dec. 6, 2023 eve., passed*)
Third Reading — 565 (*Dec. 6, 2023 eve.*), 583-90 (*Dec. 6, 2023 eve., passed on division*)
Royal Assent — (*Dec. 7, 2023 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on December 7, 2023; SA 2023 cA-29.5]

Bill 3 — Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Amendment Act, 2023 (Williams)

First Reading — 22 (*Oct. 31, 2023 aft., passed*)
Second Reading — 90-93 (*Nov. 2, 2023 aft.*), 180-87 (*Nov. 8, 2023 aft.*), 272-73 (*Nov. 21, 2023 aft., passed*)
Committee of the Whole — 307-09 (*Nov. 22, 2023 aft., passed*)
Third Reading — 334-36 (*Nov. 23, 2023 aft., passed*)
Royal Assent — (*Dec. 7, 2023 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on December 7, 2023; SA 2023 c10]

Bill 4 — Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 (\$) (Horner)

First Reading — 55 (*Nov. 1, 2023 aft., passed*)
Second Reading — 159-63 (*Nov. 7, 2023 aft.*), 155-56 (*Nov. 7, 2023 aft.*), 187-90 (*Nov. 8, 2023 aft., passed*)
Committee of the Whole — 309-13 (*Nov. 22, 2023 aft., passed*)
Third Reading — 336 (*Nov. 23, 2023 aft., passed*)
Royal Assent — (*Dec. 7, 2023 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on various dates; SA 2023 c13]

Bill 5* — Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023 (Horner)

First Reading — 55-56 (*Nov. 1, 2023 aft., passed*)
Second Reading — 156-57 (*Nov. 7, 2023 aft.*), 190-97 (*Nov. 8, 2023 aft.*), 265-72 (*Nov. 21, 2023 aft.*), 403-09 (*Nov. 28, 2023 aft.*), 430-35 (*Nov. 29, 2023 aft., passed*)
Committee of the Whole — 456 (*Nov. 30, 2023 aft., passed*), 519-22 (*Dec. 5, 2023 aft., recommitted*), 559-62, 563-64 (*Dec. 6, 2023 eve., passed with amendments on division*)
Third Reading — 515 (*Dec. 5, 2023 aft., recommitted to Committee of the Whole*), 564-55 (*Dec. 6, 2023 eve.*), 575-83 (*Dec. 6, 2023 eve., passed on division*)
Royal Assent — (*Dec. 7, 2023 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on Proclamation; SA 2023 c12]

Bill 6 — Public Health Amendment Act, 2023 (Amery)

First Reading — 90 (*Nov. 2, 2023 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 157-58 (*Nov. 7, 2023 aft.*), 313-20 (*Nov. 22, 2023 aft.*), 435-38 (*Nov. 29, 2023 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 456-62 (*Nov. 30, 2023 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 462 (*Nov. 30, 2023 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Dec. 7, 2023 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on December 7, 2023; SA 2023 c11]

Bill 7 — Engineering and Geoscience Professions Amendment Act, 2023 (Sawhney)

First Reading — 111 (*Nov. 6, 2023 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 158-59 (*Nov. 7, 2023 aft.*), 273-74 (*Nov. 21, 2023 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 400-03 (*Nov. 28, 2023 aft.*), 423-24 (*Nov. 29, 2023 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 514-15 (*Dec. 5, 2023 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Dec. 7, 2023 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on December 7, 2023; SA 2023 c7]

Bill 8 — Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 (Amery)

First Reading — 209 (*Nov. 9, 2023 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 299-307 (*Nov. 22, 2023 aft.*), 438-41 (*Nov. 29, 2023 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 515-18 (*Dec. 5, 2023 aft.*), 546-52 (*Dec. 6, 2023 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 564 (*Dec. 6, 2023 eve.*), 569-75 (*Dec. 6, 2023 eve., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Dec. 7, 2023 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on various dates; SA 2023 c8]

Bill 9 — Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 (Schow)

First Reading — 478 (*Dec. 4, 2023 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 513-14 (*Dec. 5, 2023 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 546 (*Dec. 6, 2023 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 590-92 (*Dec. 7, 2023 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Dec. 7, 2023 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on December 7, 2023; SA 2023 c9]

Bill 10 — Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (\$) (Horner)

First Reading — 673 (*Mar. 12, 2024 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 705-16 (*Mar. 14, 2024 aft.*), 868-73 (*Mar. 26, 2024 aft.*), 904-05 (*Mar. 27, 2024 aft.*), 899-901 (*Mar. 27, 2024 aft.*), 970-75 (*Apr. 9, 2024 aft.*), 1003-05 (*Apr. 10, 2024 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1005-09 (*Apr. 10, 2024 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 1040-43 (*Apr. 11, 2024 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*May 16, 2024 aft.*) [Comes into force on various dates; SA 2024 c4]

Bill 11 — Public Safety Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (Ellis)

First Reading — 685 (*Mar. 13, 2024 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 976-90 (*Apr. 9, 2024 aft.*), 1009-15 (*Apr. 10, 2024 aft.*), 1091-96 (*Apr. 16, 2024 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1217-20 (*Apr. 23, 2024 aft.*), 1334-1341 (*May 7, 2024 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 1448-55 (*May 14, 2024 aft., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*May 16, 2024 aft.*) [Comes into force May 16, 2024, except section 1, which comes into force on proclamation; SA 2024 c6]

Bill 12* — Consumer Protection (Life Leases) Amendment Act, 2024 (Nally)

First Reading — 727 (*Mar. 18, 2024 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1015-22 (*Apr. 10, 2024 aft.*), 1043-46 (*Apr. 11, 2024 aft.*), 1096-102 (*Apr. 16, 2024 aft.*), 1135-40 (*Apr. 17, 2024 aft., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 1220 (*Apr. 23, 2024 aft.*), 1239-48 (*Apr. 24, 2024 aft., passed with amendments*)

Third Reading — 1367-74 (*May 8, 2024 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*May 16, 2024 aft.*) [Comes into force May 16, 2024; SA 2024 c3]

Bill 13 — Real Property Governance Act (Guthrie)

First Reading — 779 (*Mar. 21, 2024 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1102-09 (*Apr. 16, 2024 aft.*), 1132-35 (*Apr. 17, 2024 aft.*), 1161-63 (*Apr. 18, 2024 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1220-28 (*Apr. 23, 2024 aft.*), 1341-43 (*May 7, 2024 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 1395-1400 (*May 9, 2024 aft., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*May 16, 2024 aft.*) [Comes into force May 16, 2024, with some sections deemed to have come into force on March 21, 2024; SA 2024 cR-5.3]

Bill 14 — Appropriation Act, 2024 (\$) (Horner)

First Reading — 791 (*Mar. 21, 2024 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 855-63 (*Mar. 26, 2024 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 887-93 (*Mar. 27, 2024 aft., adjourned*), 903 (*Mar. 27, 2024 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 920-24 (*Mar. 28, 2024 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Mar. 28, 2024 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on March 28, 2024; SA 2024 c1]

Bill 15 — Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2024 (\$) (Horner)

First Reading — 841 (*Mar. 25, 2024 eve., passed*)

Second Reading — 863-68 (*Mar. 26, 2024 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 893-99 (*Mar. 27, 2024 aft., adjourned*), 901-04 (*Mar. 27, 2024 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 924 (*Mar. 28, 2024 aft., passed*), 920 (*Mar. 28, 2024 aft.*)

Royal Assent — (*Mar. 28, 2024 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on March 28, 2024; SA 2024 c2]

Bill 16 — Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (Nally)

First Reading — 935-36 (*Apr. 8, 2024 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1127-32 (*Apr. 17, 2024 aft.*), 1248-53 (*Apr. 24, 2024 aft.*), 1279-82 (*Apr. 25, 2024 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1456-60 (*May 14, 2024 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 1490-92 (*May 15, 2024 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*May 16, 2024 aft.*) [Comes into force on various dates; SA 2024 c7]

Bill 17 — Canadian Centre of Recovery Excellence Act (Williams)

First Reading — 959 (*Apr. 9, 2024 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1156-61 (*Apr. 18, 2024 aft.*), 1272-79 (*Apr. 25, 2024 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1361-67 (*May 8, 2024 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 1464-66 (*May 14, 2024 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*May 16, 2024 aft.*) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2024 cC-1.5]

Bill 18* — Provincial Priorities Act (Smith)

First Reading — 993 (*Apr. 10, 2024 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1122-27 (*Apr. 17, 2024 aft.*), 1209-17 (*Apr. 23, 2024 aft.*), 1253-60 (*Apr. 24, 2024 aft.*), 1329-34 (*May 7, 2024 aft.*), 1533-40 (*May 21, 2024 aft., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 1540-42 (*May 21, 2024 aft.*), 1569-77 (*May 22, 2024 aft., passed with amendments*)

Third Reading — 1664-68 (*May 28, 2024 aft.*), 1692-99 (*May 28, 2024 eve., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*May 30, 2024 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2024 cP-35.5]

Bill 19 — Utilities Affordability Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (Neudorf)

First Reading — 1177 (*Apr. 22, 2024 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1344-48 (*May 7, 2024 aft.*), 1400-03 (*May 9, 2024 aft.*), 1455-56 (*May 14, 2024 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1460-64 (*May 14, 2024 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 1492-96 (*May 15, 2024 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*May 16, 2024 aft.*) [Comes into force on various dates; SA 2024 c8]

Bill 20* — Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (McIver)

First Reading — 1271 (*Apr. 25, 2024 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1374-82 (*May 8, 2024 aft.*), 1562-69 (*May 22, 2024 aft., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 1591-94 (*May 23, 2024 aft.*), 1669-75 (*May 28, 2024 aft., passed with amendments*)

Third Reading — 1699-1700 (*May 28, 2024 eve.*), 1712-13 (*May 28, 2024 eve.*), 1729-35 (*May 29, 2024 aft., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*May 30, 2024 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on proclamation, except ss 2(24) and (25), which come into force on January 1, 2025; SA 2024 c11]

Bill 21 — Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (Ellis)

First Reading — 1394 (*May 9, 2024 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1508-19 (*May 16, 2024 aft.*), 1542-48 (*May 21, 2024 aft.*), 1634-41 (*May 27, 2024 eve., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 1649-50 (*May 27, 2024 eve.*), 1675-81 (*May 28, 2024 aft.*), 1683-84 (*May 28, 2024 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 1700-01 (*May 28, 2024 eve.*), 1704--11 (*May 28, 2024 eve., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*May 30, 2024 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force May 30, 2024; SA 2024 c9]

Bill 22 — Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (LaGrange)

First Reading — 1447 (*May 14, 2024 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1594-1600 (*May 23, 2024 aft.*), 1641-48 (*May 27, 2024 eve., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 1650 (*May 27, 2024 eve.*), 1684-90 (*May 28, 2024 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 1700-01 (*May 28, 2024 eve.*), 1713-15 (*May 28, 2024 eve.*), 1735-41 (*May 29, 2024 aft., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*May 30, 2024 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2024 c10]

Bill 24* — Alberta Bill of Rights Amendment Act, 2024 (Amery)

First Reading — 1754-55 (*Oct. 28, 2024 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1788-1805 (*Oct. 29, 2024 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1819-36 (*Oct. 30, 2024 aft.*), 2051-58 (*Nov. 20, 2024 aft.*), 2082 (*Nov. 21, 2024 aft.*), 2144-45 (*Nov. 26, 2024 aft., passed with amendments*)

Third Reading — 2171-72 (*Nov. 27, 2024 aft., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Dec. 5, 2024 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force December 5, 2024; SA 2024 c12]

Bill 25 — Early Learning and Child Care Amendment Act, 2024 (Jones)

First Reading — 1818 (*Oct. 30, 2024 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1855-56 (*Oct. 31, 2024 aft.*), 1907-12 (*Nov. 5, 2024 aft.*), 2027-29 (*Nov. 19, 2024 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 2189 (*Nov. 27, 2024 aft.*), 1717-20 (*Nov. 27, 2024 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 2222-27 (*Nov. 28, 2024 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Dec. 5, 2024 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2024 c13]

Bill 26 — Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2) (LaGrange)

First Reading — 1848 (*Oct. 31, 2024 aft., passed on division*)

Second Reading — 1900-07 (*Nov. 5, 2024 aft.*), 1969-77 (*Nov. 7, 2024 aft.*), 2137-40 (*Nov. 26, 2024 aft., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 2145-50 (*Nov. 26, 2024 aft.*), 2172-77 (*Nov. 27, 2024 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 2299-305 (*Dec. 3, 2024 aft., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Dec. 5, 2024 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on proclamation with exceptions; SA 2024 c16]

Bill 27* — Education Amendment Act, 2024 (Nicolaides)

First Reading — 1848 (*Oct. 31, 2024 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1912-20 (*Nov. 5, 2024 aft.*), 2020-27 (*Nov. 19, 2024 aft., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 2177-89 (*Nov. 27, 2024 eve., passed with amendments*)

Third Reading — 2305-11 (*Dec. 3, 2024 aft., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Dec. 5, 2024 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2024 c14]

Bill 28 — Meat Inspection Amendment Act, 2024 (Sigurdson, RJ)

First Reading — 1818 (*Oct. 30, 2024 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1854-55 (*Oct. 31, 2024 aft.*), 1966-69 (*Nov. 7, 2024 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 2058-60 (*Nov. 20, 2024 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 2066-68 (*Nov. 20, 2024 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Dec. 5, 2024 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force December 5, 2024; SA 2024 c18]

Bill 29 — Fairness and Safety in Sport Act (Schow)

First Reading — 1848-49 (*Oct. 31, 2024 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1934-40 (*Nov. 6, 2024 aft.*), 2088-92 (*Nov. 21, 2024 aft.*), 2140-44 (*Nov. 26, 2024 aft., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 2150-52 (*Nov. 26, 2024 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 2311-14 (*Dec. 3, 2024 aft., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Dec. 5, 2024 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2024 cF-2.5]

Bill 30* — Service Alberta Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (Nally)

First Reading — 1868 (*Nov. 4, 2024 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1946-53 (*Nov. 6, 2024 aft.*), 2068-70 (*Nov. 20, 2024 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 2082-88 (*Nov. 21, 2024 aft.*), 1720-24 (*Nov. 27, 2024 eve., passed with amendments*)

Third Reading — 2227-31 (*Nov. 28, 2024 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Dec. 5, 2024 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2024 c20]

Bill 31 — Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (Amery)

First Reading — 1898 (*Nov. 5, 2024 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 2029-35 (*Nov. 19, 2024 aft.*), 2270-78 (*Dec. 2, 2024 eve., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 2319-23 (*Dec. 3, 2024 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 2376-79 (*Dec. 4, 2024 eve., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Dec. 5, 2024 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force December 5, 2024, except s. 1(4), which comes into force on proclamation, SA 2024 c17]

Bill 32 — Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (No. 2) (\$) (Horner)

First Reading — 1868 (*Nov. 4, 2024 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1940-46 (*Nov. 6, 2024 aft.*), 1724-27 (*Nov. 27, 2024 eve., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 2314-17 (*Dec. 3, 2024 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 2336-37 (*Dec. 3, 2024 eve.*), 2366-69 (*Dec. 4, 2024 aft.*), 2379-89 (*Dec. 4, 2024 eve., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Dec. 5, 2024 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on various dates; SA 2024 c15]

Bill 33* — Protection of Privacy Act (Glubish)

First Reading — 1931 (*Nov. 6, 2024 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 2060-66 (*Nov. 20, 2024 aft.*), 1727-31 (*Nov. 27, 2024 eve.*), 2231-33 (*Nov. 28, 2024 aft.*), 2278-80 (*Dec. 2, 2024 eve., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 2351-57 (*Dec. 4, 2024 aft., passed with amendments*)

Third Reading — 2360-63 (*Dec. 4, 2024 aft., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Dec. 5, 2024 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on the proclamation of SA 2024, cA-1.4; SA 2024 cP-28.5]

Bill 34* — Access to Information Act (Nally)

First Reading — 1931 (*Nov. 6, 2024 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 2035-38 (*Nov. 19, 2024 aft.*), 2153-57 (*Nov. 26, 2024 aft.*), 2259-66 (*Dec. 2, 2024 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 2281-84 (*Dec. 2, 2024 eve.*), 2323-32 (*Dec. 3, 2024 eve., passed with amendments*)

Third Reading — 2363-66 (*Dec. 4, 2024 aft., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Dec. 5, 2024 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2024 cA-1.4]

Bill 35 — All-season Resorts Act (Schow)

First Reading — 1965-66 (*Nov. 7, 2024 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1731-36 (*Nov. 27, 2024 eve.*), 2266 (*Dec. 2, 2024 aft.*), 2267-70 (*Dec. 2, 2024 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 2332-35 (*Dec. 3, 2024 eve.*), 2357-59 (*Dec. 4, 2024 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 2371-76 (*Dec. 4, 2024 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Dec. 5, 2024 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2024 cA-38.5]

Bill 36 — Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (Schow)

First Reading — (*Nov. 20, 2024 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 2280-81 (*Dec. 2, 2024 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 2335-36 (*Dec. 3, 2024 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 2389-90 (*Dec. 4, 2024 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Dec. 5, 2024 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on various dates; SA 2024 c19]

Bill 37 — Mental Health Services Protection Amendment Act, 2025 (Williams)

First Reading — 2402 (*Feb. 25, 2025 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 2441-50 (*Feb. 26, 2025 aft., adjourned*)

Bill 38 — Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 (Nally)

First Reading — 2437 (*Feb. 26, 2025 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 2534-44 (*Mar. 13, 2025 aft., adjourned*)

Bill 39 — Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 (\$) (Horner)

First Reading — 2478 (*Mar. 10, 2025 aft., passed*)

Bill 40 — Professional Governance Act (Sawhney)

First Reading — 2499 (*Mar. 11, 2025 aft., passed*)

Bill 41 — Wildlife Amendment Act, 2025 (Loewen)

First Reading — 2511 (*Mar. 12, 2025 aft., passed*)

Bill 42 — Appropriation Act, 2025 (\$) (Horner)

First Reading — 2618 (*Mar. 20, 2025 aft., passed*)

Bill 44 — Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2025 (Sigurdson, RJ)

First Reading — 2577 (*Mar. 18, 2025 aft., passed*)

Bill 45 — Critical Infrastructure Defence Amendment Act, 2025 (Amery)

First Reading — 2597 (*Mar. 19, 2025 aft., passed*)

Bill 46 — Information and Privacy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 (Glubish)

First Reading — 2613 (*Mar. 20, 2025 aft., passed*)

Bill 201 — Alberta Health Care Insurance (Access Fees) Amendment Act, 2023 (Brar)

First Reading — 90 (*Nov. 2, 2023 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 114-25 (*Nov. 6, 2023 aft.*), 234-37 (*Nov. 20, 2023 aft., reasoned amendment agreed to on division; not proceeded with*)

Bill 202 — Education (Class Size and Composition) Amendment Act, 2023 (Chapman)

First Reading — 209 (*Nov. 9, 2023 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 237-46 (*Nov. 20, 2023 aft.*), 358-64 (*Nov. 27, 2023 aft., defeated on division; not proceeded with*)

Bill 203 — Foreign Credential Advisory Committee Act (Dyck)

First Reading — 111 (*Nov. 6, 2023 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 364-70 (*Nov. 27, 2023 aft.*), 479-86 (*Dec. 4, 2023 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 730-43 (*Mar. 18, 2024 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 805-12 (*Mar. 25, 2024 aft., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Mar. 28, 2024 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on June 28, 2024; SA 2024 cF-16.5]

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

First Reading — 332 (*Nov. 23, 2023 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 486-92 (*Dec. 4, 2023 aft.*), 649-58 (*Mar. 11, 2024 aft., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 812-17 (*Mar. 25, 2024 aft.*), 938-48 (*Apr. 8, 2024 aft., passed on division*)

Third Reading — 1059-66 (*Apr. 15, 2024 aft., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*May 16, 2024 aft.*) [Comes into force May 16, 2024; SA 2024 c5]

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

First Reading — 510 (*Dec. 5, 2023 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 658-62 (*Mar. 11, 2024 aft.*), 948-50 (*Apr. 8, 2024 aft.*), 1066-71 (*Apr. 15, 2024 aft.*), 1178-81 (*Apr. 22, 2024 aft., defeated on division; not proceeded with*)

Bill 206* — Child and Youth Advocate (Parent and Guardian Liaison) Amendment Act, 2024 (Cyr)

First Reading — 917-18 (*Mar. 28, 2024 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1181-90 (*Apr. 22, 2024 aft.*), 1294-1300 (*May 6, 2024 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 2491-92 (*Mar. 10, 2025 aft.*), 2557-70 (*Mar. 17, 2025 aft., passed with amendments on division*)

Bill 207 — Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Education (Valuing Skilled Workers) Amendment Act, 2024 (Hoyle)

First Reading — 1152-53 (*Apr. 18, 2024 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1300-09 (*May 6, 2024 aft.*), 1417-20 (*May 13, 2024 aft., defeated on division; not proceeded with*)

Bill 208 — Psycho-Educational Assessment Access Act (Hayter)

First Reading — 1359 (*May 8, 2024 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1420-29 (*May 13, 2024 aft., adjourned*)

Bill 209 — Reconciliation Implementation Act (Arcand-Paul)

First Reading — 1868-69 (*Nov. 4, 2024 aft., passed*)

Bill 210 — Employment Standards (Protecting Workers' Tips) Amendment Act, 2024 (Gray)

First Reading — 2350 (*Dec. 4, 2024 aft., passed*)

Bill 211 — Arts and Creative Economy Advisory Council Act (Ceci)

First Reading — 1590 (*May 23, 2024 aft., passed*)

Bill 212 — Organ and Tissue Donor Information Agreement Act (Metz)

First Reading — 1663 (*May 28, 2024 aft., passed*)

Bill 213 — Cancer Care Delivery Standards Act (Goehring)

First Reading — 2298 (*Dec. 3, 2024 aft., passed*)

Bill 214 — Eastern Slopes Protection Act (Miyashiro)

First Reading — 1729 (*May 29, 2024 aft., passed*)

Bill 215 — Prohibiting Ownership of Agricultural Lands (Pension Plans and Trust Corporations) Act (van Dijken)

First Reading — 2221 (*Nov. 28, 2024 aft., passed*)

Bill Pr1 — St. Joseph's College Amendment Act, 2023 (Sigurdson, L)

First Reading — 289 (*Nov. 22, 2023 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills*), 421 (*Nov. 29, 2023 aft., reported to Assembly; proceeded with*)

Second Reading — 455 (*Nov. 30, 2023 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 515 (*Dec. 5, 2023 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 530 (*Dec. 5, 2023 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Dec. 7, 2023 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on December 7, 2023; SA 2023 c14]

Bill Pr2* — Community Foundation of Medicine Hat and Southeastern Alberta Amendment Act, 2024 (Justin Wright)

First Reading — 918 (*Mar. 28, 2024 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills*)

Second Reading — 1633 (*May 27, 2024 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1691 (*May 28, 2024 eve., passed with amendments*)

Third Reading — 1711 (*May 28, 2024 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*May 30, 2024 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on May 30, 2024; SA 2024 c21]

Bill Pr3 — Providence Renewal Centre Amendment Act, 2024 (Calahoo Stonehouse)

First Reading — 918 (*Mar. 28, 2024 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills*)

Second Reading — 1633 (*May 27, 2024 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1691 (*May 28, 2024 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 1711 (*May 28, 2024 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*May 30, 2024 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on May 30, 2024; SA 2024 c22]

Bill Pr4 — Rosebud School of the Arts Amendment Act, 2024 (Petrovic)

First Reading — 918 (*Mar. 28, 2024 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills*)

Second Reading — 1633-34 (*May 27, 2024 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1691 (*May 28, 2024 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 1711-12 (*May 28, 2024 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*May 30, 2024 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on May 30, 2024; SA 2024 c23]

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