

Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 19

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Thirty-First Legislature

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Hon. Greg Stevens, Member for Banff-Cochrane, 1979 to 1989, who passed away on October 24, 2023.

Members' Statements

Ms Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie-East, made a statement regarding the anniversary of the École Polytechnique massacre and gender-based violence.

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding Government priorities during the 2023 Fall Sitting in contrast to those of the New Democratic Party.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement and read a poem regarding Government accomplishments during the past year.

MLA Tejada, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting front-line healthcare workers.

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Irma Gray.

Hon. MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the need for more Government support for arts and culture in Alberta.

Presenting Petitions

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 101 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation to amend the Workers' Compensation Act to extend presumptive coverage for workplace injuries related to post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other traumatic mental health injuries to all nurses who hold a practice permit or are registered with a college of a regulated profession under the Health Professions Act.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Sigurdson, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, pursuant to the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, cM-4, s14(2):

Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council Annual Report 2022-2023 Sessional Paper 180/2023

Hon. Mr. Williams, Minister of Mental Health and Addiction:

3 website articles containing the phrase "suck and blow"

Sessional Paper 181/2023

6 social media posts containing the phrase "suck and blow"

Sessional Paper 182/2023

Edmonton Journal website article dated June 11, 2021, entitled "NDP calls for safe supply of drugs, other actions to curb Alberta's overdose crisis" Sessional Paper 183/2023

15 social media posts containing the phrase "safe supply"

Sessional Paper 184/2023

Hon. Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader:

National Post website article dated March 13, 2014, entitled "Suck and blow every day': Appalled by Alberta's 'disrespectful' MLAs, school swears off legislature visits," relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Gray in the Assembly on December 5, 2023

Sessional Paper 185/2023

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

Lyrics to the song "Let's Call the Whole Thing Off"

Sessional Paper 186/2023

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud:

5 pieces of correspondence from Rick Pollard expressing concern regarding a proposed Alberta pension plan, relating to comments made by Ms Pancholi during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 2, Alberta Pension Protection Act, on December 5, 2023

Sessional Paper 187/2023

Mrs. Petrovic, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod:

Letter dated May 24, 2016, from Hon. Margaret McCuaig-Boyd, Minister of Energy, to Jim Ellis, President and Chief Executive Officer of Alberta Energy Regulator, regarding surface coal mine applications on coal category 2 land Sessional Paper 188/2023

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Wilson, Minister of Indigenous Relations:

Premier's Council on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two Spirit Plus People 2022-2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 189/2023

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services, pursuant to the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Act, cP-21, s7(2):

Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities 2022-23 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 190/2023

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

Government Motions

19. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 2, Alberta Pension Protection Act, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Schow and Hon. Mr. Sabir commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 43

Armstrong-Homeniuk	Johnson	Rowswell
Boitchenko	Jones	Sawhney
Bouchard	LaGrange	Schow
Cyr	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
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 (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Petrovic	Yao
Hunter	Pitt	Yaseen
Jean		
Against the motion: 20		
Batten	Elmeligi	Metz
Boparai	Eremenko	Phillips
Brar	Hayter	Renaud

Hoyle

Kayande

Loyola

Ip

20. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Ceci

Deol

Chapman

Ellingson

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 8, Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Sabir

Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Schow and Hon. Mr. Sabir commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 45

Amery Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jean Johnson	Rowswell Sawhney
Boitchenko	Jones	Schow
Bouchard	LaGrange	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Loewen	Sinclair
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 (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Petrovic	Yao
Hunter	Pitt	Yaseen
Against the motion: 19		
Batten	Elmeligi	Metz
Boparai	Hayter	Phillips
Brar	Hoyle	Renaud
Ceci	Ip	Sabir
Chapman	Kayande	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Deol	Loyola	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Ellingson	-	-

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 8 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, moved that the Bill be amended in section 1 as follows:

- (a) by striking out subsection (3) and substituting the following:
 - (3) Section 12(e) is amended by striking out "having a value greater than \$100";
- (b) in subsection (7), in the proposed section 47.1, by striking out clause (e).
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The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 20

Batten	Elmeligi	Metz
Boparai	Hayter	Phillips
Brar	Hoyle	Renaud
Ceci	Ip	Sabir
Chapman	Kasawski	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Deol	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Ellingson	Loyola	

Against the amendment: 44

Amery	Jean	Sawhney
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Armstrong-Homeniuk	Johnson	Schow
Boitchenko	Jones	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Bouchard	LaGrange	Sinclair
Cyr	Loewen	Singh
de Jonge	Long	Stephan
Dreeshen	Lovely	Turton
Dyck	Lunty	van Dijken
Ellis	McDougall	Wiebe
Fir	McIver	Williams
Getson	Nally	Wilson
Glubish	Neudorf	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Guthrie	Nicolaides	Yao
Horner	Petrovic	Yaseen
Hunter	Rowswell	
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Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, moved that the Bill be amended in section 1 by striking out subsection (7) and substituting the following:

(7) The following is added after the heading to Part 8:

Regulations

47.1 Subject to section 47.2, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations

- (a) defining any term or phrase used in section 7 but not defined in section 1;
- (b) prescribing the amount referred to in section 7(3)(a);
- (c) respecting the acceptance of tickets and invitations to events referred to in section 7(3)(b);
- (d) respecting the acceptance of waivers, payments and reimbursements referred to in section 7(3)(c);
- (e) prescribing the amount referred to in section 12(e).

Report on regulations

47.2(1) Within 3 months of the coming into force of this section and every 5 years after that, the Ethics Commissioner shall provide a report to the Speaker with recommendations in respect of the making or amending of regulations under section 47.1(b) to (e).

(2) The Speaker shall lay the report before the Legislative Assembly if it is then sitting or, if it is not then sitting, within 15 days after the commencement of the next sitting.

Pursuant to Government Motion 20, agreed to on December 6, 2023, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:22 p.m. the question was immediately put on amendment A4 to Bill 8, Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023, which was defeated. With Ms. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 21

Batten	Elmeligi	Loyola
Boparai	Eremenko	Metz
Brar	Hayter	Phillips
Ceci	Hoyle	Renaud
Chapman	Ip	Sabir
Deol	Kasawski	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ellingson	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

Against the amendment: 44

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

Pursuant to Government Motion 20, agreed to on December 6, 2023, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:27 p.m. the question was immediately put on the clauses of Bill 8, Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 20, agreed to on December 6, 2023, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:27 p.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble of Bill 8, Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 20, agreed to on December 6, 2023, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:27 p.m. the question was immediately put that Bill 8, Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023, be reported, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 2 Alberta Pension Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

(a) by striking out section 1 and substituting the following:

Definitions

1 In this Act,

(a) "Canada Pension Plan" means the comprehensive program of benefits payable to, and in respect of, contributors under the Canada Pension Plan (Canada);

(b) "provincial pension plan" has the same meaning as in subsection 3(1) of the Canada Pension Plan (Canada).

(b) in section 2

(i) by striking out subsection (2) and substituting the following:

(2) A member of the Executive Council must not. on behalf of the Government of Alberta, provide the written notice referred to in subsection 3(1)(b) of the Canada Pension Plan (Canada) with respect to the establishment and operation of a provincial pension plan unless the following conditions have been met:

(a) a referendum is first ordered under subsection (1) and held in accordance with this Act with respect to the establishment and operation of a provincial pension plan;

(b) the question or questions specified in the order must clearly ask the electors whether they support Alberta's withdrawal from the Canada Pension Plan;

(c) a majority of the ballots validly cast at the referendum must vote in support of Alberta's withdrawal from the Canada Pension Plan.

(2.1) For the purpose of subsection (2)(c), a majority of ballots cannot result from a question or questions that envisage other possibilities in addition to Alberta's withdrawal from the Canada Pension Plan that obscures the direct expression of the will of Albertans.

(ii) in subsection (3) by striking out clause (c) and substituting the following:

(c) that the results of the referendum are to be binding, and

(c) by striking out section 3 and substituting the following:

Referendum binding

3 If a majority of the ballots validly cast at a referendum ordered under section 2 vote the same way on a question stated, the result is binding on the government that initiated the referendum and that government must take, as soon as practicable. any steps within the competence of the Government of Alberta that it considers necessary or advisable to implement the result.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 31		
Batten	Goehring	Metz
Boparai	Gray	Notley
Brar	Haji	Pancholi
Ceci	Hayter	Phillips
Chapman	Hoffman	Renaud
Dach	Hoyle	Sabir
Deol	Ip	Shepherd
Eggen	Kasawski	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ellingson	Kayande	Tejada
Elmeligi	Loyola	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eremenko		
Against the amendment: 44		
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Amery	Jean	Sawhney
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Amery	Jean	2
Amery Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jean Johnson	Schow
Amery Armstrong-Homeniuk Boitchenko	Jean Johnson Jones	Schow Sigurdson (Highwood)
Amery Armstrong-Homeniuk Boitchenko Bouchard	Jean Johnson Jones LaGrange	Schow Sigurdson (Highwood) Sinclair
Amery Armstrong-Homeniuk Boitchenko Bouchard Cyr	Jean Johnson Jones LaGrange Loewen	Schow Sigurdson (Highwood) Sinclair Singh
Amery Armstrong-Homeniuk Boitchenko Bouchard Cyr de Jonge	Jean Johnson Jones LaGrange Loewen Long	Schow Sigurdson (Highwood) Sinclair Singh Stephan
Amery Armstrong-Homeniuk Boitchenko Bouchard Cyr de Jonge Dreeshen	Jean Johnson Jones LaGrange Loewen Long Lovely	Schow Sigurdson (Highwood) Sinclair Singh Stephan Turton
Amery Armstrong-Homeniuk Boitchenko Bouchard Cyr de Jonge Dreeshen Dyck	Jean Johnson Jones LaGrange Loewen Long Lovely Lunty	Schow Sigurdson (Highwood) Sinclair Singh Stephan Turton van Dijken
Amery Armstrong-Homeniuk Boitchenko Bouchard Cyr de Jonge Dreeshen Dyck Ellis	Jean Johnson Jones LaGrange Loewen Long Lovely Lunty McDougall	Schow Sigurdson (Highwood) Sinclair Singh Stephan Turton van Dijken Wiebe
Amery Armstrong-Homeniuk Boitchenko Bouchard Cyr de Jonge Dreeshen Dyck Ellis Fir	Jean Johnson Jones LaGrange Loewen Long Lovely Lunty McDougall McIver	Schow Sigurdson (Highwood) Sinclair Singh Stephan Turton van Dijken Wiebe Williams
Amery Armstrong-Homeniuk Boitchenko Bouchard Cyr de Jonge Dreeshen Dyck Ellis Fir Getson	Jean Johnson Jones LaGrange Loewen Long Lovely Lunty McDougall McIver Nally	Schow Sigurdson (Highwood) Sinclair Singh Stephan Turton van Dijken Wiebe Williams Wilson

Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, moved that the Bill be amended

(a) by renumbering section 7 as section 7(1), and

Rowswell

Hunter

(b) by adding the following immediately after subsection (1):

(2) No amount or assets held by the provincial pension plan, including an amount or asset acquired in respect of contributions made by a member of the provincial pension plan, shall be used for any purpose other than the operation of the provincial pension plan.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 32

Batten	Goehring	Metz
Boparai	Gray	Notley
Brar	Најі	Pancholi
Ceci	Hayter	Phillips
Chapman	Hoffman	Renaud
Dach	Hoyle	Sabir
Deol	Ip	Shepherd
Eggen	Irwin	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ellingson	Kasawski	Tejada
Elmeligi	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eremenko	Loyola	

Against the amendment: 44

Jean	Sawhney
Johnson	Schow
Jones	Sigurdson (Highwood)
LaGrange	Sinclair
Loewen	Singh
Long	Stephan
Lovely	Turton
Lunty	van Dijken
McDougall	Wiebe
McIver	Williams
Nally	Wilson
Neudorf	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Nicolaides	Yao
Petrovic	Yaseen
Rowswell	
	Johnson Jones LaGrange Loewen Long Lovely Lunty McDougall McIver Nally Neudorf Nicolaides Petrovic

Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, moved that the Bill be amended in section 4 by adding the following immediately after subsection (3):

(4) For greater certainty, the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act applies to every referendum held under this Act, irrespective of whether the referendum is held in conjunction with a general election under the Election Act, separately on the date provided for in an order made under section 2 or in conjunction with the general elections under the Local Authorities Act.

(5) If a third party applies under section 9.1 of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act to be registered in connection with a referendum for a provincial pension plan, the third party must advise the Chief Electoral Officer, with respect to each question put to the electors, whether

- (a) they are in support,
- (b) they are not in support, or
- (c) they take no position.
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(6) The Chief Electoral Officer must publish a list of each third party registered in connection with a referendum for a provincial pension plan, and the information required to be provided under subsection (5) in respect of the third party, on the Chief Electoral Officer's public website.

Pursuant to Government Motion 19, agreed to on December 6, 2023, and Standing Order 21(1), at 5:28 p.m. the question was immediately put on amendment A7 to Bill 2, Alberta Pension Protection Act, which was defeated. With Ms. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 29

Batten	Goehring	Metz
Boparai	Gray	Notley
Brar	Најі	Pancholi
Ceci	Hayter	Renaud
Dach	Hoffman	Sabir
Deol	Hoyle	Shepherd
Eggen	Ip	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ellingson	Irwin	Tejada
Elmeligi	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eremenko	Loyola	

Against the amendment: 44

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

Pursuant to Government Motion 19, agreed to on December 6, 2023, and Standing Order 21(1), at 5:33 p.m. the question was immediately put on the clauses of Bill 2, Alberta Pension Protection Act, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 19, agreed to on December 6, 2023, and Standing Order 21(1), at 5:33 p.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble of Bill 2, Alberta Pension Protection Act, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 19, agreed to on December 6, 2023, and Standing Order 21(1), at 5:33 p.m. the question was immediately put that Bill 2, Alberta Pension Protection Act, be reported, which was agreed to.

Sections 2 and 5 of the following recommitted Bill were taken under consideration:

Bill 5 Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Horner

MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, moved that the Bill be amended in section 5, as follows:

(a) in the proposed section 3.1, by adding the following immediately after subsection (4):

(5) An order made by the Minister to establish public sector compensation policies under subsection (1) is not considered to be a directive issued by the Minister for the purpose of section 4.

(6) On making an order under subsection (1), the Minister must, as soon as practicable, make the order publicly available.

(b) in the proposed section 3.2, by adding the following immediately after subsection (6):

(7) A compensation plan approved under this section is not considered to be information provided to the Minister for the purpose of section 4(2).

(8) On approving a compensation plan under this section, the Minister must, as soon as practicable, make the compensation plan publicly available.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 28

Batten	Goehring	Loyola
Boparai	Gray	Metz
Brar	Најі	Notley
Ceci	Hayter	Renaud
Dach	Hoffman	Sabir
Deol	Hoyle	Shepherd
Eggen	Ip	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ellingson	Irwin	Tejada
Elmeligi	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eremenko		

Against the amendment: 43

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

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(4), the Committee recessed at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 2 Alberta Pension Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 8 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Bill 9 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Schow

Progress was reported on sections 2 and 5 of the following recommitted Bill:

Bill 5 Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Horner

Mr. van Dijken, Deputy Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 8 (A3) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) -Defeated on division Sessional Paper 191/2023 Amendment to Bill 8 (A4) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) -Defeated on division Sessional Paper 192/2023 Amendment to Bill 2 (A5) (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West) - Defeated on division Sessional Paper 193/2023 Amendment to Bill 2 (A6) (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West) - Defeated on division Sessional Paper 194/2023 Amendment to Bill 2 (A7) (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West) - Defeated on division Sessional Paper 195/2023 Amendment to Bill 5 (A3) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow) - Defeated on division Sessional Paper 196/2023 Amendment to Bill 5 (A4) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow) - Adjourned Sessional Paper 197/2023

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

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Sections 2 and 5 of the following recommitted Bill were taken under consideration:

Bill 5 Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Horner

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by MLA Kayande, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, on December 6, 2023, that the Bill be amended in section 5 as follows:

(a) in the proposed sections 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5 by striking out "the Minister, by order, may" wherever it occurs and substituting "Subject to section 3.51, the Minister, by order, may";

(b) by adding the following immediately after section 3.5:

Consultation on proposed terms of order

3.51(1) The Minister may make an order under section 3.3, 3.4 or 3.5 only if the Minister conducts a public consultation in accordance with subsection (2).

(2) The Minister must, before making an order, do the following:

(a) for a period of at least 30 days

(i) publish on the website of the Department administered by the Minister a description of the order's proposed terms, and

(ii) provide a reasonable opportunity for members of the public to make written submissions to the Minister on the order's proposed terms;

(b) within 30 days of the last day of the period referred to in clause (a), publish on the website referred to in that clause a document summarizing the submissions received from members of the public on the order's proposed terms;

(c) consider the submissions received from members of the public on the order's proposed terms.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 32

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Kayande
Batten	Ganley	Loyola
Boparai	Goehring	Metz
Brar	Gray	Pancholi
Ceci	Најі	Phillips
Chapman	Hayter	Renaud
Dach	Hoffman	Shepherd
Deol	Hoyle	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eggen	Ip	Tejada
Ellingson	Irwin	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Elmeligi	Kasawski	

Against the amendment: 44

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

The question was put on the recommitted sections 2 and 5 of Bill 5, Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023, which was agreed to. With Ms Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 44

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

Against the motion: 33

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Kayande
Batten	Ganley	Loyola
Boparai	Goehring	Metz
Brar	Gray	Pancholi
Ceci	Најі	Phillips
Chapman	Hayter	Renaud
Dach	Hoffman	Sabir
Deol	Hoyle	Shepherd
Eggen	Ip	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ellingson	Irwin	Tejada
Elmeligi	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

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

Sections 2 and 5 of the following recommitted Bill were reported with some amendments:

Bill 5 Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Horner

Mr. van Dijken, Deputy Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 5 (A4) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow on December 6, 2023) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 197/2023

Third Reading

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

Bill 8 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Amery

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

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

Bill 5 Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Horner

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

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

Bill 2 Alberta Pension Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

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

Government Motions

21. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 2, Alberta Pension Protection Act, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Schow and Hon. Ms Gray commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 45

Amery Armstrong-Homeniuk Boitchenko	Jean Johnson Jones	Rowswell Sawhney Schow
Bouchard Cyr	LaGrange Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood) Sinclair
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 (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Petrovic	Yao
Hunter	Pitt	Yaseen
Against the motion: 32		
Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Loyola
Batten	Ganley	Metz
Boparai	Goehring	Pancholi
Brar	Gray	Phillips
Ceci	Најі	Renaud
Chapman	Hoffman	Sabir
Dach	Hoyle	Shepherd
Deol	Ip	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eggen	Irwin	Tejada
Ellingson	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Elmeligi	Kayande	

22. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 5, Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Schow and Hon. Mr. Eggen commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 45

Amery	Jean	Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Johnson	Sawhney
Boitchenko	Jones	Schow
Bouchard	LaGrange	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Loewen	Sinclair
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 (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Petrovic	Yao
Hunter	Pitt	Yaseen
Against the motion: 31		
Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Metz
Batten	Goehring	Notley
Boparai	Најі	Pancholi
Brar	Hoffman	Phillips
Ceci	Hoyle	Renaud
Chapman	Ip	Sabir
Dach	Irwin	Shepherd
Deol	Kasawski	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eggen	Kayande	Tejada
Ellingson	Loyola	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Elmeligi		

23. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 8, Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Schow and Hon. Mr. Sabir commented on the time allocation motion.

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

For the motion: 45

Amery	Jean	Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Johnson	Sawhney
Boitchenko	Jones	Schow
Bouchard	LaGrange	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Loewen	Sinclair
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 (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Petrovic	Yao
Hunter	Pitt	Yaseen
Against the motion: 31		
Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Metz
Batten	Goehring	Notley
Boparai	Најі	Pancholi
Brar	Hoffman	Phillips
Ceci	Hoyle	Renaud
Chapman	Ip	Sabir
Dach	Irwin	Shepherd
Deol	Kasawski	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eggen	Kayande	Tejada
Ellingson	Loyola	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Elmeligi		

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 8 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Amery

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 8, Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023, be not now read a Third time because the Assembly is of the view that it is not in the public interest to permit the Lieutenant Governor in Council to increase the value below which gifts accepted by Members of the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council do not need to be included in a disclosure statement filed with the Ethics Commissioner. Sessional Paper 198/2023

A debate followed on the amendment.

Pursuant to Government Motion 23, agreed to on December 6, 2023, and Standing Order 21(1), at 9:29 p.m. the question was immediately put on the amendment to the motion for Third Reading of Bill 8, Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023, which was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 33

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Kayande
Batten	Ganley	Loyola
Boparai	Goehring	Metz
Brar	Gray	Pancholi
Ceci	Најі	Phillips
Chapman	Hayter	Renaud
Dach	Hoffman	Sabir
Deol	Hoyle	Shepherd
Eggen	Ip	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ellingson	Irwin	Tejada
Elmeligi	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

Against the amendment: 45

Amery	Jean	Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Johnson	Sawhney
Boitchenko	Jones	Schow
Bouchard	LaGrange	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Loewen	Sinclair
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 (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Petrovic	Yao
Hunter	Pitt	Yaseen

Pursuant to Government Motion 23, agreed to on December 6, 2023, and Standing Order 21(1), at 9:34 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 8, Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023, which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 45

Amery	Jean	Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Johnson	Sawhney
Boitchenko	Jones	Schow
Bouchard	LaGrange	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Loewen	Sinclair
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 (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Petrovic	Yao
Hunter	Pitt	Yaseen

Against the motion: 33

Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Kayande
Batten	Ganley	Loyola
Boparai	Goehring	Metz
Brar	Gray	Pancholi
Ceci	Најі	Phillips
Chapman	Hayter	Renaud
Dach	Hoffman	Sabir
Deol	Hoyle	Shepherd
Eggen	Ip	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ellingson	Irwin	Tejada
Elmeligi	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

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

Bill 5 Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 5, Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023, be not now read a Third time because the Assembly is of the view that the Bill does not sufficiently protect the collective bargaining rights of public sector employees.

Sessional Paper 199/2023

A debate followed on the amendment.

Pursuant to Government Motion 22, agreed to on December 6, 2023, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:40 p.m. the question was immediately put on the amendment to the motion for Third Reading of Bill 5, Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023, which was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 34

Al-Guneid	Ganley	Loyola
Batten	Goehring	Metz
Boparai	Gray	Notley
Brar	Најі	Pancholi
Ceci	Hayter	Phillips
Chapman	Hoffman	Renaud
Dach	Hoyle	Sabir
Deol	Ip	Shepherd
Eggen	Irwin	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ellingson	Kasawski	Tejada
Elmeligi	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eremenko		

Against the amendment: 45

Amery	Jean	Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Johnson	Sawhney
Boitchenko	Jones	Schow
Bouchard	LaGrange	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Loewen	Sinclair
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 (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Petrovic	Yao
Hunter	Pitt	Yaseen

Pursuant to Government Motion 22, agreed to on December 6, 2023, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:45 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 5, Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023, which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 45

Amery	Jean	Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Johnson	Sawhney
Boitchenko	Jones	Schow
Bouchard	LaGrange	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Loewen	Sinclair
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 (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Petrovic	Yao
Hunter	Pitt	Yaseen

Against the motion: 34

Al-Guneid	Ganley	Loyola
Batten	Goehring	Metz
Boparai	Gray	Notley
Brar	Најі	Pancholi
Ceci	Hayter	Phillips
Chapman	Hoffman	Renaud
Dach	Hoyle	Sabir
Deol	Ip	Shepherd
Eggen	Irwin	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ellingson	Kasawski	Tejada
Elmeligi	Kayande	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eremenko	-	-

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

Bill 2 Alberta Pension Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Hon. Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 2, Alberta Pension Protection Act, be not now read a Third time because the Assembly is of the view that the provisions respecting referendum procedures would not establish the necessary conditions for a fair and impartial referendum process.

Sessional Paper 200/2023

A debate followed on the amendment.

Pursuant to Government Motion 21, agreed to on December 6, 2023, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:51 p.m. the question was immediately put on the amendment to the motion for Third Reading of Bill 2, Alberta Pension Protection Act, which was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 32

Al-Guneid Batten Boparai Brar Ceci Chapman Dach Deol Eggen Ellingson Elmeligi	Eremenko Ganley Goehring Gray Hayter Hoffman Hoyle Ip Irwin Kasawski Kayande	Metz Notley Pancholi Phillips Renaud Sabir Shepherd Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview) Tejada Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Against the amendment: 45		
Amery	Jean	Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Johnson	Sawhney
Boitchenko	Jones	Schow
Bouchard	LaGrange	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Loewen	Sinclair
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 (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Petrovic	Yao
Hunter	Pitt	Yaseen

Pursuant to Government Motion 21, agreed to on December 6, 2023, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:58 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 2, Alberta Pension Protection Act, which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 45

Amery Armstrong-Homeniuk Boitchenko Bouchard Cyr de Jonge	Jean Johnson Jones LaGrange Loewen Long	Rowswell Sawhney Schow Sigurdson (Highwood) Sinclair Singh
Dreeshen	Lovely	Stephan
Dyck	Lunty	Turton
Ellis	McDougall	van Dijken
Fir	McIver	Wiebe
Getson	Nally	Williams
Glubish	Neudorf	Wilson
Guthrie	Nicolaides	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Horner	Petrovic	Yao
Hunter	Pitt	Yaseen
Against the motion: 32		
Al-Guneid	Eremenko	Metz
Batten	Ganley	Notley
Boparai	Goehring	Pancholi
Brar	Gray	Phillips
Ceci	Hayter	Renaud
Chapman	Hoffman	Sabir
Dach	Hoyle	Shepherd
Deol	Ip	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eggen	Irwin	Tejada
Ellingson	Kasawski	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Elmeligi	Kayande	

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

Bill 9 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 — Hon. Mr. Schow

Privilege – Threatening a Member

Hon. Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, allegedly making threatening remarks concerning Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud.

The Speaker heard from Hon. Ms Gray.

The Speaker then advised that, as requested by Hon. Ms Gray and Hon. Mr. Schow, he would hear additional arguments at a later date.

A debate followed on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 9, Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2023.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 2 Alberta Pension Protection Act Hon. Mr. Horner
- Bill 5 Public Sector Employers Amendment Act, 2023 Hon. Mr. Horner
- Bill 8 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 Hon. Mr. Amery
- Bill 9 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2023 Hon. Mr. Schow

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 17, agreed to on December 5, 2023, and on advice from Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, to the Assembly that the business for the Fall Sitting is concluded, the Assembly adjourned at 12:15 a.m., December 7, 2023, until February 2024.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper, Speaker

Title: Wednesday, December 8, 2023