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TEN-THIRTY O'CLOCK A.M.

This being the first day of the first meeting of the Forty-third Parliament of the Province of British Columbia for the dispatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of the Honourable JANET AUSTIN, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, dated the 24th day of January, 2025, the Members took their seats, having taken the prescribed oath.

The Honourable WENDY COCCHIA, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took her seat on the Throne.

The Hon. *Niki Sharma* (Attorney General and Deputy Premier) said:

Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I am commanded by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor to announce that she does not see fit to declare the cause of her summoning you at this time and will not do so until you have chosen a Speaker to preside over your Honourable Body. Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor hopes to be enabled to declare, during the afternoon, her reason for calling you together.

Her Honour was then pleased to retire.

Kate Ryan-Lloyd, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, advised the House that only one candidate has declared their intention to stand for the election of Speaker and, accordingly, *Raj Chouhan*, Member for Burnaby-New Westminster Electoral District, was declared as the duly elected Speaker. He was then taken out of his place by the Hon. *Mike Farnworth* and *Á'a:liya Warbus* and conducted to the Chair and made a statement expressing his grateful thanks to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him by electing him to be their Speaker.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

The Hon. *David Eby* (Premier) made a statement.

John Rustad made a statement.

Jeremy Valeriote made a statement.

The Hon. *Raj Chouhan* (Speaker) made a statement.

The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That the House do now adjourn until 1.30 p.m. today when Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor will present the Speech from the Throne.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 10.59 a.m.

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Territorial welcome by Elder Frank George, Songhees Nation.

Blessing by Elder Mary Ann Thomas, Esquimalt Nation.

The Honourable WENDY COCCHIA, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took her seat on the Throne.

Performance by the Ləkʷəŋən Traditional Singers and Dancers.

The Speaker standing on Her Honour's right, then spoke to the following effect:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The House of Assembly has elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfill the important duties thus assigned to me. If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault be imputed to me and not to the Assembly, whose servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to the King and country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have the freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Honour's person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Honour the most favourable interpretation.

The Hon. *Niki Sharma* (Attorney General and Deputy Premier) then said:

HONOURABLE SPEAKER:

I am commanded by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor to declare to you that she freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Assembly to His Majesty's person and Government, and not doubting that their respective proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper and prudence, she grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow, their constitutional privileges. I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor upon all seasonable occasions, and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from her the most favourable construction.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to open the Session by the following gracious Speech:

OPENING

Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, Elders, Chiefs, veterans, uniformed service members, leaders and distinguished guests.

I would like to start by acknowledging the Ləkʷəŋən peoples, the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations, upon whose territories we are gathered today.

Thank you to the Łək'wəŋən Traditional Dancers, Elder Frank George from the Songhees Nation, and Elder Mary Ann Thomas from the Esquimalt Nation for starting us off in a good way.

I am pleased to deliver my first Speech from the Throne, laying out your government's plan to defend British Columbians in uncertain times.

A plan to make sure people here can thrive, no matter what the world throws at us.

And to secure a brighter future for everyone who calls this beautiful place home.

IN MEMORIAM

I am honoured to be carrying on what has become a tradition in this place, by remembering some of the remarkable lives we have lost over the past year.

We mourn Iona Campagnolo, British Columbia's 27th lieutenant governor.

We remember Hereditary Chief Hemas Kla-Lee-Lee-Kla of Kwakiutl First Nation. Known as Bill Wilson, he was a fearless advocate for First Nations rights and freedoms.

We also mourn other Indigenous leaders, including Sim'oogit Hay'maas, Chief Chester Moore of Nisga'a Nation, as well as Elder Richard (Cody) Gus of Tseshaht First Nation, and Elder Josie Paul and her daughter Elder Edie Frederick of Lheidli T'enneh First Nation.

We honour the memory of Niilo Edwards, the first Executive Director and CEO of the First Nations Major Projects Coalition. Niilo was a visionary leader who believed in the power of partnerships and shared prosperity.

We join all Canadians in mourning Murray Sinclair, a tireless defender of rights and dignity for Indigenous Peoples.

From the world of music, we remember classical guitarist Alexander Dunn, rock drummer Rocket Norton, the musician Nell Smith, clarinetist Phil Nimmons, and Eleanor Collins, Canada's first lady of jazz.

We mourn the artists Joe Average and Anna Banana, as we do the writers Darrel J. McLeod, Roy Miki, Stan Persky and Maria Tippett.

From the world of sports, we honour the memory of curling's Tim Horrigan, baseball's Kaye Kaminishi, sprinters Peter Ogilvie and Joyce Yakubowich, and Gerry James, who played both hockey and football.

From the worlds of medicine and science, we mourn dermatologist Dr. Alastair Carruthers and sports medicine's Dr. Jack Taunton, as we also mourn psychologist Sue Johnson.

From the media, we remember Glenn Baglo, Rick Cluff, George Garrett and Alden Escobido Habacon.

We mourn the passing of labour's Jessie Uppal, Bill Brassington, and Kim Novak.

We remember professors Roger Gibbins and Rebecca Warburton, as we do community educators and activists Maggie Ip and Grace Eiko Thomson.

We mourn fire captain Ron Hegedus, as we mourn those who served in the armed forces during wartime, as did John Hillman, Bill Cameron, Kenneth Lett and Peter Goodwin Chance.

We mourn significant leaders who have made an indelible mark on our country:

Former Premier John Horgan, who guided us through a global pandemic, and also former prime minister Brian Mulroney, who strengthened our trading relationship with the United States.

We honour the memory of former members of Parliament from British Columbia, John Fraser and Charles (Chuck) Strahl.

And we mourn other members who served in this legislature: Dan Coulter, Anthony (Tony) Brummet, Russell Fraser, Gerard Janssen, Dennis MacKay, Shannon O'Neill, and Bob Williams.

We mourn—and reflect on—the loss of so many British Columbians from toxic drugs.

And we mourn those who lost their lives on the job.

To all who lost a loved one in the past year, we extend our sympathies and condolences. We acknowledge and share your grief.

STANDING STRONG FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA

We open this first session of British Columbia's 43rd Parliament at the most consequential time for our province since the Second World War.

In the face of an unprecedented and unjustified threat to our economy, British Columbians are joining with all Canadians to fight back.

We've come together to support each other and stand up for our country.

We are saying with one united voice:

We will never be the 51st state. Not now or ever.

Instead, we will take our destiny into our own hands—by building on our strengths.

During its first four weeks, the new United States presidential administration has taken our country on a roller-coaster ride.

And we must be prepared for this to continue for the next four years.

The historic bond between Canada and the United States has been strained in profound ways.

Trust has been broken and will not easily be repaired.

No matter what the future has in store, one thing has been made clear:

We will not leave our future success to the whims of unpredictable forces from beyond our borders.

Or leave people here to fend for themselves.

We are at a crossroads. The journey ahead will not be easy.

But there is nowhere better positioned to weather the storm and come out the other side stronger than right here in British Columbia.

B.C. is an extraordinary place.

Our province has everything we need to succeed:

a strong economy supported by many different industries;

abundant natural resources and clean energy the world needs; and

our most important strength of all—the people who call this extraordinary place home.

The people of B.C. are hardworking, highly skilled and resilient.

This is who we are.

Throughout history, British Columbians have risen to meet the moment.

When Britain stood alone in Europe against the Nazis, Churchill made a desperate appeal for more military equipment.

British Columbia answered the call.

At the outset of the Second World War, fewer than 1,000 British Columbians worked in the shipyards.

By 1943, that workforce was greater than 30,000.

The shipyard in North Vancouver produced nearly half of all cargo ships delivering Allied supplies and raw goods to the front lines.

On Sea Island in Richmond, workers—many of them women—built the fuselages for B-29 Superfortress bombers and amphibious aircraft for shore patrols.

By the war's end, more than 90,000 men and 26,000 women from B.C. had enlisted.

This was the highest rate of participation in the country.

In peacetime, British Columbians have worked together to welcome the world to our home.

During Expo 86, the 2010 Winter Olympics and the recent Invictus Games.

And we're preparing to do it again for the men's FIFA World Cup next year.

B.C. is a place where we get big things done.

We build dams to harness nature's awesome strength to power our homes and industries.

We build highways on the side of mountains.

We are a province of entrepreneurs and risk takers.

We are leaders in partnership with First Nations, underlining our commitment to meaningful reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

We protect our land, air, and water.

And we take action to tackle climate change, while we grow our economy.

STRENGTHENING OUR ECONOMY AT HOME TO CREATE GOOD JOBS

Today, we are called on to summon that strength and character one more time.

To summon the courage to do things differently, to chart our own course.

Your government is working quickly to reorient itself to a fundamentally changed landscape.

Including reviewing programs and spending to ensure they address today's challenges.

Difficult times, such as this, call for action that is both thoughtful and tough.

British Columbia's strategy has three components:

strengthening and growing our economy;

diversifying our trading relationships; and

responding firmly and forcefully if required.

First and foremost, we will strengthen our economy to be more agile and durable.

In the best traditions of our province, people of different backgrounds and perspectives are coming together in a common purpose.

A new coalition of leaders in business, labour unions and First Nations are partnering with government.

Together, we are executing a made-in-B.C. plan.

To speed up permitting and regulatory approvals.

To train the next generation of skilled tradespeople.

To attract private capital, while expanding our electricity production.

To support emerging industries, from technology to life sciences.

And to increase manufacturing opportunities.

This is particularly important for our hard-hit forestry sector.

Adding more value to every tree harvested, as BC Timber Sales is reformed to ensure it is responsive to this challenge.

Working together to grow a stronger, more self-sufficient economy here at home is our top priority.

To unlock the incredible potential here in British Columbia, your government is expediting an initial 18 major projects.

They include natural gas and clean energy, as well as critical mineral and mining projects worth \$20 billion in investment.

Twelve of them are majority First Nations-owned.

These projects are estimated to create more than 8,000 jobs and support families, especially in northern and rural communities.

Late last year, the green light was given to nine new clean-energy projects, which will boost BC Hydro's current electricity supply by 8 per cent — enough to power 500,000 homes.

This will generate between \$5 billion and \$6 billion in private capital spending throughout the province, creating 2,000 jobs annually during construction.

And eight of the nine successful clean-energy projects will have 51 per cent First Nations equity ownership.

To get this essential electricity online faster, new wind-power projects will be exempt from the environmental assessment process.

Prioritizing efficiency and regulating in a way that makes sense, while continuing to ensure our high standards are met.

A stable supply of clean and affordable electricity is essential to power economic growth, while protecting our land and water for our children.

This session, legislation will be introduced to allow the BC Energy Regulator to act as the “one window” for permits necessary to support the North Coast Transmission Line.

In addition to other important electricity transmission projects, new wind and solar.

The BC Energy Regulator has shown success at getting projects moving quickly, while maintaining strong standards.

This will ensure we build the line sooner and in partnership with First Nations along the route.

Your government will eliminate unnecessary red tape and break down barriers to growth.

Good progress has been made in housing, where B.C. is breaking down barriers preventing the construction of middle-class homes.

And we’re making progress in mining, where major project-review timelines have been reduced by more than 35 per cent.

Now, we are accelerating that work, while applying those lessons to other sectors, such as construction, forestry and agriculture.

All of which are foundational to our success as a province.

Every minister has been given marching orders to speed up permit approvals to get job-creating projects built, in partnership with First Nations, communities and businesses throughout the province.

Beyond natural resources and our strength in new technologies, our province is home to one of the busiest film and TV production centres in North America.

Budget 2025 will include increased tax credits to ensure our province remains a destination of choice for filmmakers in Canada and around the globe, while employing B.C.’s world-class, skilled film crews.

This highly anticipated change is already attracting new production deals.

DIVERSIFYING OUR TRADING RELATIONSHIPS

As we grow our economy and build here at home, we will diversify to whom we sell our products around the world.

That means expanding and strengthening our business relationships with countries in Asia, Europe and beyond.

Here again, British Columbia is extremely well positioned.

As the West Coast gateway to Asia and major global centres, our ports are some of the busiest in Canada.

We are less exposed to the U.S. market than other provinces.

But we know more needs to be done.

Your government will upgrade transportation infrastructure, improve supply chains and make sure businesses have ample industrial land.

This is crucial to stay competitive on the world stage and reach new markets efficiently.

New trade missions will help B.C. businesses build strong economic partnerships around the world.

We will also break down trade barriers within Canada.

British Columbia has led the way on this front for years, most recently by securing a deal for our wineries to sell directly to customers in Alberta.

Discussions are also underway with Alberta for greater co-operation and alignment on a range of issues.

Underpinning this work is an imperative to stay strong and united as a country through uncertainty with the United States.

The bottom line is this:

It should not be easier to buy and sell with Washington State than with our Canadian friends and neighbours.

This must change. And change it will.

RESPONDING TO THREATS FIRMLY AND FORCEFULLY

While we grow and strengthen our economy, the threat to our sovereignty remains.

We stand strong and united.

As a country, Canada must be prepared to fight back, if necessary, to prevent a trade war.

British Columbia is thoughtfully and directly making the case against tariffs to our many friends in the United States.

A tariff war would be devastating to families on both sides of the border.

Tariffs, on top of softwood lumber duties, would increase the price of homes for Americans.

A tax on our food exports would mean more expensive groceries at the checkout for working families in the United States.

Your government is using all channels available to convince American decision-makers we are better as a team.

We are better when we work together and focus on areas of shared concern for both countries, including border security and toxic drugs, such as fentanyl.

Too many people in both our countries have lost loved ones to the toxic drug crisis.

Just like Americans, our hearts are filled with rage at the predators who move precursor chemicals and lethal drugs into our country.

Your government is eager to work with other jurisdictions in going after the transnational criminal organizations trafficking in death.

Building on our efforts to stop gangs by taking away their fast cars and fancy homes.

B.C. will also continue treating addiction as a health issue—connecting people to treatment and taking new steps to provide secure care for people struggling with brain injuries, mental illness and severe addiction.

These issues must be priorities for all governments in North America but should not be used as a pretext for destructive tariffs.

As a country, Canada must be ready to fight back, if necessary.

B.C. will respond to any economic attack on our families, firmly and forcefully, as part of a united Team Canada effort.

We will never back down from defending workers, farmers, businesses and livelihoods here in British Columbia and across Canada.

This is not a fight we started. This is not a fight we want. But we won't ever roll over or let our guard down.

DELIVERING ON KITCHEN-TABLE PRIORITIES

Through turbulent times that included a pandemic, B.C.'s economy has performed well.

We've created 250,000 jobs in the past seven years, with the strongest hourly wage growth in the country.

Last year, we had the biggest GDP growth among large provinces and one of the lowest unemployment rates.

Our debt-to-GDP ratio is less than half of Ontario's or Quebec's, and we have the highest credit rating of any province.

But a strong economy is not just about GDP numbers or quarterly reports.

It's about generating the wealth necessary to make us all better off.

To create good jobs with paycheques that keep pace with the cost of living.

In short, it's about delivering in tangible ways on the challenges people worry about at their kitchen table.

In this way, economic and social progress go hand in hand.

When we make childcare more affordable and available, we help expand the labour market by ensuring more parents can enter or re-enter the workforce.

That's what we've done here in B.C. by cutting childcare bills in half, saving parents an average of nearly \$8,000 every year.

When we deliver more homes people can afford, we help those working in the retail, construction and service sectors live closer to their jobs.

During the next 10 years, experts expect B.C.'s Homes for People plan to deliver 300,000 new middle-class homes.

And it's starting to make a difference right now. Rents are finally going down, more new rentals than ever are being built, and construction is going strong.

When we hire teachers and build modern schools, we help students get a good start in life, preparing them for an ever-changing workforce.

When we build roads, highways and public transit, we help make workers more productive by getting them to their jobs and back to loved ones, faster.

This session, new legislation will be introduced to get those and other critical infrastructure projects built faster to keep our economy moving.

When we expand skills training, we help people get ahead and businesses attract the talent they need to thrive.

To that end, your government will work closely with industry, labour and post-secondary institutions to create faster and easier pathways to get in-demand skills in the trades.

Creating new opportunities for mid-career workers and young people that grow the middle class, support business expansion and strengthen our workforce's productivity.

Ultimately, we know we cannot claim our economy is truly working unless it is working for everyone.

For too long, people have been taken advantage of and left behind by powerful interests.

Rampant speculation has put homeownership and rent out of reach for many working families.

Gouging, on top of global inflation, has driven up the cost of daily essentials.

Your government will take new actions to safeguard people who work hard and play by the rules.

This session, laws will be introduced to protect British Columbians from credit-card fraud, unfair practices by cellphone companies and to recover health-care costs from wrongdoers.

B.C. will maintain our leading work to make sure the housing market works for ordinary people.

Not those keeping homes empty or flipping them for a quick profit.

Keeping everyday costs low for working families will continue to be a top priority—from locking in savings on car insurance to putting money back into people's pockets.

Our work to strengthen enforcement and intervention services to build safer, stronger communities will be a key focus.

Here in B.C., we're adding more police officers, and we're establishing teams of prosecutors and probation officers to stop repeat violent criminals from reoffending.

The success of British Columbians is at the centre of your government's economic plan.

One that works for every person, in every community throughout the province.

IMPROVING ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

A strong and growing economy is necessary to protect and improve the public services families rely on.

Especially health care.

There is no greater expression of who we are as Canadians than our universal public health-care system.

Providing life-saving care for everyone, without taking out a credit card.

But like many places, British Columbia is feeling the strain of worker shortages and a rising demand for care.

Communities are growing, people are getting older and sicker, and many doctors and nurses are retiring.

Your government is responding by adding more nurses and family doctors, opening more community clinics and building more hospitals than ever.

In the past two years, British Columbia has connected hundreds of thousands of people to a primary-care provider. More are being connected every day.

And yet, we know there is so much more we need to do.

Your government will work with regulatory colleges to ensure trained health-care workers from other countries have their credentials recognized faster.

That includes attracting the best and brightest medical professionals from the United States who are already drawn to the benefits of our public health-care system.

The challenges also require changing the way we do things.

B.C. has taken action that allows doctors to spend more time with their patients.

Since the scope of practice for pharmacists was expanded, people are getting prescriptions for minor ailments and free contraception quicker and more easily.

We've tripled the number of nurse practitioners in the province. Many are now taking patients in their own primary-care clinics.

THE TRUE NORTH STRONG AND FREE

While the recent threats from the U.S. administration have felt like a betrayal, they have awoken something powerful in Canadians.

You can see it everywhere you go.

People are considering their choices carefully.

When planning the next vacation, they're choosing to travel locally.

At the grocery store, they're looking for a "made in Canada" or "BuyBC" logo.

We are all saying with one unified voice: our country is not for sale.

Canadians and Americans have always been good friends.

In many cases, we're family.

We share the longest undefended border in the world, and a partnership that has benefited both countries for more than 150 years.

Ours is a bond forged in battle.

We stormed the beaches at Normandy together on D-Day, fighting to liberate Europe from fascism.

For generations, our soldiers have died, cried and celebrated victory beside each other.

Together, we have looked to the stars and seen U.S. Space Shuttle missions supported by the Canadarm, a powerful symbol of our long-standing collaboration on science and technology.

We worked together to build a highway from Dawson Creek to Alaska, with local First Nations playing an essential role as guides through difficult and remote territory.

There is much we admire about our southern neighbour.

But we will never become the 51st state.

We make our own decisions and control our own future.

Because we have followed our own path, we live longer and have a more robust social net.

Our democratic institutions are stronger, and our day-to-day lives are safer.
Canada is a place that is special.
Not because we are perfect, but because we are always striving to make progress.
We are a proud and independent country.
Proud of how we take care of each other and our neighbours.
Just as our B.C. wildfire fighters were there for the people of Los Angeles in their time of need.
Through this time of uncertainty, your government will be there to support you and your family.
As proud British Columbians and Canadians, we are called on to meet this moment.
The same way we always do: by working together and looking out for each other.
Together, we will build a stronger, more secure future.
Here in the best province in the greatest country in the world.
The true north, strong and free.

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Thank you, it has been my pleasure to deliver my first throne speech in this chamber.
I send a warm welcome to the many new members who are here today for the first time.
Thanks to your families and the communities you represent for their support of your work here.
I wish you all the very best as you embark, together, in the first session of the 43rd parliament here in beautiful British Columbia.
Thank you.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Speaker reported that, in order to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of Her Honour's Speech.

The certificates of the Chief Electoral Officer of the result of the election of Members to represent the respective electoral districts of the Province in the Legislative Assembly at the general election were read by *Kate Ryan-Lloyd*, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, as follows:

“ELECTIONS BC
VICTORIA, B.C., NOVEMBER 5, 2024

Kate Ryan-Lloyd

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Room 221, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4

DEAR KATE RYAN-LLOYD:

Please consider this letter a certified report, per section 147 of the *Election Act* R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 106, regarding the results of the 43rd Provincial General Election.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor dissolved the 42nd Parliament of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia via a Proclamation issued on September 21, 2024. A general election was required to fill vacancies caused by the dissolution.

Writs of election were issued on the morning of September 21, calling for a general election on October 19, 2024. The general election was held pursuant to the provisions of the *Election Act*. The writs in 90 of 93 electoral districts have been returned as of today, November 5. The election results in three electoral districts, Kelowna Centre, Prince George-Mackenzie, and Surrey-Guildford, are subject to a judicial recount. The writs for those electoral districts will be returned on conclusion of the judicial recounts.

I hereby certify that the following 90 members have been elected to represent their respective electoral districts as set out below:

ELECTORAL DISTRICT	BALLOT NAME	POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION
ABBOTSFORD-MISSION	Reann Gasper	Conservative Party
ABBOTSFORD SOUTH	Bruce Banman	Conservative Party
ABBOTSFORD WEST	Korky Neufeld	Conservative Party
BOUNDARY-SIMILKAMEEN	Donegal Wilson	Conservative Party
BULKLEY VALLEY-STIKINE	Sharon L. Hartwell	Conservative Party
BURNABY CENTRE	Anne Kang	BC NDP
BURNABY EAST	(Rohini) Reah Arora	BC NDP
BURNABY-NEW WESTMINSTER	Raj Chouhan	BC NDP
BURNABY NORTH	Janet Routledge	BC NDP
BURNABY SOUTH-METROTOWN	Paul Choi	BC NDP
CARIBOO-CHILCOTIN	Lorne Doerkson	Conservative Party
CHILLIWACK-CULTUS LAKE	Á'a:liya Warbus	Conservative Party
CHILLIWACK NORTH	Heather Maahs	Conservative Party
COLUMBIA RIVER-REVELSTOKE	Scott McInnis	Conservative Party
COQUITLAM-BURKE MOUNTAIN	Jodie Wickens	BC NDP
COQUITLAM-MAILLARDVILLE	Jennifer Blatherwick	BC NDP
COURTENAY-COMOX	Brennan Day	Conservative Party
COWICHAN VALLEY	Debra Toporowski	BC NDP
DELTA NORTH	Ravi Kahlon	BC NDP
DELTA SOUTH	Ian Paton	Conservative Party
ESQUIMALT-COLWOOD	Darlene Rotchford	BC NDP
FRASER-NICOLA	Tony Luck	Conservative Party
JUAN DE FUCA-MALAHAT	Dana Lajeunesse	BC NDP
KAMLOOPS CENTRE	Peter Milobar	Conservative Party
KAMLOOPS-NORTH THOMPSON	Ward Stamer	Conservative Party
KELOWNA CENTRE	* Subject to judicial recount under s. 139 (5) (b)	
KELOWNA-LAKE COUNTRY-COLDSTREAM	Tara Armstrong	Conservative Party
KELOWNA-MISSION	Gavin Dew	Conservative Party
KOOTENAY CENTRAL	Brittany Anderson	BC NDP
KOOTENAY-MONASHEE	Steve Morissette	BC NDP
KOOTENAY-ROCKIES	Pete Davis	Conservative Party
LADYSMITH-OCEANSIDE	Stephanie Higginson	BC NDP
LANGFORD-HIGHLANDS	Ravi Parmar	BC NDP
LANGLEY-ABBOTSFORD	Harman Bhangu	Conservative Party
LANGLEY-WALNUT GROVE	Misty Van Popta	Conservative Party
LANGLEY-WILLOWBROOK	Jody Toor	Conservative Party
MAPLE RIDGE EAST	Lawrence Mok	Conservative Party
MAPLE RIDGE-PITT MEADOWS	Lisa Beare	BC NDP
MID ISLAND-PACIFIC RIM	Josie Osborne	BC NDP
NANAIMO-GABRIOLA ISLAND	Sheila Malcolmson	BC NDP
NANAIMO-LANTZVILLE	George Anderson	BC NDP
NECHAKO LAKES	John Rustad	Conservative Party
NEW WESTMINSTER-COQUITLAM	Jennifer Whiteside	BC NDP
NORTH COAST-HAIDA GWAI	Tamara Davidson	BC NDP
NORTH ISLAND	Anna Kindy	Conservative Party
NORTH VANCOUVER-LONSDALE	Bowinn Ma	BC NDP
NORTH VANCOUVER-SEYMOUR	Susie Chant	BC NDP
OAK BAY-GORDON HEAD	Diana Gibson	BC NDP

PEACE RIVER NORTH	Jordan Kealy	Conservative Party
PEACE RIVER SOUTH	Larry Neufeld	Conservative Party
PENTICTON-SUMMERLAND	Amelia Boulton	Conservative Party
PORT COQUITLAM	Mike Farnworth	BC NDP
PORT MOODY-BURQUITLAM	Rick Glumac	BC NDP
POWELL RIVER-SUNSHINE COAST	Randene Neill	BC NDP
PRINCE GEORGE-MACKENZIE	* Subject to judicial recount under s. 139 (2) (c)	
PRINCE GEORGE-NORTH CARIBOO	Sheldon Clare	Conservative Party
PRINCE GEORGE-VALEMOUNT	Rosalyn Bird	Conservative Party
RICHMOND-BRIDGEPORT	Teresa Wat	Conservative Party
RICHMOND CENTRE	Hon Chan	Conservative Party
RICHMOND-QUEENSBOROUGH	Steve Kooner	Conservative Party
RICHMOND-STEVESON	Kelly Greene	BC NDP
SAANICH NORTH AND THE ISLANDS	Rob Botterell	BC Green Party
SAANICH SOUTH	Lana Popham	BC NDP
SALMON ARM-SHUSWAP	David L. Williams	Conservative Party
SKEENA	Claire Rattée	Conservative Party
SURREY CITY CENTRE	Amna Shah	BC NDP
SURREY-CLOVERDALE	Elenore Sturko	Conservative Party
SURREY-FLEETWOOD	Jagrup Brar	BC NDP
SURREY-GUILDFORD	* Subject to judicial recount under s. 139 (5) (b)	
SURREY-NEWTON	Jessie Sunner	BC NDP
SURREY NORTH	Mandeep Dhaliwal	Conservative Party
SURREY-PANORAMA	Bryan Tepper	Conservative Party
SURREY-SERPENTINE RIVER	Linda Hepner	Conservative Party
SURREY SOUTH	Brent Chapman	Conservative Party
SURREY-WHITE ROCK	Trevor Halford	Conservative Party
VANCOUVER-FRASERVUE	George Chow	BC NDP
VANCOUVER-HASTINGS	Niki Sharma	BC NDP
VANCOUVER-KENSINGTON	Mable Elmore	BC NDP
VANCOUVER-LANGARA	Sunita Dhir	BC NDP
VANCOUVER-LITTLE MOUNTAIN	Christine Boyle	BC NDP
VANCOUVER-POINT GREY	David Eby	BC NDP
VANCOUVER-QUILCHENA	Dallas Brodie	Conservative Party
VANCOUVER-RENFREW	Adrian Dix	BC NDP
VANCOUVER-SOUTH GRANVILLE	Brenda Bailey	BC NDP
VANCOUVER-STRATHCONA	Joan Phillip	BC NDP
VANCOUVER-WEST END	Spencer Chandra Herbert	BC NDP
VANCOUVER-YALETOWN	Terry Yung	BC NDP
VERNON-LUMBY	Harwinder Sandhu	BC NDP
VICTORIA-BEACON HILL	Grace Lore	BC NDP
VICTORIA-SWAN LAKE	Nina Krieger	BC NDP
WEST KELOWNA-PEACHLAND	Macklin McCall	Conservative Party
WEST VANCOUVER-CAPILANO	Lynne Block	Conservative Party
WEST VANCOUVER-SEA TO SKY	Jeremy Valeriote	BC Green Party

Sincerely,

ANTON BOEGMAN
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER
BRITISH COLUMBIA

“ELECTIONS BC
VICTORIA, B.C., NOVEMBER 12, 2024

Kate Ryan-Lloyd

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Room 221, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4

DEAR KATE RYAN-LLOYD:

As you know, a provincial general election was held on October 19, 2024. Judicial recounts under Division 3 of Part 7 of the *Election Act* were conducted in the electoral districts of Kelowna Centre, Prince George-Mackenzie, and Surrey-Guildford. This resulted in a delay in returning the writs of election for these electoral districts.

Judicial recounts were conducted as follows:

Kelowna Centre judicial recount conducted by Justice Alison J. Beames on November 7 and 8, 2024;

Prince George-Mackenzie judicial recount conducted by Justice Ronald S. Tindale on November 8, 2024; and,

Surrey-Guildford judicial recount conducted by Justice Kevin D. Loo on November 7 and 8, 2024.

Following the conclusion of the judicial recounts, a two-day appeal period was observed as required by s. 144 of the Act. The appeal period ended today at 4 p.m., with no applications made for an appeal. The Justices have each issued a certificate of the results of the judicial recount to the District Electoral Officers, who have now returned the writs and signed certificates of election to my office.

In accordance with section 147 (2) of the *Election Act*, I hereby certify the election of the following candidates as the Member to represent their electoral district in the Legislative Assembly:

Kristina Loewen, Conservative Party for the electoral district of Kelowna Centre;

Kiel Giddens, Conservative Party for the electoral district of Prince George-Mackenzie; and,

Garry Begg, BC NDP for the electoral district of Surrey-Guildford.

Sincerely,

ANTON BOEGMAN
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER
BRITISH COLUMBIA

On the motion of the Hon. *Niki Sharma* (Attorney General and Deputy Premier), it was *Ordered*—

That the certificates of the Chief Electoral Officer of the results of the election of Members be entered upon the Journals of the House.

On the motion of the Hon. *Niki Sharma* (Attorney General and Deputy Premier), Bill (No. 1) intituled *An Act to Ensure the Supremacy of Parliament* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of the Hon. *Mike Farnworth*, seconded by *A'a:liya Warbus*, it was *Ordered*—

That *Mable Elmore*, Member for Vancouver-Kensington Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of *Á'a:liya Warbus*, seconded by the Hon. *Mike Farnworth*, it was *Ordered*—
That *Lorne Doerkson*, Member for Cariboo-Chilcotin Electoral District, be appointed Assistant Deputy Speaker for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of the Hon. *Mike Farnworth*, seconded by *Á'a:liya Warbus*, it was *Ordered*—
That *George Anderson*, Member for Nanaimo-Lantzville Electoral District, be appointed Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole for this Session of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of the Hon. *Niki Sharma* (Attorney General and Deputy Premier), it was *Ordered*—
That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by the Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

The Hon. *David Eby* (Premier) moved that the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:

1. Aboriginal Affairs;
2. Agriculture, Fish and Food;
3. Children and Youth;
4. Crown Corporations;
5. Education;
6. Finance and Government Services;
7. Health;
8. Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct and Standing Orders;
9. Public Accounts;

and further that the Select Standing Committee on Legislative Initiatives and the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills be appointed for the present Parliament, which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by this House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers and records, and that a Special Committee be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed lists of members to compose the above Select Standing Committees of this House under Standing Order 68 (1), the Committee to be composed of the Hon. *Mike Farnworth* (Convener), Hon. *Ravi Parmar*, *Janet Routledge*, *Stephanie Higginson*, *Á'a:liya Warbus*, *Jody Toor*, *Bruce Banman* and *Rob Botterell*.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 2.42 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by the Hon. *Bowinn Ma*.

The Hon. *Niki Sharma* (Attorney General and Deputy Premier) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LEONARD MARCHAND
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 2) intituled *Acting Conflict of Interest Commissioner Continuation Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
February 17, 2025.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *Laanas / Tamara Davidson* (Minister of Environment and Parks) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LEONARD MARCHAND
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 3) intituled *Protected Areas of British Columbia Amendment Act, 2025*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
February 17, 2025.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Elenore Sturko rose on a point of order regarding remarks made by the Hon. *David Eby* (Premier) during Oral Question Period.

The Hon. *Raj Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Auditor General Report, Annual Follow-up Report: Status of Performance Audit Recommendations (2019–2022), May 2024;

Auditor General Annual Report, 2023/24, June 2024;

Auditor General Interim Report on the Examination of MNP’s Administration of the Advanced Research and Commercialization Grant Program, June 2024;

Auditor General Report, Final Report on the Examination of MNP’s Administration of the Advanced Research and Commercialization Grant Program, August 2024;

Conflict of Interest Commissioner Annual Report, 2023;

Elections BC Annual Report, 2023/24 and Service Plan, 2024/25–2026/27;

Elections BC, Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 2022 General Local Elections, October 15, 2022;

Human Rights Commissioner, Spreading our Wings, Annual Report, 2023/24 and Service Plan, 2024/25–2026/27;

Merit Commissioner Annual Report, Upholding Fair Hiring in the BC Public Service, 2023/2024;

Merit Commissioner Report, Merit Performance Audit Report, 2023/24, December 2024;

Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner Annual Report, 2023/24;

Ombudsperson Annual Report, 2023–2024;

Ombudsperson *Public Interest Disclosure Act* Special Report No. 1, Hire Power: The Appointment of Ineligible Candidates to the Temporary Assignments in the Public Service, June 2024;

Ombudsperson Special Report No. 57, Under Inspection: The Hiatus in BC Correctional Centre Inspections, July 2024;

Ombudsperson Special Report No. 58, Short Changed: Ensuring Federal Benefits Paid to the Province Reach Caregivers of Children with Disabilities, January 2025;

Registrar of Lobbyists, Determination Decision 24-02, AbCellera Biologics Inc., Designated Filer: Carl Hansen, June 27, 2024;

Registrar of Lobbyists, Determination Decision 24-04, BC Chamber of Commerce, Designated Filer: Fiona Famulak, December 11, 2024;

Representative for Children and Youth Annual Report, 2023/2024 and Service Plan, 2024/25 to 2026/27, Amplifying Voices for Change;

Representative for Children and Youth Report, Don't Look Away: How One Boy's Story has the Power to Shift a System of Care for Children and Youth, July 2024;

Representative for Children and Youth Report, Don't Look Away: How One Boy's Story has the Power to Shift a System of Care for Children and Youth, July 2024 (revised);

Representative for Children and Youth Report, No Time to Wait: A Review of MCFD's Child Welfare Workforce, Part One, July 2024;

Representative for Children and Youth Report, No Time to Wait: A Review of MCFD's Child Welfare Workforce, Part Two, February 2025; and,

Representative for Children and Youth Report, Too Many Left Behind: Ensuring Children and Youth with Disabilities Thrive, January 2025.

The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* presented the Report of the Special Committee of Selection for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament (First), February 19, 2025.

“PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,
FEBRUARY 19, 2025

To the Honourable Legislative Assembly of the
Province of British Columbia

Honourable Members:

The Special Committee of Selection appointed on February 18, 2025, to prepare and report lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House met on February 19, 2025, and recommends the following lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees for the present Session, with the exception of the Select Standing Committee on Legislative Initiatives and the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills as the lists of Members to compose those Committees are recommended for the remainder of the present Parliament:

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS—*Susie Chant* (Convener), *Rob Botterell*, *Sunita Dhir*, *Stephanie Higginson*, *Scott McInnis*, *Amshen* / *Joan Phillip*, *Donegal Wilson*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FISH AND FOOD—*Jennifer Blatherwick* (Convener), *George Anderson*, *Rohini Arora*, *Jordan Kealy*, *Dana Lajeunesse*, *Jeremy Valeriote*, *David Williams*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH—*Rohini Arora* (Convener), *Amelia Boulton*, *Paul Choi*, *Heather Maahs*, *Amshen* / *Joan Phillip*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN CORPORATIONS—*Jessie Sunner* (Convener), *Brent Chapman*, *Sunita Dhir*, *Steve Kooner*, *Nina Krieger*, *Dana Lajeunesse*, *Jeremy Valeriote*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION—*Stephanie Higginson* (Convener), *Lynne Block*, *Susie Chant*, *Korky Neufeld*, *Harwinder Sandhu*, *Qwulti'stunaat* / *Debra Toporowski*, *Jeremy Valeriote*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES—*Paul Choi* (Convener), *Jennifer Blatherwick*, *Sunita Dhir*, *Claire Rattée*, *Harwinder Sandhu*, *Elenore Sturko*, *Bryan Tepper*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH—*Harwinder Sandhu* (Convener), *Jennifer Blatherwick*, *Brennan Day*, *Stephanie Higginson*, *Anna Kindy*, *Nina Krieger*, *Jeremy Valeriote*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES—*Nina Krieger* (Convener), *Rob Botterell*, *Susie Chant*, *Pete Davis*, *Sunita Dhir*, *Kristina Loewen*, *Steve Morissette*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY REFORM, ETHICAL CONDUCT AND STANDING ORDERS—*Nina Krieger* (Convener), *Rob Botterell*, *Susie Chant*, *Sunita Dhir*, *Tony Luck*, *Steve Morissette*, *Teresa Wat*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS AND PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS—*Amna Shah* (Convener), *Hon Chan*, *Mable Elmore*, *Trevor Halford*, *Dana Lajeunesse*, *Jessie Sunner*, *Jeremy Valeriote*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—*Peter Milobar* (Convener), *Tara Armstrong*, *Mable Elmore*, *Kiel Giddens*, *Stephanie Higginson*, *Nina Krieger*, *Dana Lajeunesse*.

HON. MIKE FARNWORTH
CHAIR AND GOVERNMENT HOUSE LEADER”

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, the Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *Niki Sharma* (Attorney General and Deputy Premier) tabled the following documents: Public Guardian and Trustee of British Columbia Annual Report, 2023–2024; and, British Columbia Ferry Commission Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2024.

The Hon. *George Chow* (Minister of Citizens’ Services) tabled the Annual Report of the Chief Records Officer, 2023/24.

The Hon. *Randene Neill* (Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship) tabled the Provincial Health Officer Annual Report of Activities under the *Drinking Water Protection Act* in BC, 2022 to 2023.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Susie Chant moved, seconded by *Amna Shah*—

We, His Majesty’s most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia in session assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed to us at the opening of the present Session.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of *Brennan Day*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

By notice from the Members, *Raj Chouhan* and *Sunita Dhir* exchanged places on the List of Precedence for Private Members’ Business.

By notice from the Members, *Jennifer Blatherwick* and *Amshen / Joan Phillip* exchanged places on the List of Precedence for Private Members’ Business.

By notice from the Members, *Paul Choi* and *Darlene Rotchford* exchanged places on the List of Precedence for Private Members' Business.

By notice from the Members, *Kiel Giddens* and *Macklin McCall* exchanged places on the List of Precedence for Private Members' Business.

The Hon. *Raj Chouhan* (Speaker) was removed from the List of Precedence for Private Members' Business.

The following reports were received by the Office of the Clerk during adjournment/dissolution:

Budget 2024, Economic and Fiscal Update, Fall 2024;

Budget 2024 First Quarterly Report, September 2024;

Civil Resolution Tribunal Annual Report, 2023/2024;

Crown Agency Annual Service Plan Reports, 2023/24: BC Assessment Authority; BC Council for International Education; BC Energy Regulator; BC Family Maintenance Agency; BC Financial Services Authority; BC Games Society; BC Housing Management Commission; BC Hydro and Power Authority; BC Infrastructure Benefits; BC Pavilion Corporation; BC Transit; British Columbia Lottery Corporation; British Columbia Securities Commission; Columbia Basin Trust, Columbia Power Corporation; Community Living BC; Destination BC; First Peoples' Cultural Council; Forest Enhancement Society of BC; Forestry Innovation Investment; InBC Investment Corp.; Infrastructure BC; Innovate BC; Insurance Corporation of British Columbia; Knowledge Network Corporation; Legal Aid BC; BC Liquor Distribution Branch; Royal BC Museum; SkilledTradesBC; Transportation Investment Corporation;

Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act Annual Report, 2023–2024;

Environmental Emergency Program Report to Legislature, 2023/2024;

ICBC Fairness Officer Annual Report, 2023/24;

List of Organizations that have been exempted from section 16 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*;

Ministerial Accountability Report, 2023/24;

Ministry Annual Service Plan Reports, 2023/24: Office of the Premier; Ministry of Agriculture and Food; Ministry of Attorney General; Ministry of Children and Family Development; Ministry of Citizens' Services; Ministry of Education and Child Care; Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness; Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation; Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy; Ministry of Finance; Ministry of Forests; Ministry of Health; Ministry of Housing; Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation; Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation; Ministry of Labour; Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions; Ministry of Municipal Affairs; Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills; Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General; Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction; Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport; Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure; Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship;

Ministry of Health, Major Capital Project Plan: Burnaby Hospital Phase 2 and BC Cancer Centre, May 2024;

Ministry of Health, Major Capital Project Plan: New Surrey Hospital and BC Cancer Centre;

Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills, Major Capital Project Plan: Camosun College—Student Housing, Lansdowne Campus;

Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills, Major Capital Project Plan: Capilano University—Squamish Student Housing Purchase;

Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills, Major Capital Project Plan: Simon Fraser University—Student Housing and Child Care Project, Burnaby Campus;

Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills, Major Capital Project Plan: University of British Columbia—Student Housing Project, Point-Grey Vancouver Campus;

Province of British Columbia Strategic Plan Annual Report, 2023–24;
Public Accounts, 2023/24;
Public Accounts, 2023/24, Consolidated Revenue Fund Detailed Schedules of Payments for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2024;
Public Accounts, 2023/24, Consolidated Revenue Fund Supplementary Schedules for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2024;
Public Accounts, 2023/24, Revision for Consolidated Revenue Fund Supplementary Schedules for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2024;
Revised BC Hydro and Power Authority 2023/24 Annual Service Plan Report, Revised August 30, 2024;
Revised BC Liquor Distribution Branch 2023/24 Annual Service Plan Report, Revised August 2024;
Speculation and Vacancy Tax Annual Report, 2022 Tax Year; and,
Summary of Ministerial Accountability for Operating Expenses (for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2024), Revised Schedule F, No. 1, February 1, 2025.

And then the House adjourned at 6.51 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, February 20, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Jessie Sunner*.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

The Speaker made the following statement:

Honourable Members:

Yesterday, following Oral Question Period, the Member for Surrey-Cloverdale rose on what she called a point of personal privilege to register a complaint about words spoken by the Premier during Oral Question Period.

As we begin the 43rd Parliament, the Chair will make procedural observations for the benefit of all Members of the House.

A potential breach of privilege is one of the most serious matters that a Chair—and subsequently the House itself—may have to deal with. That is why, under our Standing Orders, the consideration of such a matter takes precedence over essentially all other business. It is not proper to use a question of privilege to raise disputes, or differences of opinion between Members, or rebuttals on matters that come up in debate.

The matter raised by the Member for Surrey-Cloverdale ought to have been raised as a point of order—though regardless, the Member’s grievance disputes words spoken by another Member, and that is seldom a matter for the Chair to weigh into.

It is not the role of the Chair to intervene on matters raised by Members for the Chair’s consideration that amount to disagreements on the interpretation of information or of words spoken. In a deliberative chamber, such disagreements will arise from time to time.

The Chair will also bring to the House's attention that a "point of personal privilege" is not a term that is recognized procedurally by the rules of this House. A Member may raise a point of order or a question of privilege, depending on the matter at hand.

The Chair encourages Members to seek advice from the Chair or the Clerks at the Table if they require any guidance on the appropriate procedural mechanism or course of action. The Chair thanks Members for their attention and cooperation in this regard.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *David Eby* (Premier) withdrew comments with respect to a point of order raised yesterday by *Elenore Sturko*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the Session.

On the motion of *Heather Maahs*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Thursday, February 20, 2025

ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *Mike Farnworth*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.17 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Monday, February 24, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Lawrence Mok*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for “Private Members’ Statements.”

7 *Jennifer Blatherwick* moved—

That this House condemns President Donald Trump’s proposed tariffs as wrong and unjustified measures aimed at threatening Canadian sovereignty and endorses the nationally-coordinated “Team Canada” plan to respond with proportionate retaliatory action if necessary, including strategically targeting industries and regions such as products from Republican states, to maximize pressure to deter President Trump from implementing or continuing tariffs.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, division on the motion was deferred until 30 minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment.

And then the House adjourned at 11.51 a.m.

Monday, February 24, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

The Hon. *David Eby* (Premier) made a ministerial statement commemorating three years since the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Á’a:liya Warbus made a statement.

Jeremy Valeriote made a statement.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *Niki Sharma* (Attorney General and Deputy Premier) tabled the Property Assessment Appeal Board Annual Report, 2024.

The Hon. *Christine Boyle* (Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation) tabled the BC Treaty Commission Annual Report, 2024.

1 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That a Special Committee to Review the *Public Interest Disclosure Act* be appointed to review the *Public Interest Disclosure Act* (S.B.C. 2018, c. 22), pursuant to section 50 of the Act.

That the Special Committee have the powers of a Select Standing Committee and in addition be empowered to:

- a. appoint of its number one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Special Committee and to delegate to the subcommittees all or any of its powers except the power to report directly to the House;
- b. sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;

- c. conduct consultations by any means the Special Committee considers appropriate;
- d. adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and,
- e. retain personnel as required to assist the Special Committee.

That the Special Committee report to the House by February 19, 2026, and that during a period of adjournment, the Special Committee deposit its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, or in the next following Session, as the case may be, the Chair present all reports to the House.

That the Special Committee be composed of the following Members: *Darlene Rotchford* (Convener), *Rosalyn Bird*, *Jennifer Blatherwick*, *Dana Lajeunesse* and *Lawrence Mok*.

Motion agreed to.

2 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved —

That the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services be empowered to exercise oversight of each of the following statutory officers: Auditor General, Chief Electoral Officer, Conflict of Interest Commissioner, Human Rights Commissioner, Information and Privacy Commissioner and Registrar of Lobbyists, Merit Commissioner, Ombudsperson, Police Complaint Commissioner, and Representative for Children and Youth. This includes:

- a. considering and making recommendations on the annual reports, rolling three-year service plans, budgets, and any other matters respecting the effective and efficient administration of each statutory office;
- b. inquiring into and making recommendations with respect to other matters brought to the Committee's attention by a statutory officer; and,
- c. considering and making decisions regarding the terms and conditions of employment of each statutory officer arising as a request of a statutory officer during their term of appointment.

That the Committee be designated as the Committee referred to in sections 6, 7, 19, 20, 21 and 23 of the *Auditor General Act* (S.B.C. 2003, c. 2) and that the report in section 22 of the *Auditor General Act* (S.B.C. 2003, c. 2) be referred to the Committee.

That the Committee be designated as the Committee referred to in sections 47.02 and 47.03 of the *Human Rights Code* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 210).

That the Committee be designated as the Committee referred to in section 3 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act* (S.B.C. 2000, c. 23).

That, in addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committees of the House, the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services be empowered to:

- a. appoint of its number one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee and to delegate to the subcommittees all or any of its powers except the power to report directly to the House;
- b. sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
- c. conduct consultations by any means the Committee considers appropriate;
- d. adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and,
- e. retain personnel as required to assist the Committee.

That the Committee report to the House as soon as possible, and that during a period of adjournment, the Committee deposit its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, or in the next following Session, as the case may be, the Chair present all reports to the House.

Motion agreed to.

3 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That a Special Committee to Appoint Statutory Officers be appointed to select and unanimously recommend to the Legislative Assembly the appointment of:

- a. an individual to hold office as Auditor General, pursuant to section 2 of the *Auditor General Act* (S.B.C. 2003, c. 2);
- b. an individual to hold office as Chief Electoral Officer, pursuant to section 4 of the *Election Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 106); and,
- c. an individual to hold office as Conflict of Interest Commissioner, pursuant to section 14 of the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 287).

That the Special Committee have the powers of a Select Standing Committee and in addition be empowered to:

- a. appoint of its number one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Special Committee and to delegate to the subcommittees all or any of its powers except the power to report directly to the House;
- b. sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
- c. adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and,
- d. retain personnel as required to assist the Special Committee.

That the Special Committee report to the House on each of its recommendations as soon as possible, and that during a period of adjournment, the Special Committee deposit its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, or in the next following Session, as the case may be, the Chair present all reports to the House.

That the Special Committee be composed of the following Members: *Janet Routledge* (Convener), *Harman Bhangu*, *Linda Hepner*, *Stephanie Higginson* and *Qwulti'stunaat / Debra Toporowski*.

Motion agreed to.

4 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That all reports of the Auditor General of British Columbia transmitted to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly be deemed referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts. For greater certainty, the following exceptions are provided:

- a. the report referred to in section 22 of the *Auditor General Act* (S.B.C. 2003, c. 2) shall be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services; and,
- b. reports of the Auditor General respecting the Legislative Assembly prepared under the provisions of the *Legislative Assembly Management Committee Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 258) shall be referred to the Legislative Assembly Management Committee.

That the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts be the Committee referred to in sections 10 and 14 of the *Auditor General Act* (S.B.C. 2003, c. 2).

That, in addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committees of the House, the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts be empowered to:

- a. appoint of its number one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee and to delegate to the subcommittees all or any of its powers except the power to report directly to the House;
- b. sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
- c. adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and,
- d. retain personnel as required to assist the Committee.

That the Committee report to the House as soon as possible, and that during a period of adjournment, the Committee deposit its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, or in the next following Session, as the case may be, the Chair present all reports to the House.

Motion agreed to.

5 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills be empowered to consider:

1. Public Bills in the Hands of a Private Member committed to the Committee pursuant to Standing Order 84A and within 30 sitting days of a Bill's committal:

- a. report each such Bill back to the House with or without amendment; or,
- b. recommend back to the House that any such Bill not proceed further.

2. Private Bills referred to the Committee pursuant to Standing Order 105 and to report to the House on any such Bill as soon as possible.

That, in addition to the powers previously conferred upon Select Standing Committees of the House, the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills be empowered to:

- a. appoint of its number one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee and to delegate to the subcommittees all or any of its powers except the power to report directly to the House;
- b. sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
- c. conduct consultations by any means the Committee considers appropriate;
- d. adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and,
- e. retain personnel as required to assist the Committee.

That the Committee report to the House as soon as possible, and that during a period of adjournment, the Committee deposit its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, or in the next following Session, as the case may be, the Chair present all reports to the House.

Motion agreed to.

6 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth be empowered to foster greater awareness and understanding among legislators and the public of the B.C. child welfare system, including the specific needs of Indigenous children, youth, families and communities, and in particular to:

- a. receive and review the annual service plan from the Representative for Children and Youth (the "Representative") that includes a statement of goals and identifies specific objectives and performance measures that will be required to exercise the powers and perform the functions and duties of the Representative during the fiscal year;
- b. be the Committee to which the Representative reports, at least annually;
- c. refer to the Representative for investigation the critical injury or death of a child;
- d. receive and consider all reports and plans transmitted by the Representative to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly; and,
- e. undertake, pursuant to section 30 (1) of the *Representative for Children and Youth Act* (S.B.C. 2006, c. 29), a comprehensive review of the Act or portions of the Act at least once every five years, but by no later than April 1, 2027, to determine whether the functions of the Representative described in section 6 are still required to ensure that the needs of children and young adults as defined in that section are met.

That, in addition to the powers previously conferred upon Select Standing Committees of the House, the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth be empowered to:

- a. appoint of its number one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee and to delegate to the subcommittees all or any of its powers except the power to report directly to the House;
- b. sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
- c. conduct consultations by any means the Committee considers appropriate;
- d. adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and,
- e. retain personnel as required to assist the Committee.

That the Committee report to the House as soon as possible, and that during a period of adjournment, the Committee deposit its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, or in the next following Session, as the case may be, the Chair present all reports to the House.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 2) intituled *Acting Conflict of Interest Commissioner Continuation Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 2) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled *Protected Areas of British Columbia Amendment Act, 2025*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *Bowinn Ma*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, in consideration of Motion 7 regarding the implementation of proposed tariffs from President Donald Trump, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—86

Lore	Lajeunesse	Phillip	Boulton
G. Anderson	Choi	Dhir	Chan
Blatherwick	Rotchford	Valeriote	Toor
Elmore	Higginson	Botterell	Hepner
Sunner	Routledge	Sturko	Giddens
Toporowski	Popham	Kindy	Rattée
B. Anderson	Dix	Milobar	Davis
Neill	Sharma	Warbus	McInnis
Osborne	Farnworth	Rustad	Bird
Brar	Eby	Banman	Luck
Davidson	Bailey	Wat	Stamer
Kahlon	Begg	Kooner	Tepper
Parmar	Greene	Halford	Mok
Gibson	Whiteside	Hartwell	Wilson
Beare	Boyle	L. Neufeld	Clare
Chandra Herbert	Ma	Van Popta	Day
Wickens	Yung	Dew	Williams
Kang	Malcolmson	Gasper	Loewen
Morissette	Chow	K. Neufeld	Dhaliwal
Sandhu	Glumac	Block	Doerkson
Krieger	Arora	Paton	McCall
Chant	Shah		

NAYS—5

Brodie	Maahs	Kealy	Chapman
Armstrong			

By notice from the Members, *Macklin McCall* and *Jody Toor* exchanged places on the List of Precedence for Private Members' Business.

And then the House adjourned at 6.13 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Teresa Wat*.

The Hon. *Niki Sharma* (Attorney General and Deputy Premier) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

WENDY COCCHIA
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 4) intituled *Business Practices and Consumer Protection Amendment Act, 2025*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

February 24, 2025.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *Raj Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General Report, B.C. Public Sector Boards: Oversight of the Appointment Process, February 2025.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

By leave, the Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That, notwithstanding Standing Order 17B, Members be permitted to wear a pink shirt in the House on February 26, 2025, being Pink Shirt Day.

Motion agreed to.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled *Protected Areas of British Columbia Amendment Act, 2025*.

Bill (No. 3) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

And then the House adjourned at 11.44 a.m.

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of *Teresa Wat*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 6.26 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Claire Rattée*.

On the motion of *Kiel Giddens*, Bill (No. M 201) intituled *Low Carbon Fuels Amendment Act, 2025*, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of *Darlene Rotchford*, Bill (No. M 202) intituled *Eligibility to Hold Public Office Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 2) intituled *Acting Conflict of Interest Commissioner Continuation Act* was committed.

Clauses 1 through 3 and the title of Bill (No. 2) passed.

Bill (No. 2) reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 3) intituled *Protected Areas of British Columbia Amendment Act, 2025*, was committed.

Clause 1 and clause 2 of Bill (No. 3) passed.

A proposed amendment by the Hon. *Laanas / Tamara Davidson* (Minister of Environment and Parks) on the Order Paper to clause 3 of Bill (No. 3) passed.

Clause 3, as amended, of Bill (No. 3) passed.

Clauses 4 through 6 and the title of Bill (No. 3) passed.

Bill (No. 3) reported complete with amendment.

Bill (No. 3) as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

8 *John Rustad* moved, seconded by *Á'a:liya Warbus*—

That the motion on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be amended by adding the underlined words:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia in session assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has addressed to us at the opening of the present Session, but Your Honour's present government does not have the confidence of the Legislative Assembly.

The House divided.

The amendment was negatived on the following division:

NAYS—48

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Boyle</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Ma</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Beare</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Yung</i>
<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>
<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chow</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Arora</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Shah</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Phillip</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Chant</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Dhir</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Botterell</i>

YEAS—44

<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Mok</i>
<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>Giddens</i>	<i>Wilson</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Gaspar</i>	<i>Rattée</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>Warbus</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Clare</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Brodie</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Day</i>
<i>Banman</i>	<i>Block</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>Bird</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Luck</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Boulton</i>	<i>Stamer</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>Chapman</i>
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Tepper</i>	<i>McCall</i>

The debate resumed on the main motion.

On the motion of the Hon. *Mike Farnworth*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 6.44 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, February 27, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Korky Neufeld*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *Raj Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General Report, Child Care Licensing Capacity, February 2025.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled *Business Practices and Consumer Protection Amendment Act, 2025*, a debate arose.

On the motion of the Hon. *Brenda Bailey*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.52 a.m.

Thursday, February 27, 2025

ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled *Business Practices and Consumer Protection Amendment Act, 2025*.

The debate continued.

Peter Milobar moved the following amendment—

That the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled *Business Practices and Consumer Protection Amendment Act, 2025*, be amended by deleting the word "now" and substituting "six months hence."

The amendment on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 4) was negatived on the following division:

NAYS—48

Lore
G. Anderson
Blatherwick
Elmore
Sunner
Toporowski
B. Anderson
Neill
Osborne
Brar
Davidson
Kahlon

Parmar
Gibson
Beare
Chandra Herbert
Wickens
Kang
Morissette
Sandhu
Krieger
Chant
Lajeunesse
Choi

Rotchford
Higginson
Routledge
Popham
Dix
Sharma
Farnworth
Eby
Bailey
Begg
Greene
Whiteside

Boyle
Ma
Yung
Malcolmson
Chow
Glumac
Arora
Shah
Phillip
Dhir
Valeriote
Botterell

YEAS—41

Sturko
Kindy
Milobar
Rustad
Banman
Wat
Kooner
Halford
L. Neufeld
Van Popta
Dew

Gasper
K. Neufeld
Brodie
Block
Bhangu
Paton
Boulton
Chan
Toor
Hepner

Giddens
Rattée
Davis
Armstrong
McInnis
Bird
Luck
Stamer
Maahs
Tepper

Mok
Wilson
Kealy
Clare
Day
Williams
Loewen
Dhaliwal
Chapman
McCall

The debate resumed on the main motion.

The debate continued.

On the motion of *Susie Chant*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

By notice from the Members, *Kiel Giddens* and *Jody Toor* exchanged places on the List of Precedence for Private Members' Business.

And then the House adjourned at 5.19 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Monday, March 3, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by the Hon. *Sheila Malcolmson*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 202) intituled *Eligibility to Hold Public Office Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, division on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 202) was deferred until 30 minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment.

And then the House adjourned at 11.51 a.m.

Monday, March 3, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *Ravi Kahlon* (Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs) tabled the Islands Trust Annual Report, 2023/24.

The Hon. *Brenda Bailey* (Minister of Finance) tabled the following documents:

Province of British Columbia Consolidated Revenue Fund Guarantees and Indemnities Approved for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2024;

Statement of 2023/24 Borrowings Pursuant to Section 56 of the *Financial Administration Act*, Schedule A and Schedule B; and,

Province of British Columbia Forty-eighth Annual Report pursuant to the *Public Service Benefit Plan Act*, Year Ended March 31, 2024.

The Hon. *Sheila Malcolmson* (Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction) tabled the TogetherBC: British Columbia's Poverty Reduction Strategy Annual Report, 2023.

The Hon. *Spencer Chandra Herbert* (Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport) tabled the BC Arts Council Annual Report, 2023/2024.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 4) intituled *Business Practices and Consumer Protection Amendment Act, 2025*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to *nemine contradicente* on the following division:

YEAS—91

Lore	Choi	Sturko	Giddens
G. Anderson	Rotchford	Kindy	Rattée
Blatherwick	Higginson	Milobar	Davis
Elmore	Routledge	Warbus	Armstrong
Sunner	Popham	Rustad	McInnis
Toporowski	Dix	Banman	Bird
B. Anderson	Sharma	Wat	Luck
Neill	Farnworth	Kooner	Stamer
Osborne	Eby	Halford	Maahs
Brar	Bailey	Hartwell	Tepper
Davidson	Begg	L. Neufeld	Mok
Kahlon	Greene	Van Popta	Wilson
Parmar	Whiteside	Dew	Kealy
Gibson	Boyle	Gasper	Clare
Beare	Ma	K. Neufeld	Day
Chandra Herbert	Yung	Brodie	Williams
Wickens	Malcolmson	Block	Loewen
Kang	Chow	Bhangu	Dhaliwal
Morissette	Glumac	Paton	Chapman
Sandhu	Arora	Boulton	McCall
Krieger	Shah	Chan	Valeriote
Chant	Phillip	Toor	Botterell
Lajeunesse	Dhir	Hepner	

Bill (No. 4) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of *Hon Chan*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, in consideration of second reading of Bill (No. M 202) intituled *Eligibility to Hold Public Office Act*, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—48

Lore	Parmar	Rotchford	Boyle
G. Anderson	Gibson	Higginson	Ma
Blatherwick	Beare	Routledge	Yung
Elmore	Chandra Herbert	Popham	Malcolmson
Sunner	Wickens	Dix	Chow
Toporowski	Kang	Sharma	Glumac
B. Anderson	Morissette	Farnworth	Arora
Neill	Sandhu	Eby	Shah
Osborne	Krieger	Bailey	Phillip
Brar	Chant	Begg	Dhir
Davidson	Lajeunesse	Greene	Valeriote
Kahlon	Choi	Whiteside	Botterell

NAYS—42

Sturko
Kindy
Milobar
Warbus
Rustad
Banman
Wat
Kooner
Halford
Hartwell
L. Neufeld

Dew
Gasper
Brodie
Block
Bhangu
Paton
Boulton
Chan
Toor
Hepner
Giddens

Rattée
Davis
Armstrong
McInnis
Bird
Luck
Stamer
Maahs
Tepper
Mok

Wilson
Kealy
Clare
Day
Williams
Loewen
Dhaliwal
Doerkson
Chapman
McCall

Bill (No. M 202) read a second time and *Ordered* committed to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills.

And then the House adjourned at 6.12 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Susie Chant*.

On the motion of *John Rustad*, Bill (No. M 203) intituled *Free Trade and Mobility Within Canada Act, 2025*, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of *Jody Toor*, Bill (No. M 204) intituled *Perinatal and Postnatal Mental Health Strategy Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

And then the House adjourned at 11.05 a.m.

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion of the Hon. *Brenda Bailey* (Minister of Finance), it was *Ordered*—

That this House, at its next sitting, resolve itself for this Session into a Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

The Hon. *Brenda Bailey* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

WENDY COCCHIA
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith:
Estimates—Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2026; and,
Supplement to the Estimates—Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2026;
and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 27, 2025.

Ordered, that the Message, and the Estimates accompanying same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Hon. *Brenda Bailey* (Minister of Finance) moved, seconded by the Hon. *David Eby* (Premier) “That the Speaker do now leave the Chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

A debate arose, which was, on the motion of *Peter Milobar*, adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Hon. *Brenda Bailey* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

WENDY COCCHIA
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 5) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2025*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
February 27, 2025.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *Brenda Bailey* (Minister of Finance) tabled the following documents:

Government’s Strategic Plan, 2025/26 – 2027/28, required under the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*;

Budget and Fiscal Plan, 2025/26 – 2027/28, required under the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*;

Ministry Service Plans: Office of the Premier; Ministry of Agriculture and Food; Ministry of Attorney General; Ministry of Children and Family Development; Ministry of Citizens’ Services; Ministry of Education and Child Care; Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness; Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions; Ministry of Environment and Parks; Ministry of Finance; Ministry of Forests; Ministry of Health; Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs; Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation; Ministry of Infrastructure; Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation; Ministry of Labour; Ministry of Mining and Critical Minerals; Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills; Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General; Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction; Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport; Ministry of Transportation and Transit; Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship;

Crown Agency Service Plans: BC Assessment; British Columbia Council for International Education; British Columbia Energy Regulator; BC Family Maintenance Agency; BC Financial Services Authority; BC Games Society; BC Housing; BC Hydro and Power Authority; BC Infrastructure Benefits; BC Pavilion Corporation; BC Transit; British Columbia Lottery Corporation; BC Securities Commission; Columbia Basin Trust; Columbia Power Corporation; Community Living British Columbia; Destination British Columbia; First Peoples' Cultural Council; Forest Enhancement Society of BC; Forestry Innovation Investment; InBC Investment Corp.; Infrastructure BC Inc.; Innovate BC; Insurance Corporation of British Columbia; Knowledge Network Corporation; Legal Aid BC; BC Liquor Distribution Branch; Royal BC Museum; SkilledTradesBC; Transportation Investment Corporation; and,

List of Organizations that have been exempted from section 13 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*, and for which service plans are not being filed.

And then the House adjourned at 2.31 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by the Hon. *Bowinn Ma*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

The Hon. *David Eby* (Premier) made a ministerial statement regarding tariffs imposed by the United States.

John Rustad made a statement.

Rob Botterell made a statement.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That the Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *Randene Neill*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 6.52 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, March 6, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *George Anderson*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That the Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

On the motion of *Larry Neufeld*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.51 a.m.

Thursday, March 6, 2025

ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *Brenda Bailey* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

RONALD SKOLROOD
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 6) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 2025*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
March 4, 2025.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That the Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *Jagrup Brar*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

By notice from the Members, *Kiel Giddens* and *Elenore Sturko* exchanged places on the List of Precedence for Private Members' Business.

And then the House adjourned at 5.21 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Monday, March 10, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Pete Davis*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 204) intituled *Perinatal and Postnatal Mental Health Strategy Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, division on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 204) was deferred until 30 minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment.

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Monday, March 10, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That the Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

On the motion of *Claire Rattée*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, in consideration of second reading of Bill (No. M 204) intituled *Perinatal and Postnatal Mental Health Strategy Act*, the House divided.

Motion agreed to *nemine contradicente* on the following division:

YEAS—91

<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Rattée</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Warbus</i>	<i>McInnis</i>
<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Bird</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Banman</i>	<i>Luck</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Stamer</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Maahs</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Halford</i>	<i>Tepper</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Mok</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Wilson</i>
<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Clare</i>
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Boyle</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Yung</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Block</i>	<i>Chapman</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>McCall</i>
<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Valeriot</i>
<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Arora</i>	<i>Boulton</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Shah</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Dhir</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Brodie</i>
<i>Choi</i>	<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Giddens</i>	

Bill (No. M 204) read a second time and *Ordered* committed to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills.

And then the House adjourned at 6.12 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Kristina Loewen*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That the Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

On the motion of *David Williams*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.53 a.m.

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion "That the Speaker do now leave the Chair" for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

On the motion of *Nina Krieger*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 6.22 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Rosalyn Bird*.

On the motion of *Elenore Sturko*, Bill (No. M 205) intituled *Mental Health Amendment Act, 2025*, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

- 9 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—
That, for the remainder of the current Session:

GENERAL

1. Certain proceedings of the House may be undertaken in two sections, designated Section A and Section B, to be subject to the rules that follow.
2. Section A sit in such committee room as may be designated from time to time, and Section B sit in the Legislative Chamber.
3. Section A and Section B be authorized to examine all Estimates, and for all purposes be deemed to be the Committee of Supply, and that the Standing Orders relating to the consideration of Estimates in the Committee of Supply and to Committees of the Whole House be applicable to such proceedings, save and except that, during proceedings in Committee of Supply, a Minister may defer to a Deputy Minister to permit such Deputy to reply to a question put to the Minister.

4. Section A and Section B be authorized to consider bills at committee stage after second reading thereof, and for all purposes be deemed to be a Committee of the Whole House, and that the Standing Orders relating to the consideration of bills in a Committee of the Whole House be applicable to such proceedings.

5. Estimates or bills may be considered in the order determined by the Government House Leader and may at any time be subsequently referred to another designated Section, as determined by the Government House Leader in accordance with Standing Order 27 (2).

COMPOSITION

6. The Deputy Chair, Committee of the Whole or their designate preside in Section A.

7. Section A consist of 12 Members, not including the Chair, being six Members of the B.C. NDP Caucus, five Members of the Conservative Party of British Columbia Caucus, and one Member of the B.C. Green Party Caucus.

8. The Members of Section A be: the Minister whose Estimates are under examination or who is in charge of the bill under consideration and *Rohini Arora*, *Hon. Ravi Parmar*, *Janet Routledge*, *Harwinder Sandhu*, *Amna Shah*, *Amelia Boulton*, *Gavin Dew*, *Steve Kooner*, *Lawrence Mok*, *David Williams* and *Rob Botterell*.

9. Substitutions for Members of Section A be permitted with the consent of the Member's Caucus Whip.

10. Section B be composed of all Members of the House.

DIVISIONS

11. When a division is requested in Section A, the division bells shall be rung four times and the division shall proceed in accordance with Standing Order 16.

12. When a division is requested in Section B, the division bells shall be rung three times, at which time proceedings in Section A shall be suspended, and the division shall proceed in accordance with Standing Order 16.

13. If a division is underway in Section A at the time that a division is requested in Section B, the division in Section B be suspended until the completion of the division in Section A.

REPORTING AND COMPLETION

14. At 15 minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment of the House, the Chair of Section A shall report to the House.

Motion agreed to.

10 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That, effective March 31, 2025,

1. Standing Order 2 (1) be amended to provide for the Monday afternoon sitting, Tuesday afternoon sitting, and Wednesday afternoon sitting to be from 1.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.; and,

2. Standing Order 3 be amended by striking the words “6:30 p.m. on any Monday and Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday” and replacing them with “9:00 p.m. on any Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday”.

And that this order expire on May 30, 2025.

Motion agreed to, on division.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 3) intituled *Protected Areas of British Columbia Amendment Act, 2025*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 3) read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 6) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 2025*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 6) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That the Speaker do now leave the Chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *Anne Kang*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

By notice from the Members, *Tara Armstrong* and *Dallas Brodie* exchanged places on the List of Precedence for Private Members’ Business.

And then the House adjourned at 6.44 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, March 13, 2025

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Bryan Tepper*.

The Hon. *Niki Sharma* (Attorney General and Deputy Premier) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

WENDY COCCHIA
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 7) intituled *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 12, 2025.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of *John Rustad*, Bill (No. M 206) intituled *Interpretation (Pacific Daylight Time) Amendment Act, 2025*, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion “That the Speaker do now leave the Chair” for the House to go into Committee of Supply.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—48

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Boyle</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Ma</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Beare</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Yung</i>
<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>
<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chow</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Arora</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Shah</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Phillip</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Chant</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Dhir</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Valeriotte</i>
<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Botterell</i>

NAYS—44

<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Wilson</i>
<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>Giddens</i>	<i>Clare</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Gaspar</i>	<i>Rattée</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Warbus</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Banman</i>	<i>Block</i>	<i>Bird</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>Luck</i>	<i>Chapman</i>
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Stamer</i>	<i>McCall</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Boulton</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Tepper</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Brodie</i>

And then the House adjourned at 11.58 a.m.

Thursday, March 13, 2025

ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 4) intituled *Business Practices and Consumer Protection Amendment Act, 2025*, was committed.

Clause 1 and clause 2 of Bill (No. 4) passed.

Steve Kooner moved a proposed amendment to clause 3 of Bill (No. 4) which was defeated, on division.

Clause 3 of Bill (No. 4) passed, on division.

Clause 4 of Bill (No. 4) passed.

Steve Kooner moved a proposed amendment to clause 5 of Bill (No. 4) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—47

Lore	Gibson	Higginson	Ma
G. Anderson	Beare	Routledge	Yung
Blatherwick	Chandra Herbert	Popham	Malcolmson
Sunner	Wickens	Dix	Chow
Toporowski	Kang	Sharma	Glumac
B. Anderson	Morissette	Farnworth	Arora
Neill	Sandhu	Eby	Shah
Osborne	Krieger	Bailey	Phillip
Brar	Chant	Begg	Dhir
Davidson	Lajeunesse	Greene	Valeriote
Kahlon	Choi	Whiteside	Botterell
Parmar	Rotchford	Boyle	

YEAS—38

Sturko	Gasper	Giddens	Mok
Kindy	K. Neufeld	Rattée	Wilson
Warbus	Day	Davis	Clare
Banman	Block	McInnis	Williams
Kooner	Bhangu	Bird	Loewen
Halford	Paton	Luck	Dhaliwal
Hartwell	Boulton	Stamer	Doerkson
L. Neufeld	Chan	Maahs	Chapman
Van Popta	Toor	Tepper	McCall
Dew	Hepner		

Clause 5 of Bill (No. 4) passed, on division.

Clauses 6 through 38 of Bill (No. 4) passed.

Steve Kooner moved a proposed amendment to clause 39 of Bill (No. 4) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—48

Lore	Parmar	Rotchford	Boyle
G. Anderson	Gibson	Higginson	Ma
Blatherwick	Beare	Routledge	Yung
Elmore	Chandra Herbert	Popham	Malcolmson
Sunner	Wickens	Dix	Chow
Toporowski	Kang	Sharma	Glumac
B. Anderson	Morissette	Farnworth	Arora
Neill	Sandhu	Eby	Shah
Osborne	Krieger	Bailey	Phillip
Brar	Chant	Begg	Dhir
Davidson	Lajeunesse	Greene	Valeriote
Kahlon	Choi	Whiteside	Botterell

YEAS—38

Sturko	Dew	Hepner	Tepper
Kindy	Gasper	Giddens	Mok
Warbus	K. Neufeld	Rattée	Wilson
Banman	Day	Davis	Clare
Wat	Block	McInnis	Williams
Kooner	Bhangu	Bird	Loewen
Halford	Paton	Luck	Dhaliwal
Hartwell	Boulton	Stamer	Chapman
L. Neufeld	Chan	Maahs	McCall
Van Popta	Toor		

Clause 39 and clause 40 of Bill (No. 4) passed.

Steve Kooner moved a proposed amendment to add clause 40.1 to Bill (No. 4) which was defeated, on division.

Clause 41 and the title of Bill (No. 4) passed.

Bill (No. 4) reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.23 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Monday, March 31, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Hon. *Sheila Malcolmson*.

The Hon. *Brenda Bailey* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

WENDY COCCHIA
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 8) intituled *Carbon Tax Amendment Act, 2025*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
March 28, 2025.

On the motion that Bill (No. 8) be introduced and read a first time, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—89

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Dhir</i>	<i>Hepner</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Giddens</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Rattée</i>
<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Warbus</i>	<i>McInnis</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Luck</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Banman</i>	<i>Stamer</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Maahs</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Halford</i>	<i>Tepper</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Mok</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Wilson</i>
<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Clare</i>
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Boyle</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Yung</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Block</i>	<i>Chapman</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>McCall</i>
<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Arora</i>	<i>Boulton</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Shah</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Brodie</i>
<i>Lajeunesse</i>			

NAYS—1

Botterell

Bill (No. 8) introduced and read a first time.

The Hon. *Brenda Bailey* (Minister of Finance) indicated intention to request that Bill (No. 8) advance all stages this day pursuant to Standing Order 81.

The House recessed until 10.33 a.m. for distribution of the Bill.

The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* proposed that, pursuant to Standing Order 81, the Bill be permitted to be advanced all stages this day, and tabled supporting documents.

Peter Milobar made representations.

Jeremy Valeriote made representations.

The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for “Private Members’ Statements.”

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 205) intituled *Mental Health Amendment Act, 2025*, a debate arose.

On the motion of *Jody Toor*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

The Chair has considered the application made under Standing Order 81 by the Government House Leader as it pertains to Bill (No. 8) intituled *Carbon Tax Amendment Act, 2025*. The Chair thanks the Government House Leader, the Member for Kamloops Centre, and the Leader of the Third Party for their thoughtful submissions on this matter.

Standing Order 81 places one decision in the hands of the Chair: whether to allow a bill to proceed through two or more stages of consideration in one day, on account of urgent or extraordinary circumstances that may necessitate the normal rules for the consideration of legislation by this House to be suspended.

An application for accelerated consideration of legislation by this House must be weighed with great care by any Presiding Officer, who must always balance the rights of the majority to transact public business and of the minority to be heard. As noted by my predecessors, it is a request that must be made sparingly out of respect for this House and the democratic values that we all cherish.

On the application under Standing Order 81, the Chair has consulted the precedents of this House, previous Speakers' rulings, and *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 5th edition. In so doing, a two-part test is evident on the consideration of a request under this Standing Order: the first requiring the bill to address an urgent or extraordinary matter, and the second requiring the scope of the bill to be limited.

A key decision that relates to the matter at hand transpired after the House adjourned on Thursday, March 13 until Monday, March 31. The decision of the federal government to eliminate its consumer carbon tax, which has been described as the "federal backstop," was realized by federal order in council on Saturday, March 15. Earlier today, the government introduced Bill (No. 8) and immediately sought the application under Standing Order 81, which was done at the first opportunity upon the resumption of the House.

The question becomes whether the timelines and circumstances at hand are extraordinary. While the government has publicly indicated its intention to eliminate the consumer carbon tax, that decision ultimately rests with this House. British Columbians—both citizens and industry—no doubt want certainty on the will of the House, and that certainty can only come through the legislative process. It is the view of the Chair that these factors point to extraordinary circumstances and meet this test of a request under Standing Order 81.

The intent of Bill (No. 8) is to eliminate the consumer carbon tax in British Columbia—a topic of much debate in this House in the first four weeks of this session. In perusing the bill, the Chair is of the view that the bill is sufficiently limited in its scope and intended outcome to meet this test of a request under Standing Order 81.

In consideration of the above, it is the ruling of the Chair that Bill (No. 8) will be permitted to advance through all stages of consideration this day.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading later today.

The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That, notwithstanding Standing Orders 2 (1) and 3, the House sit beyond the hour fixed for adjournment for the afternoon sitting of Monday, March 31, 2025, until all questions pertaining to the remaining stages of consideration of Bill (No. 8) intituled *Carbon Tax Amendment Act, 2025*, are put and decided, and, should the bill pass, until the House has received the Lieutenant Governor and the said bill is presented for Royal Assent.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Monday, March 31, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *Raj Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General Report, Ministry of Forests: Calculating Carbon Projections, March 2025.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Bill (No. 6) intituled *Supply Act (No. 1), 2025*, was committed.

Peter Milobar moved a proposed amendment to clause 1 of Bill (No. 6) which was defeated, on division.

Clauses 1 through 4, the preamble and the title of Bill (No. 6) passed.

Bill (No. 6) reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled *Carbon Tax Amendment Act, 2025*, a debate arose.

Rob Botterell moved the following amendment—

That the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled *Carbon Tax Amendment Act, 2025*, be amended by deleting all the words after "that" and substituting therefor the following: "Bill (No. 8) not be read a second time until after the Minister of Finance has laid before the House a plan to address the climate crisis, the consequential and increasing budget deficit, and the impact of the loss of financial support to British Columbians."

The amendment on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 8) was negatived on the following division:

NAYS—89

Lore
G. Anderson
Blatherwick
Elmore
Sunner
Toporowski
B. Anderson
Neill
Osborne
Brar
Davidson
Kahlon
Parmar
Gibson
Beare
Chandra Herbert
Wickens
Kang
Morissette
Sandhu
Krieger
Chant
Lajeunesse

Choi
Rotchford
Higginson
Routledge
Popham
Dix
Sharma
Farnworth
Eby
Bailey
Begg
Greene
Whiteside
Boyle
Ma
Yung
Malcolmson
Chow
Glumac
Arora
Shah
Phillip

Dhir
Sturko
Kindy
Milobar
Warbus
Rustad
Banman
Wat
Kooner
Halford
Hartwell
L. Neufeld
Van Popta
Dew
Gasper
K. Neufeld
Day
Block
Bhangu
Paton
Boulton
Chan

Toor
Hepner
Giddens
Rattée
Davis
McInnis
Luck
Stamer
Maahs
Tepper
Mok
Wilson
Clare
Williams
Loewen
Dhaliwal
Doerkson
Chapman
McCall
Kealy
Armstrong
Brodie

YEAS—2

Valeriote

Botterell

The debate resumed on the main motion.

On the motion of the Hon. *Adrian Dix*, the debate was adjourned to later today.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair—

Kate Ryan-Lloyd, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 2) *Acting Conflict of Interest Commissioner Continuation Act*.

Bill (No. 3) *Protected Areas of British Columbia Amendment Act, 2025*.

Bill (No. 4) *Business Practices and Consumer Protection Amendment Act, 2025*.

Her Honour was pleased in His Majesty's name to give assent to the said Acts.

The said assent was announced by *Kate Ryan-Lloyd*, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, in the following words:

"In His Majesty's name, Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Acts."

Kate Ryan-Lloyd, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, read the title to the following Act:

Bill (No. 6) *Supply Act (No. 1), 2025*.

Her Honour was pleased in His Majesty's name to give assent to the said Act.

The said assent was announced by *Kate Ryan-Lloyd*, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, in the following words:

"In His Majesty's name, Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth thank His Majesty's loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Act."

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 8) intituled *Carbon Tax Amendment Act, 2025*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—88			
Lore	Lajeunesse	Phillip	Chan
G. Anderson	Choi	Dhir	Toor
Blatherwick	Rotchford	Sturko	Hepner
Elmore	Higginson	Kindy	Giddens
Sunner	Routledge	Milobar	Rattée
Toporowski	Popham	Warbus	McInnis
B. Anderson	Dix	Rustad	Luck
Neill	Sharma	Banman	Stamer
Osborne	Farnworth	Wat	Maahs
Brar	Eby	Kooner	Tepper
Davidson	Bailey	Halford	Mok
Kahlon	Begg	Hartwell	Wilson
Parmar	Greene	L. Neufeld	Clare
Gibson	Whiteside	Van Popta	Williams
Beare	Boyle	Dew	Loewen
Chandra Herbert	Ma	Gasper	Dhaliwal
Wickens	Yung	K. Neufeld	Doerkson
Kang	Malcolmson	Day	Chapman
Morissette	Chow	Block	McCall
Sandhu	Glumac	Bhangu	Kealy
Krieger	Arora	Paton	Armstrong
Chant	Shah	Boulton	Brodie
NAYS—2			
Valeriote	Botterell		

Bill (No. 8) read a second time and *Ordered* committed to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$99,120,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2026.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,508,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Agricultural Land Commission, to 31st March, 2026.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$186,048,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2026.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food and the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Infrastructure.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again later today.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

The House continued to sit past midnight.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Infrastructure.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 8) intituled *Carbon Tax Amendment Act, 2025*, was committed.

Clauses 1 through 8 of Bill (No. 8) passed.

In consideration of clause 9 of Bill (No. 8), the Committee divided as follows:

YEAS—6			
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Bailey</i>
<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Routledge</i>		
NAYS—6			
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Boulton</i>		

The Chair announced that the votes being equal, and in accordance with established practice, she cast her vote in favour of the motion.

Clause 9 of Bill (No. 8) passed.

Clauses 10 through 14 and the title of Bill (No. 8) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 8) intituled *Carbon Tax Amendment Act, 2025*, complete without amendment.

Bill (No. 8) read a third time and passed.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair—

Kate Ryan-Lloyd, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, read the title to the following Act:

Bill (No. 8) *Carbon Tax Amendment Act, 2025*.

Her Honour was pleased in His Majesty's name to give assent to the said Act.

The said assent was announced by *Kate Ryan-Lloyd*, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, in the following words:

“In His Majesty’s name, Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to this Act.”

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

And then the House adjourned at 1.49 a.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by the Hon. *Kelly Greene*.

On the motion of *Peter Milobar*, Bill (No. M 207) intituled *Greenhouse Gas Industrial Reporting and Control Repeal Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$55,332,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Infrastructure, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2026.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Infrastructure.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.52 a.m.

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.07 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by the Hon. *Christine Boyle*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *Raj Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Registrar of Lobbyists, Determination Decision 25-01, Atira Women's Resource Society, Designated Filer: Donna-Lynn Donnie Rosa-Brailsford, January 31, 2025;

Registrar of Lobbyists, Determination Decision 25-02, Arts Club of Vancouver Theatre Society, Designated Filer: Peter Cathie White, February 5, 2025; and,

Registrar of Lobbyists, Determination Decision 25-03, Vancouver Humane Society, Designated Filer: Amy Morris, February 20, 2025.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

11 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That *Larry Neufeld* replace *Tara Armstrong* as a member of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Motion agreed to.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of *Harman Bhangu*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$88,707,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2026.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$36,420,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, *Emergency and Disaster Management Act*, to 31st March, 2026.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Citizens' Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.50 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, April 3, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by the Hon. *Laanas / Tamara Davidson*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act*.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—48

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Boyle</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Ma</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Beare</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Yung</i>
<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>
<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chow</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Arora</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Shah</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Phillip</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Chant</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Dhir</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Valeriot</i>
<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Botterell</i>

NAYS—43

<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>Giddens</i>	<i>Clare</i>
<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Rattée</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Warbus</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Banman</i>	<i>Block</i>	<i>Bird</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>Luck</i>	<i>Chapman</i>
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Stamer</i>	<i>McCall</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Boulton</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Tepper</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Brodie</i>
<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Wilson</i>	

Bill (No. 7) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Citizens' Services.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 12 noon.

Thursday, April 3, 2025

ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of *Macklin McCall*, Bill (No. M 208) intituled *Emergency and Disaster Management Amendment Act, 2025*, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$705,355,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Citizens’ Services, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2026.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Citizens’ Services and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.20 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Monday, April 7, 2025

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Reann Gasper*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for “Private Members’ Statements.”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 205) intituled *Mental Health Amendment Act, 2025*.

Bill (No. M 205) read a second time and *Ordered* committed to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members’ Bills.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 208) intituled *Emergency and Disaster Management Amendment Act, 2025*, a debate arose.

On the motion of *David Williams*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Monday, April 7, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Peter Milobar raised a question of privilege regarding the ability of the Official Opposition to scrutinize the budget and main estimates given the introduction of recent legislation and tabled related documents.

The Speaker stated that he would take the matter under advisement.

The Hon. *Niki Sharma* reserved her right to raise a question of privilege.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

The Hon. *Brenda Bailey* reserved her right to raise a question of privilege in Committee.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$9,788,522,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Education and Child Care, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2026.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Education and Child Care and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.52 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Kiel Giddens*.

The Hon. *Josie Osborne* (Minister of Health) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

WENDY COCCHIA
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 9) intituled *Health Care Costs Recovery Amendment Act, 2025*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 4, 2025.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

The Speaker made the following statement:

Honourable Members:

Before we continue with this morning's proceedings, the Chair would like to provide guidance to Members with respect to their responsibilities in ensuring that appropriate timelines are met to enable second reading debate of Private Members' bills during Private Members' Time on a Monday morning. The Chair is aware that the practices for Monday mornings as of the current Parliament are still new and this guidance is intended to better serve the House and all Members as we navigate this new reality.

As Members are aware, a Private Member's bill requires two days' notice before it can be introduced and read a first time. After introduction and first reading, sufficient time must also be provided to work with the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel to finalize the bill before it is authorized to be printed and distributed, and therefore noted as "printed" on the Order Paper. The length of time required is dependent on the bill's readiness at introduction, and often whether the Member has received appropriate advice on the propriety of the bill during the drafting process. Generally, bills that are introduced in good form are printed within two or three business days of introduction.

The Chair will also note that, should a situation arise where a Member is first on the List of Precedence for Private Members' Business and they do not have an eligible item of business on the Order Paper—such as a bill showing as "not printed"—the Member would be removed from the List of Precedence for the remainder of the Parliament, or until such time as the list may be re-established. The House would then proceed to the next Member on the List of Precedence to advance their item of business, as provided in Standing Order 27 (4).

The Chair has seen bills introduced only one or two sitting days in advance of their anticipated second reading debate, putting their eligibility to proceed at risk.

With these requirements in mind, it is incumbent upon Members to ensure that sufficient time has been provided to finalize and print their bill before they anticipate moving second reading during Private Members' Time.

Members are also reminded that they may have more than one item of business on the Order Paper, whether it be a Private Member's bill or a notice of motion. Although Private Members' motions also require two days' notice, they would be eligible to be called for debate as soon as they are listed on the Order Paper, providing another option for Private Members to bring their business forward.

Additional guidance is provided in the Private Members' Time booklet that has been provided to all Members, and procedural support and advice is available from the Chair, the Table Officers, and the Office of the Clerk. I trust all Private Members will be mindful of these reminders as they prepare for Private Members' Time.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, Speaker

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Gavin Dew rose on a point of order regarding comments made by the Minister of State for Trade during Oral Question Period.

The Hon. *Raj Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the Human Rights Commissioner Report, "We're Still Here": Report of the Inquiry into Detentions Under the *Adult Guardianship Act*, April 2025.

The Hon. *Josie Osborne* presented a petition regarding dog laws in British Columbia.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *Brenda Bailey* (Minister of Finance) made representations with respect to the question of privilege raised yesterday regarding the ability of the Official Opposition to scrutinize the budget and main estimates given the introduction of recent legislation and tabled related documents.

The Speaker stated that he would take the matter under advisement.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,515,868,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2026.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Environment and Parks.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.24 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Ward Stamer*.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

The House observed a moment of silence in remembrance of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

Yesterday, after Oral Question Period, the Member for Kelowna-Mission rose on a point of order, stating that the Minister of State for Trade used unparliamentary language. As the Minister in question did not rise to respond to the point of order, the Chair took the matter under advisement. Having not heard the remarks in question, the Chair reviewed the record of Oral Question Period proceedings.

Pursuant to practice, Speakers have ruled that if the Chair did not hear the offensive word or phrase and if the offensive language was not recorded in the Hansard Debates, the Chair cannot be expected to rule in the absence of a reliable record.

In this instance, the unparliamentary remarks are not captured in Hansard.

However, the Chair will take this opportunity to caution the House that all honourable Members bear responsibility for their remarks in this place and the overall civility and decorum of proceedings. Further guidance is available in the *Order and Decorum* booklet circulated to Members yesterday.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, Speaker

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

14 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That a Special Committee on Democratic and Electoral Reform be appointed to:

1. Examine and make recommendations related to:

- a. increasing democratic engagement and voter participation, and
- b. models for electing Members of the Legislative Assembly, including proportional representation

and report to the House thereon by November 26, 2025.

2. Review the administration of the 43rd provincial general election, including consideration of the Chief Electoral Officer’s report on the 43rd provincial general election, and make recommendations for improvements for future elections, and report to the House thereon by May 14, 2026.

That the Special Committee have the powers of a Select Standing Committee and in addition be empowered to:

- a. appoint of its number one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Special Committee and to delegate to the subcommittees all or any of its powers except the power to report directly to the House;
- b. sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
- c. conduct consultations by any means the Special Committee considers appropriate;
- d. adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and,
- e. retain personnel as required to assist the Special Committee.

That during a period of adjournment, the Special Committee deposit its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, or in the next following Session, as the case may be, the Chair present all reports to the House.

That the Special Committee be composed of the following Members: *Jessie Sunner* (Convener), *George Anderson*, *Rob Botterell*, *Sheldon Clare*, *Amna Shah*, *Ward Stamer* and *Qwulti’stunaat / Debra Toporowski*.

Motion agreed to.

13 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That *Steve Morissette* replace *Harwinder Sandhu* as a member of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

Motion agreed to.

15 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That *Susie Chant* replace *Paul Choi* as a member of the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth.

Motion agreed to.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Health.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$162,410,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Environment and Parks, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2026.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$17,343,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Environment and Parks, Environmental Assessment Office, to 31st March, 2026.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Environment and Parks and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Forests.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.52 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, April 10, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Heather Maahs*.

On the motion of *Dallas Brodie*, Bill (No. M 209) intituled *Tax Relief and Tariff Defence Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of *Paul Choi*, Bill (No. M 210) intituled *Korean Heritage Month Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

On Monday, April 7, the Member for Kamloops Centre raised a question of privilege respecting the ability of the Official Opposition to scrutinize the 2025–26 budget and main estimates before the House, particularly following the enactment of Bill (No. 8) intituled *Carbon Tax Amendment Act, 2025*, last week. The Minister of Finance requested an opportunity to make representations to the Chair on the matter, and did so in the House on Tuesday, April 8. The Chair thanks the Member for Kamloops Centre and the Minister of Finance for their submissions. The Chair is now prepared to rule on the matter.

It is the role of the Chair to examine submissions made under a question of privilege and to determine on the evidence presented whether a *prima facie* breach of privilege has occurred. As acknowledged by the Member for Kamloops Centre, in considering a question of privilege, the Chair must first assess if the initial criterion has been met, being whether the question was raised at the earliest opportunity. This strict requirement and the inability of the Chair to relax it is canvassed in detail in *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 5th edition, at pages 401 to 403. In order to satisfy the earliest opportunity criterion, it is the view of the Chair that the Member for Kamloops Centre had a reasonable opportunity to, at minimum, reserve his right to raise a question of privilege on this matter while he prepared his submission. On this basis, the Chair concludes that this criterion has not been met, and it is the ruling of the Chair that a *prima facie* breach of privilege has not occurred.

However, the Chair wishes to take this opportunity to provide guidance to the House as it relates to some of the matters at hand.

The Committee of Supply is tasked with examining requested annual appropriations for each ministry, special office, or other purpose. A final Supply Act enacted by the Legislature thereafter serves as the legal mechanism by which those appropriations are accessed by the government from the Consolidated Revenue Fund. While fiscal forecasts can change, the Chair accepts that the decisions before the House and the Committee of Supply, in terms of Main Estimates appropriations being requested by the government, have not changed. Expenditures by the government cannot exceed individual Vote totals without additional legislative authority.

Having reviewed the written submissions, the Member for Kamloops Centre and the Minister of Finance disagree with respect to the interpretation of relevant statutory provisions. While that is not a matter for the Chair to adjudicate, the Chair can appreciate the arguments made by the Member for Kamloops Centre and the frustration that Members of the House may feel when they are being asked to consider budgetary measures in an ever-changing fiscal environment. The Chair trusts and expects that the House and its role in the financial life of the province will be fully respected, and that the government will fulfill its statutory obligations to provide timely updates throughout the fiscal year.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Trevor Halford reserved his right to raise a question of privilege regarding comments made during Oral Question Period.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That, notwithstanding Standing Order 2 (2) (b), when the House next adjourns, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Monday, April 14, 2025.

Motion agreed to.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$34,996,928,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Health, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2026.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Health.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Forests.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. *Brenda Bailey* made a statement clarifying that the motion adopted this morning that the House stand adjourned until Monday, April 14 will take effect today at daily adjournment.

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Thursday, April 10, 2025

ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of *Hon Chan*, Bill (No. M 211) intituled *Consumer Choice (Zero-Emission Vehicles) Repeal Act, 2025*, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$412,584,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2026.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$238,047,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Forests, Fire Management, to 31st March, 2026.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,162,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Forest Practices Board, to 31st March, 2026.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Forests and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Mining and Critical Minerals.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.22 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Monday, April 14, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Jessie Sunner*.

The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* rose on a point of order regarding the admissibility of Bill (No. M 209) intituled *Tax Relief and Tariff Defence Act* with respect to Standing Order 76.

Peter Milobar made representations.

Dallas Brodie made representations.

Jeremy Valeriot made representations.

The Speaker stated that he would take the matter under advisement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

Earlier this morning, the Government House Leader raised a point of order regarding the admissibility of Bill (No. M 209) intituled *Tax Relief and Tariff Defence Act* standing in the name of the Member for Vancouver-Quilchena. The Chair thanks the Government House Leader, the Member

for Kamloops Centre, the Member for Vancouver-Quilchena, and the Leader of the Third Party for their submissions and for seeking clarity on the application of Standing Order 76. The Chair has examined the submissions, the bill, and prior Speakers' rulings on the application of Standing Order 76 and is now prepared to rule on the point of order.

Standing Order 76 provides, "Any Bill affecting the Constitution must be introduced by a Member of the Government or with the sanction of the Government."

In our House, previous Speakers have ruled Private Members' bills out of order on the grounds that they offend Standing Order 76 by affecting provisions in the provincial *Constitution Act*. It is the view of the Chair that Standing Order 76 also applies if a Private Member's bill touches upon the provisions of the *Constitution Act, 1867* or the *Constitution Act, 1982*, being Canada's Constitution.

It has also been held in previous Speakers' rulings that Private Members' bills cannot touch upon the prerogatives of the Crown, with bills being ruled out of order on such grounds. Royal Prerogatives are powers and privileges accorded by common law to the Crown, exercised on the advice of the executive. Specific to the matter at hand, these prerogatives include treaty-making with First Nations.

Clause 13 of Bill (No. M 209) directly pertains to the aboriginal and treaty rights recognized under section 35 (1) of the *Constitution Act, 1982*. This clause and other provisions of the bill offend Standing Order 76, touch upon the prerogatives of the Crown, and conflict with section 8.1 (2) of the provincial *Interpretation Act*, which provides, "For certainty, every enactment must be construed as upholding and not abrogating or derogating from the aboriginal and treaty rights of Indigenous peoples as recognized and affirmed by section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*."

In consideration of the above, it is the ruling of the Chair that Bill (No. M 209) is not in order—as such, the bill will not be permitted to proceed.

The Chair has consulted the Report of the Special Committee to Review Private Members' Business, which serves as the basis of Standing Order amendments for how business is undertaken during Private Members' Time. Based on the report, the departure from guidance provided by Speaker Barisoff is justified. The Chair accepts the submission of the Government House Leader that, once a bill is ruled out of order by the Chair, it will be removed from the Order Paper. The bill therefore dies and there is no basis of debate.

Pursuant to Standing Order 27A (5), the Member for Vancouver-Quilchena is moved to the bottom of the list of precedence for consideration of Private Members' business.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 208) intituled *Emergency and Disaster Management Amendment Act, 2025*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, division on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 208) was deferred until 30 minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment.

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Monday, April 14, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *Niki Sharma* (Attorney General and Deputy Premier) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

WENDY COCCHIA
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 10) intituled *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 14, 2025.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Elenore Sturko reserved her right to raise a question of privilege regarding comments made by the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General during Oral Question Period.

The Hon. *Garry Begg* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) tabled the *Insurance (Vehicle) Act* Report, Part 7 Accident Benefits Review: Recommendations, March 31, 2025.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

18 The Hon. *Laanas / Tamara Davidson* moved—

That this House:

1. Acknowledges the findings of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls that cultural genocide occurred in Canada.

2. Recognizes this cultural genocide was born out of the Canadian government’s multifaceted attempts to separate Indigenous people from their land, culture, and languages and that residential schools were a key pillar of this strategy.

3. Recognizes that the remains of 4,000 Indigenous children remain buried in marked and unmarked graves at residential school sites across the country.

4. Recognizes that decades of legal precedent in Canada and British Columbia have affirmed the existence of Indigenous rights and title, which places an obligation on government to acknowledge, respect, and uphold these rights and title.

5. Accepts that the voices of residential school survivors, intergenerational survivors, their families, and communities must be at the centre of all discussions on the real and ongoing impacts of this tragic chapter of Canadian history.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of *Rohini Arora*, the debate was adjourned to later today.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$61,012,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Mining and Critical Minerals, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2026.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Mining and Critical Minerals.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

18 The House resumed the adjourned debate on Motion 18 regarding acknowledging the findings of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, recognizing the government's role in the intergenerational impact of residential schools, and affirming Indigenous rights and title.

A debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to *nemine contradicente* on the following division:

YEAS—92

Lore	Choi	Sturko	Giddens
G. Anderson	Rotchford	Kindy	Rattée
Blatherwick	Higginson	Milobar	Davis
Elmore	Routledge	Warbus	McInnis
Sunner	Popham	Rustad	Bird
Toporowski	Dix	Banman	Luck
B. Anderson	Sharma	Wat	Stamer
Neill	Farnworth	Kooner	Maahs
Osborne	Eby	Halford	Tepper
Brar	Bailey	Hartwell	Mok
Davidson	Begg	L. Neufeld	Clare
Kahlon	Greene	Van Popta	Wilson
Parmar	Whiteside	Dew	Williams
Gibson	Boyle	Gaspar	Loewen
Beare	Ma	K. Neufeld	Dhaliwal
Chandra Herbert	Yung	Day	Doerkson
Wickens	Malcolmson	Block	Chapman
Kang	Chow	Bhangu	McCall
Morissette	Glumac	Paton	Valeriote
Sandhu	Arora	Boulton	Botterell
Krieger	Shah	Chan	Kealy
Chant	Phillip	Toor	Armstrong
Lajeunesse	Dhir	Hepner	Brodie

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2025*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of *Sharon Hartwell*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act* was committed.

Clause 1 of Bill (No. 7) passed.

On clause 2 of Bill (No. 7).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 7) intituled *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, in consideration of second reading of Bill (No. M 208) intituled *Emergency and Disaster Management Amendment Act, 2025*, the House divided.

Motion negatived on the following division:

NAYS—46

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Boyle</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Beare</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Ma</i>
<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Yung</i>
<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Chow</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Arora</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Shah</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Chant</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Phillip</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Dhir</i>
<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Choi</i>		

YEAS—45

<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>Giddens</i>	<i>Wilson</i>
<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Rattée</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Warbus</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Block</i>	<i>Bird</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Banman</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>Luck</i>	<i>Chapman</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Stamer</i>	<i>McCall</i>
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Boulton</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Tepper</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Clare</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>Van Popta</i>			

The Hon. *Brenda Bailey* reserved her right to raise a question of privilege.

1 Reply to *Reann Gasper* from the Hon. Minister of Education and Child Care in response to written questions on notice:—

1. Were any concerns identified in the Ministry's Preliminary Review Report on the \$10-a-Day Prototype Sites shared with federal officials prior to the 2021 signing of the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CW-ELCC) agreement?

Response:

Provincial staff and federal staff have regular communication through the process of developing programs and reports. Highlights from the Preliminary report were included in the 2019/20 Annual Report as part of the Early Learning and Child Care Agreement. A link to the final evaluation was included in the 2020/21 ELCC Agreement Annual Report—which is the initial child care agreement signed with federal government.

2. If any concerns from the Preliminary Review Report were shared with the federal government before the 2021 agreement was finalized, which concerns were communicated and through what method or documentation?

Response:

Provincial staff and federal staff have regular communication through the process of developing programs and reports. Highlights from the Preliminary report were included in the 2019/20 Annual Report as part of the Early Learning and Child Care Agreement. A link to the final evaluation was included in the 2020/21 ELCC Agreement Annual Report—which is the initial child care agreement signed with federal government.

3. With respect to the administration of federal child care funds, has the Ministry submitted any reports to the federal government explaining delays in spending of the need to carry forward unspent funding?

Response:

In order to accommodate a strategic and phased implementation approach, there is an ability to carry forward a portion of the yearly allocation under our agreement. This ability is consistent across other provincial agreements. All amendments made to the CW-ELCC Agreement regarding extending carry over provisions were approved via OIC:

- OIC 426-2021 authorized the Minister to enter into the CW-ELCC Agreement, which came into effect on July 8, 2021. The Minister has since entered into an Agreement to Amend the CW-ELCC Agreement six times.
- OIC 161-2022 increased BC's federal funding carry-forward allowance from 75% to 89% from fiscal year 2021/2022 to fiscal year 2022/23.
- OIC 196-2023 increased BC's federal funding carry-forward allowance from 75% to 89% for fiscal year 2022/23 to fiscal year 2023/24.
- OIC 73-2024 increased BC's annual funding carry-forward amount from 10% each year for the remainder of the CW-ELCC Agreement to 60% in fiscal year 2023/2024 and 30% in fiscal year 2024/25, before returning to 10% in fiscal year 2025/26. This OIC also annexed BC's 3-year Action Plan for the CW-ELCC Agreement (2023/2024 to 2025/2026) as required by Canada.

4. What amount of federal child care funding carried over from each fiscal year between 2021–22 and 2024–25 remains unspent as of April 2025?

Response:

The total forecasted 2024/25 carry-forward for CW-ELCC is \$214,052,914 and the forecasted 2024/25 ELCC carry forward is \$522,007.

5. Has the federal government placed any specific restrictions, deadlines, or conditions on how B.C. is to use federal child care funds that were carried forward from previous fiscal years?

Response:

Under s.4.6 of the CW-ELCC, BC must utilize amounts carried forward in the following year on “eligible areas of investment” as defined under s.2.2.

6. Has the Ministry received any formal notice, correspondence, or comment from the federal government regarding B.C.'s performance or compliance under the CW-ELCC agreement?

Response:

All program reports have been approved by the federal government. The Ministry has remained in compliance with the deliverables under the CW-ELCC.

7. Has the Ministry been asked by the federal government to return or reallocate any portion of unspent federal child care funding between the fiscal years 2021–22 and 2024–25?

Response:

No.

8. Has the Ministry reprofiled any federal or provincial child care funding carried into future years for program areas that were not originally budgeted for in the prior year?

Response:

All funding is being allocated in accordance with the approved Action Plan.

9. How much federal child care funding received under the CW-ELCC agreement was carried forward from one fiscal year to the next, beginning with 2021–22?

Response:

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Forecast 2024/25*
CW-ELCC	310,758,740	474,783,814	338,068,987	214,052,914
ELCC	2,063,106	6,819,890	5,306,026	522,007
Workforce Funding	1,301,920	—		
Infrastructure Fund			7,810,264	—

*2024/25 forecast subject to year end adjustment.

10. Has the federal government provided any communication or guidance to the Ministry regarding the timing or release of the 2023–24 CW-ELCC annual report?

Response:

On March 19, 2025, Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) advised the Ministry of Education and Child Care (ECC) that they had completed their review and approval of the 2023–24 ELCC bilateral report and the 2023–24 CW-ELCC report. ECC then initiated an internal approval process.

The report has been released: Canada-B.C. Canada-wide ELCC Agreement: Report on Progress and Results Achieved in 2023–24

11. Has the federal government provided any direction or informal guidance to the Ministry about releasing CW-ELCC reports during an election period?

Response:

It is customary to pause proactive communication on items involving another government during their election period. However, the report has been released: Canada-B.C. Canada-wide ELCC Agreement: Report on Progress and Results Achieved in 2023–24.

12. How many draft versions of the 2023–24 CW-ELCC annual report were produced prior to the final version submitted to the federal government?

Response:

The first draft of the 2023–24 CW-ELCC Annual Report was sent to ESDC on October 1, 2024. Submitting drafts and editing versions is standard practice for all federal reporting.

13. What deliverables were included in the Ministry’s contract with MNP for support on the 2023–24 CW-ELCC annual report, and on what date was the final deliverable provided?

Response:

The contract with MNP was to conduct an audit on the financial statements the Province is required to submit to the Government of Canada for the separate ELCC and CW-ELCC reports. The deliverable is an independent auditor’s report on the Financial Statements for the ELCC and CW-ELCC agreements with a due date of August 31, 2024.

14. What rationale, if any, is documented in ministry records for not releasing the Preliminary Review Report on the \$10-a-Day Prototype Sites to the public?

Response:

The Preliminary Report was for internal use and contained no recommendations; therefore, the Ministry did not release it to the public. After submitting the Preliminary Report, Malatest continued to be “in the field” collecting data—which is included in the final report.

15. Was the Preliminary Review Report shared internally with the Premier's office, Cabinet Policy and Priorities Secretariat, or the Ministry of Finance before the decision to expand the \$10-a-Day program?

Response:

The Preliminary Report was for internal use; therefore, ministry staff did not share the report. Submissions to cabinet are confidential, pursuant to Section 12 of FOIPPA.

16. What internal briefing notes, memos, or decision documents were produced by the Ministry in response to the Preliminary Review Report on the \$10-a-Day Prototype Sites?

Response:

The Ministry developed a Briefing note for former Minister of Children and Family Development Katrine Conroy and former Minister of State for Child Care Katrina Chen on the findings of the Preliminary Report.

17. How many policy options or alternative fee models did the Ministry consider between January 2020 and August 2020 in response to concerns about the \$10-a-Day flat fee's financial sustainability?

Response:

The Ministry did not consider changes to the \$10-a-day model during January 2020 and August 2020.

18. What policy or operational changes, if any, did the Ministry make in response to concerns raised in the Preliminary Review Report before or during the expansion of the \$10-a-Day program?

Response:

The Preliminary Report did not include recommendations for policy change.

19. On what date did the Ministry receive the internal evaluation timeline from Malatest & Associates that outlined decision options such as "Wind Down", "Hold Steady", or "Expand" for the \$10-a-Day Prototype Sites, and which of those options was selected?

Response:

Malatest did not produce an evaluation timeline. Policy considerations are withheld pursuant to Section 12 of FOIPPA.

20. How many prototype sites were associated with each decision pathway in the Malatest evaluation ("Wind Down", "Hold Steady", "Expand"), and what were the estimated costs tied to each?

Response:

Policy considerations are withheld pursuant to Section 12 of FOIPPA.

21. What factors were cited in Ministry records as justification for proceeding with the "Expand" decision prior to the release of the Final Evaluation Report?

Response:

Policy considerations are withheld pursuant to Section 12 of FOIPPA.

22. On what date did Cabinet and/or Treasury Board approve the expansion of the \$10-a-Day program beyond the original 53 prototype sites?

Response:

Cabinet information is withheld pursuant to Section 12 of FOIPPA.

23. Has the Ministry conducted any financial modelling or risk analysis assessing the sustainability of the \$10-a-Day program in the event of reduced or withdrawn federal funding?

Response:

No.

24. Of the \$772 million in federal and provincial funding allocated to \$10-a-Day ChildCareBC Centres between 2024–25 and 2026–27, what portion is designated for operating existing centres versus creating new spaces?

Response:

100% of the funding is used to operate existing centres. \$10-A-Day program funding is not used for space creation.

25. Of the infant-toddler spaces currently participating in the \$10-a-Day program, how many were newly created and how many were converted from existing spaces?

Response:

100% of the funding is used to operate existing centres.

26. What internal benchmarks or indicators does the Ministry use to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of \$10-a-Day child care spaces by age group?

Response:

The Ministry has an approved list of eligible expenses that organizations can claim. The Ministry reviews the reasonability of these expenses by looking at the average cost per space throughout the province and additional factors such as the type of spaces.

27. What accountability measures are in place to ensure that \$10-a-Day spaces are reaching families with the greatest need for affordable child care?

Response:

\$10-a-day program funding is directed towards projects that align with ChildCareBC priorities. The Affordable Child Care Benefit (ACCB) provides up to \$1,250 per month, per child, to reduce child care bills for eligible low- and middle-income families, supporting over 34,900 children on average, each month.

28. What measures has the Ministry implemented to prevent situations where families occupy \$10-a-Day spaces on a part-time basis while receiving full-time subsidies (sometimes referred to as “space hoarding”)?

Response:

\$10-a-day centres determine their own enrollment policies as part of their day-to-day operations. \$10-a-day centres may share a space between two or more enrolled children or offer part-time child care spaces to families.

29. How many \$10-a-Day ChildCareBC Centres have exited or withdrawn from the program since it began?

Response:

Since the inception of the \$10-a-Day ChildCareBC program in 2018, only one facility elected to return to a non-\$10-a-Day funding program.

30. On what dates did the Ministry submit its Action Plans to the federal government under the CW-ELCC agreement for the fiscal years 2021–22 through 2025–26?

Response:

There have been two Action Plans developed under the CW-ELCC Agreement. The 2021–2022 to 2022–2023 Action Plan was included as an annex to the CW-ELCC Agreement, which was signed in July 2021. B.C. received Canada’s approval of the 2023–24 to 2025–26 CW ELCC Action Plan on Nov. 29, 2023.

31. What supporting documents or data were included with the Ministry’s CW-ELCC Action Plan submissions to the federal government?

Response:

The development of Action Plans under the CW-ELCC Agreement are a result of an extensive negotiation between B.C. and Canada and that information is withheld pursuant to Section 21 of FOIPPA.

32. Has the Ministry received formal approval from the federal government for each CW-ELCC Action Plan it submitted between 2021–22 and 2025–26?

Response:

Yes.

33. Has the Ministry proposed any amendments to its previously approved CW-ELCC Action Plans, and if so, on what dates were those amendments submitted?

Response:

No.

34. What child care space creation targets were included in each CW-ELCC Action Plan submitted by the Ministry since 2021?

Response:

The overall space creation objectives under the CW-ELCC Agreement are found in section 2.1.1 of the Agreement: creating a total of 30,000 new regulated spaces for children under age 6 by fiscal year 2025 to 2026; and creating 40,000 new regulated spaces for children under age 6 by fiscal year 2027 to 2028.

The space creation target under the 2021–2022 to 2022–2023 Action Plan was up to 5,900 new birth-five CW-ELCC funded spaces by 2022–23.

The space creation target under the 2023–24 to 2025–26 Action Plan is 30,000 new spaces by 2025–26 (baseline of 94,500 birth—five spaces at the end of 2020–21).

And then the House adjourned at 8.43 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by the Hon. *Kelly Greene*.

The Hon. *Jennifer Whiteside* (Minister of Labour) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

WENDY COCCHIA
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 11) intituled *Employment Standards Amendment Act, 2025*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 14, 2025.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

Sharon Hartwell withdrew comments with respect to the question of privilege raised by the Hon. *Brenda Bailey*.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2025*.

On the motion of the Hon. *Spencer Chandra Herbert*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Elenore Sturko rose on a point of order regarding comments made by the Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act* was again committed.

On clause 2 of Bill (No. 7).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 7) intituled *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.52 a.m.

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2025*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of *Ward Stamer*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

The Speaker made a statement regarding relevance in debate with respect to Bill (No. 5) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2025*.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act* was again committed.

Clause 2 of Bill (No. 7) passed.

A proposed amendment by the Hon. *Niki Sharma* (Attorney General and Deputy Premier) on the Order Paper to clause 3 of Bill (No. 7) passed.

Steve Kooner moved a proposed amendment to clause 3, as amended, of Bill (No. 7) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—7			
<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Shah</i>	
YEAS—5			
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Boulton</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Dew</i>			

On clause 3, as amended, of Bill (No. 7).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 7) intituled *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.28 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by the Hon. *Bowinn Ma*.

The Hon. *Garry Begg* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

WENDY COCCHIA
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 12) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2025*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 14, 2025.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of *John Rustad* that Bill (No. M 212) intituled *Income Tax (Grocery Rebate Guarantee) Amendment Act, 2025*, be introduced and read a first time, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—90

<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Rattée</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Warbus</i>	<i>McInnis</i>
<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Bird</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Banman</i>	<i>Luck</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Stamer</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Maahs</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Halford</i>	<i>Tepper</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Mok</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Clare</i>
<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Wilson</i>
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Boyle</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Yung</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Block</i>	<i>Chapman</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>McCall</i>
<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Arora</i>	<i>Boulton</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Shah</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Dhir</i>	<i>Giddens</i>	<i>Brodie</i>
<i>Choi</i>	<i>Sturko</i>		

NAYS—1

Hepner

Bill (No. M 212) introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Leave not granted for *Linda Hepner* to correct her vote regarding the division taken on the introduction and first reading of Bill (No. M 212).

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Amna Shah rose on a point of order regarding comments made by the Member for Langley-Walnut Grove during Oral Question Period.

The Speaker stated that he would take the matter under advisement.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

The Chair made a statement reminding Members of the rule of relevancy with respect to second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2025*.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2025*.

The debate continued.

Misty Van Popta withdrew comments with respect to the point of order raised by *Amna Shah*.

John Rustad moved the following amendment—

That the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2025*, be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting therefor the following: “Bill (No. 5) not be read a second time until the House amends the basic personal income tax credit provided in section 4.3 (1.1) of the *Income Tax Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 215) to \$22,462.”

A debate arose on the amendment.

The debate on the amendment continued.

On the motion of *Sheldon Clare*, the debate on the amendment was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act* was again committed.

A proposed amendment by *Steve Kooner* to clause 3, as amended, of Bill (No. 7) was ruled out of order.

Clause 3, as amended, of Bill (No. 7) passed on the following division:

		YEAS—7	
<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	
		NAYS—5	
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Boulton</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Dew</i>			

A proposed amendment by *Steve Kooner* to clause 4 of Bill (No. 7) was ruled out of order.

Clause 4 of Bill (No. 7) passed on the following division:

		YEAS—7	
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	
		NAYS—5	
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Boulton</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Dew</i>			

A proposed amendment by *Gavin Dew* to clause 5 of Bill (No. 7) was ruled out of order.

Clause 5 of Bill (No. 7) passed.

A proposed amendment by the Hon. *Niki Sharma* (Attorney General and Deputy Premier) on the Order Paper to clause 6 of Bill (No. 7) passed.

Steve Kooner moved a proposed amendment to clause 6, as amended, of Bill (No. 7) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—7			
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	
YEAS—5			
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Boulton</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Dew</i>			

Clause 6, as amended, of Bill (No. 7) passed.

A proposed amendment by the Hon. *Niki Sharma* (Attorney General and Deputy Premier) on the Order Paper to clause 7 of Bill (No. 7) passed.

On clause 7, as amended, of Bill (No. 7).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 7) intituled *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.58 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, April 17, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Susie Chant*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *Raj Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the Elections BC Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on Statement of Votes, 43rd Provincial General Election, October 19, 2024.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2025*.

On the motion of *Macklin McCall*, the debate on the amendment was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act* was again committed.

On clause 7, as amended, of Bill (No. 7).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 7) intituled *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Susie Chant made a personal statement.

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

Thursday, April 17, 2025

ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2025*.

The debate on the amendment continued.

On the motion of *Claire Rattée*, the debate on the amendment was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act* was again committed.

Steve Kooner moved a proposed amendment to clause 7, as amended, of Bill (No. 7) which was defeated, on division.

Clause 7, as amended, of Bill (No. 7) passed on the following division:

YEAS—7

*Sunner
Wickens**Choi
Routledge**Dix
Sharma**Botterell*

NAYS—5

*Kooner
Dew**Boulton**Mok**Williams*

On clause 8 of Bill (No. 7).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 7) intituled *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.17 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Monday, April 28, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Kiel Giddens*.

The Speaker made a statement honouring the victims of the tragedy at the Lapu Lapu Day festival in Vancouver.

The House observed a moment of silence.

The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That, notwithstanding Standing Order 2 (1), the House stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 29, 2025.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 10.06 a.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Jody Toor*.

The Hon. *Niki Sharma* (Attorney General and Deputy Premier) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

WENDY COCCHIA
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 13) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 28, 2025.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

The Hon. *David Eby* (Premier) made a ministerial statement regarding the tragedy at the Lapu Lapu Day festival in Vancouver.

John Rustad made a statement.

Jeremy Valeriote made a statement.

Mable Elmore made a statement.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *Raj Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General Independent Audit Report, Ensuring the Quality of Legal Aid Representation Services, April 2025.

The Hon. *Adrian Dix* (Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions) tabled the following documents: Climate Change Accountability Report, 2024; and, Zero-Emission Vehicle Update, 2024.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

By leave, the Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That *Susie Chant* replace *Mable Elmore* as a member of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills.

Motion agreed to.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again later today.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$90,831,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2026.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again later today.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.57 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Rosalyn Bird*.

The Hon. *Adrian Dix* (Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

WENDY COCCHIA
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 14) intituled *Renewable Energy Projects (Streamlined Permitting) Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 29, 2025.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *Raj Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Registrar of Lobbyists, Determination Decision 24-03, Paul Rasmussen, November 20, 2024; and,
Registrar of Lobbyists, Reconsideration Decision 24-03 (Determination Decision 24-03),
Designated Filer: Paul Rasmussen, April 15, 2025.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

19 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That a Special Committee to Review the *Lobbyists Transparency Act* be appointed to review the *Lobbyists Transparency Act* (S.B.C. 2001, c. 42), pursuant to section 11.1 of the Act.

That the Special Committee have the powers of a Select Standing Committee and in addition be empowered to:

- a. appoint of its number one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Special Committee and to delegate to the subcommittees all or any of its powers except the power to report directly to the House;
- b. sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
- c. conduct consultations by any means the Special Committee considers appropriate;
- d. adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and,
- e. retain personnel as required to assist the Special Committee.

That the Special Committee report to the House by May 4, 2026, and that during a period of adjournment, the Special Committee deposit its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, or in the next following Session, as the case may be, the Chair present all reports to the House.

That the Special Committee be composed of the following Members: *Steve Morissette* (Convener), *Rosalyn Bird*, *Paul Choi*, *Kiel Giddens* and *Harwinder Sandhu*.

Motion agreed to.

20 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That the Sessional Order adopted by the House on March 12, 2025, enabling concurrent proceedings of the House, be discharged.

And that, for the remainder of the current Session:

GENERAL

1. Certain proceedings of the House may be undertaken in three sections, designated Section A, Section B and Section C, to be subject to the rules that follow.

2. Section A and Section C sit in such committee room as may be designated from time to time, and Section B sit in the Legislative Chamber.

3. Section A, Section B and Section C be authorized to examine all Estimates, and for all purposes be deemed to be the Committee of Supply, and that the Standing Orders relating to the consideration of Estimates in the Committee of Supply and to Committees of the Whole House be applicable to such proceedings, save and except that, during proceedings in Committee of Supply in Section A and Section C, a Minister may defer to a Deputy Minister to permit such Deputy to reply to a question put to the Minister.

4. Section A, Section B and Section C be authorized to consider bills at committee stage after second reading thereof, and for all purposes be deemed to be a Committee of the Whole House, and that the Standing Orders relating to the consideration of bills in a Committee of the Whole House be applicable to such proceedings.

5. Estimates or bills may be considered in the order determined by the Government House Leader and may at any time be subsequently referred to another designated Section, as determined by the Government House Leader in accordance with Standing Order 27 (2).

COMPOSITION

6. The Deputy Chair, Committee of the Whole or their designate preside in Section A and Section C.

7. Section A and Section C consist of 12 Members, not including the Chair, being six Members of the B.C. NDP Caucus, five Members of the Conservative Party of British Columbia Caucus and one Member of the B.C. Green Party Caucus.

8. The Members of Section A be: the Minister whose Estimates are under examination or who is in charge of the bill under consideration and *Rohini Arora*, Hon. *Ravi Parmar*, *Janet Routledge*, *Harwinder Sandhu*, *Amna Shah*, *Amelia Boulton*, *Gavin Dew*, *Steve Kooner*, *Lawrence Mok*, *David Williams* and *Rob Botterell*.

9. The Members of Section C be: the Minister whose Estimates are under examination or who is in charge of the bill under consideration and Hon. *Adrian Dix*, *Stephanie Higginson*, Hon. *Sheila Malcolmson*, *Steve Morissette*, Hon. *Niki Sharma*, *Heather Maahs*, *Macklin McCall*, *Larry Neufeld*, *Ian Paton*, *Donegal Wilson* and *Jeremy Valeriote*.

10. Substitutions for Members of Section A and Section C be permitted with the consent of the Member's Caucus Whip.

11. Section B be composed of all Members of the House.

DIVISIONS

12. When a division is requested in Section A, the division bells shall be rung four times, and the division shall proceed in accordance with Standing Order 16.

13. When a division is requested in Section B, the division bells shall be rung three times, at which time proceedings in Section A and Section C shall be suspended, and the division shall proceed in accordance with Standing Order 16.

14. When a division is requested in Section C, the division bells shall be rung five times, and the division shall proceed in accordance with Standing Order 16.

15. If a division is underway in Section A or Section C at the time that a division is requested in Section B, the division in Section B be suspended until the completion of the division in Section A or Section C.

REPORTING

16. At 15 minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment of the House, the Chair of Section A and Section C shall report to the House.

Motion agreed to.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section C of Committee of the Whole.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$75,134,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2026.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$105,204,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, Treaty and Other Agreements Funding, to 31st March, 2026.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,574,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, Declaration Act Secretariat, to 31st March, 2026.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act* was again committed.

Steve Kooner moved a proposed amendment to clause 8 of Bill (No. 7) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—7			
<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Yung</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>	
YEAS—5			
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>Wilson</i>	<i>McCall</i>
<i>Paton</i>			

Clause 8 of Bill (No. 7) passed.

Steve Kooner moved a proposed amendment to clause 9 of Bill (No. 7) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—7			
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Chow</i>	
YEAS—5			
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>McCall</i>
<i>L. Neufeld</i>			

On clause 9 of Bill (No. 7).

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 7) intituled *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.47 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, May 1, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Lawrence Mok*.

The Hon. *Bowinn Ma* (Minister of Infrastructure) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

WENDY COCCHIA
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 15) intituled *Infrastructure Projects Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 30, 2025.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *Niki Sharma* (Attorney General and Deputy Premier) tabled the British Columbia Utilities Commission Annual Report, 2023/24.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

21 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved, seconded by *Á'a:liya Warbus* and *Rob Botterell*—

That *Seunghee Suzie Seo* hold the status of a permanent officer in her capacity as Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel, in accordance with section 39 (1) of the *Constitution Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 66).

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

22 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved, seconded by *Á'a:liya Warbus* and *Rob Botterell*—

That *Artour Sogomonian* be appointed Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and hold the status of a permanent officer, in accordance with section 39 (1) of the *Constitution Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 66).

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

The Speaker made a statement, on behalf of the Presiding Officers, congratulating *Seunghee Suzie Seo* and *Artour Sogomonian* on their status as permanent officers of the Legislative Assembly.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section C of Committee of the Whole.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act* was again committed.

On clause 9 of Bill (No. 7).

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 7) intituled *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.53 a.m.

Thursday, May 1, 2025

ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section C of Committee of the Whole.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,513,975,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2026.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2025*.

The debate on the amendment continued.

On the motion of *Elenore Sturko*, the debate on the amendment was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act* was again committed.

Gavin Dew reserved his right to raise a question of privilege in Committee.

Clause 9 of Bill (No. 7) passed.

A proposed amendment by the Hon. *Niki Sharma* (Attorney General and Deputy Premier) on the Order Paper to clause 10 of Bill (No. 7) passed.

On clause 10, as amended, of Bill (No. 7).

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 7) intituled *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. *David Eby* (Premier) made a personal statement.

And then the House adjourned at 5.20 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Monday, May 5, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Susie Chant*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 211) intituled *Zero-Emission Vehicles Repeal Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, division on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 211) was deferred until 30 minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment.

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

Monday, May 5, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

The Hon. *Christine Boyle* (Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation) made a ministerial statement regarding Red Dress Day.

Á'a:liya Warbus made a statement.

Rob Botterell made a statement.

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Anna Kindy presented a petition regarding access to oral health care in B.C.

Rob Botterell presented a petition regarding a request to amend the *Cremation, Interment and Funeral Services Act*.

Linda Hepner rose on a point of order regarding comments made by the Minister of Transportation and Transit during Oral Question Period.

By leave, the Hon. *Mike Farnworth* (Minister of Transportation and Transit) tabled documents regarding the point of order raised by *Linda Hepner*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

By leave, the Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That *Mable Elmore* replace *Susie Chant* as a member of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills.

Motion agreed to.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section C of Committee of the Whole.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$220,818,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2026.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, in consideration of second reading of Bill (No. M 211) intituled *Zero-Emission Vehicles Repeal Act*, the House divided.

Motion negatived on the following division:

NAYS—47

G. Anderson
Blatherwick
Elmore
Sunner
Toporowski
B. Anderson
Neill
Osborne
Brar
Davidson
Kahlon
Parmar

Gibson
Beare
Chandra Herbert
Wickens
Kang
Morissette
Sandhu
Krieger
Chant
Lajeunesse
Choi
Rotchford

Higginson
Routledge
Popham
Dix
Sharma
Farnworth
Eby
Bailey
Begg
Greene
Whiteside
Boyle

Ma
Yung
Malcolmson
Chow
Glumac
Arora
Shah
Phillip
Dhir
Valeriote
Botterell

YEAS—44

<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Clare</i>
<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>Giddens</i>	<i>Wilson</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Rattée</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Warbus</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Banman</i>	<i>Block</i>	<i>Bird</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>Luck</i>	<i>Chapman</i>
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Stamer</i>	<i>McCall</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Boulton</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Tepper</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Brodie</i>

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act* was again committed.

Clause 10, as amended, of Bill (No. 7) passed on the following division:

YEAS—7

<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Greene</i>	

NAYS—5

<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>Wilson</i>	<i>McCall</i>
<i>Paton</i>			

Clause 11 of Bill (No. 7) was defeated.

Clause 12 and clause 13 of Bill (No. 7) passed.

Steve Kooner moved a proposed amendment to clause 14 of Bill (No. 7) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—7

<i>Brar</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Boyle</i>	

YEAS—5

<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>Wilson</i>	<i>McCall</i>
<i>Paton</i>			

On clause 14 of Bill (No. 7).

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 7) intituled *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.48 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Jennifer Blatherwick*.

The Speaker made the following statement:

Honourable Members:

As always, the Chair is keenly observing debates of the House and wishes to offer a few reminders to Members about decorum and rules of debate.

First, the Chair reminds Members of the *sub judice* convention. This long-established parliamentary practice requires Members to exercise restraint in debate as it pertains to matters that are before a court of law or that are subject to an active police investigation. The purpose of this convention is to ensure that the debates of this House—which unfold in a very public manner—do not unfairly influence the judicial or investigative processes. Members are encouraged to consult *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 5th edition, from pages 175 to 182 to better understand the *sub judice* convention and its application to debate in the House.

Second, the Chair reminds Members that the rule of anticipation applies during Oral Question Period to both questions and responses that touch on bills before the House. If a bill is on the Order Paper, the appropriate time to canvass its contents is during debate on the bill—including at second reading and in committee. As noted in *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 5th edition, at page 324, a general inquiry regarding background or the subject matter of the bill may be in order, depending on how the matter is framed in the context of the contents of the bill. As always, the Chair retains final discretion on the procedural admissibility of a question and a response.

Third, the Chair reminds Members of the practice of presenting a petition, which is outlined in detail in *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 5th edition, from pages 362 to 363. When presenting a petition, a Member is to be brief—which the Chair defines as being no more than 15 seconds.

Fourth, the Chair reminds Members of Standing Order 17B (4), which provides, “Clothing and badges with brand names, slogans, advertising or messages of a political nature are not permitted to be worn during proceedings of the House.” This includes things such as pins and laptop stickers, and Members are asked to be mindful of this rule and to follow the Chair’s direction as it may apply to the enforcement of this Standing Order.

Lastly, the Chair asks Members to be respectful of one another and this institution in debate. The Chair recognizes that the days are long and that the work is not easy. But the Chair calls on all Members to be temperate in debate—by engaging with one another respectfully and thoughtfully, avoiding inflammatory language, and focusing on the substance of arguments rather than personal criticisms.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

On the motion of *Steve Kooner* that Bill (No. M 213) intituled *Drug Use Prevention Education in Schools Act* be introduced and read a first time, the House divided.

Motion agreed to *nemine contradicente* on the following division:

YEAS—92

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Giddens</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Rattée</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Warbus</i>	<i>McInnis</i>
<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Bird</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Banman</i>	<i>Luck</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Stamer</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Maahs</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Halford</i>	<i>Tepper</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Mok</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Clare</i>
<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Wilson</i>
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Boyle</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Yung</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Block</i>	<i>Chapman</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>McCall</i>
<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Arora</i>	<i>Boulton</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Shah</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Dhir</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Brodie</i>

Bill (No. M 213) introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *Raj Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the Ombudsperson Public Report No. 56, No Benefit, Period: How a Flawed Audit and Unjust Legislation Left People Scrambling to Repay the BC Emergency Benefit for Workers, May 2025.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section C of Committee of the Whole.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act* was again committed.

On clause 14 of Bill (No. 7).

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 7) intituled *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section B of Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section C of Committee of the Whole.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,121,960,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2026.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment to the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2025*.

The amendment on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 5) was negatived on the following division:

NAYS—48

Lore
G. Anderson
Blatherwick
Elmore
Sunner
Toporowski
B. Anderson
Neill
Osborne
Brar
Davidson
Kahlon

Parmar
Gibson
Beare
Chandra Herbert
Wickens
Kang
Morissette
Sandhu
Krieger
Chant
Lajeunesse
Choi

Rotchford
Higginson
Routledge
Popham
Dix
Sharma
Farnworth
Eby
Bailey
Begg
Greene
Whiteside

Boyle
Ma
Yung
Malcolmson
Chow
Glumac
Arora
Shah
Phillip
Dhir
Valeriote
Botterell

YEAS—41

Sturko
Kindy
Milobar
Warbus
Rustad
Banman
Wat
Kooner
Halford
Hartwell
L. Neufeld

Van Popta
Dew
Gasper
K. Neufeld
Day
Block
Bhangu
Paton
Boulton
Chan

Toor
Hepner
Giddens
Rattée
Davis
McInnis
Bird
Luck
Stamer
Maahs

Tepper
Mok
Clare
Wilson
Williams
Loewen
Dhaliwal
Doerkson
Chapman
McCall

The debate resumed on the main motion.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to *nemine contradicente* on the following division:

YEAS—89

Lore
G. Anderson
Blatherwick
Elmore
Sunner
Toporowski
B. Anderson
Neill
Osborne
Brar
Davidson
Kahlon
Parmar
Gibson
Beare
Chandra Herbert
Wickens
Kang
Morissette
Sandhu
Krieger
Chant
Lajeunesse

Choi
Rotchford
Higginson
Routledge
Popham
Dix
Sharma
Farnworth
Eby
Bailey
Begg
Greene
Whiteside
Boyle
Ma
Yung
Malcolmson
Chow
Glumac
Arora
Shah
Phillip

Dhir
Sturko
Kindy
Milobar
Warbus
Rustad
Banman
Wat
Kooner
Halford
Hartwell
L. Neufeld
Van Popta
Dew
Gasper
K. Neufeld
Day
Block
Bhangu
Paton
Boulton
Chan

Toor
Hepner
Giddens
Rattée
Davis
McInnis
Bird
Luck
Stamer
Tepper
Mok
Clare
Wilson
Williams
Loewen
Dhaliwal
Doerkson
Chapman
McCall
Valeriote
Botterell

Bill (No. 5) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled *Employment Standards Amendment Act, 2025*, a debate arose.

On the motion of *Brennan Day*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$116,223,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2026.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$5,747,116,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2026.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation and the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Transportation and Transit.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act* was again committed.

Clause 14 of Bill (No. 7) passed on the following division:

YEAS—7			
<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Choi</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	
NAYS—5			
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>Wilson</i>	<i>McCall</i>
<i>Paton</i>			

Clause 15 of Bill (No. 7) passed.

Clause 16 of Bill (No. 7) passed on the following division:

YEAS—7			
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Boyle</i>	
NAYS—5			
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>Wilson</i>	<i>McCall</i>
<i>Paton</i>			

Steve Kooner moved a proposed amendment to clause 17 of Bill (No. 7) which was defeated, on division.

On clause 17 of Bill (No. 7).

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 7) intituled *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That, pursuant to Standing Order 81.1 (2):

Bill (No. 5)

1. All remaining stages of consideration of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2025*, be disposed of by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, as prescribed:

- a. If at 2.50 p.m., the bill is still being considered at committee stage, the Chair shall forthwith put any remaining question to complete the consideration of the bill, without further amendment or debate, which shall be deemed passed and which shall not be subject to a formal division call, but which may be taken in accordance with Practice Recommendation No. 1.
- b. Notwithstanding section 1 (a), if the committee has not considered the amendment to clause 25 of the bill standing on the Order Paper in the name of the Minister of Finance, the amendment to clause 25 shall be deemed to have passed, and clause 25, as amended, shall be deemed to have passed.
- c. Once the title of the bill has passed, the committee shall rise and report the bill complete with or without amendment, as the case may be, to the House.
- d. Immediately thereafter, notwithstanding Standing Order 80, Standing Order 81, or any Standing Order or Sessional Order relating to the times and days of the sittings of the House, the question on all remaining stages of consideration the bill shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate.
- e. If a division is called on the motion for third reading of the bill, the division shall proceed forthwith in accordance with Standing Order 16 (2).

Bill (No. 7)

2. The question on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act*, and the question on any motion in amendment thereto, be put by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, without further amendment or debate, and that, if a division is called, it shall proceed forthwith in accordance with Standing Order 16 (2).

3. All remaining stages of consideration of Bill (No. 7) intituled *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act* be disposed of by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, as prescribed:

- a. If at 3.50 p.m., the bill is still being considered at committee stage, the Chair shall forthwith put any remaining question to complete the consideration of the bill, without further amendment or debate, which shall be deemed passed and which shall not be subject to a formal division call, but which may be taken in accordance with Practice Recommendation No. 1.
- b. Notwithstanding section 3 (a),
 - i. if the committee has not considered clauses 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, or 26 of the bill, they shall be deemed to have been defeated;
 - ii. if the committee has not considered the amendment standing on the Order Paper in the name of the Member for Saanich North and the Islands to add a new clause 28.1 to the bill, the amendment shall be deemed to have passed;
 - iii. if the committee has not considered the amendment standing on the Order Paper in the name of the Member for Saanich North and the Islands to add a new clause 28.2 to the bill, the amendment shall be deemed to have passed;

- iv. if the committee has not considered the amendment to clause 29 of the bill standing on the Order Paper in the name of the Attorney General, the amendment to clause 29 shall be deemed to have passed, and clause 29, as amended, shall be deemed to have passed.
- c. Once the title of the bill has passed, the committee shall rise and report the bill complete with or without amendment, as the case may be, to the House.
- d. Immediately thereafter, notwithstanding Standing Order 80, Standing Order 81, or any Standing Order or Sessional Order relating to the times and days of the sittings of the House, the question on all remaining stages of consideration the bill shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate.
- e. If a division is called on the motion for third reading of the bill, the division shall proceed forthwith in accordance with Standing Order 16 (2).

Bill (No. 11)

4. The question on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled *Employment Standards Amendment Act, 2025*, and the question on any motion in amendment thereto, be put by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, without further amendment or debate, and that, if a division is called, it shall proceed forthwith in accordance with Standing Order 16 (2).

5. All remaining stages of consideration of Bill (No. 11) intituled *Employment Standards Amendment Act, 2025*, be disposed of by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, as prescribed:

- a. If at 4.50 p.m., the bill is still being considered at committee stage, the Chair shall forthwith put any remaining question to complete the consideration of the bill, without further amendment or debate, which shall be deemed passed and which shall not be subject to a formal division call, but which may be taken in accordance with Practice Recommendation No. 1.
- b. Once the title of the bill has passed, the committee shall rise and report the bill complete with or without amendment, as the case may be, to the House.
- c. Immediately thereafter, notwithstanding Standing Order 80, Standing Order 81, or any Standing Order or Sessional Order relating to the times and days of the sittings of the House, the question on all remaining stages of consideration the bill shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate.
- d. If a division is called on the motion for third reading of the bill, the division shall proceed forthwith in accordance with Standing Order 16 (2).

Bill (No. 13)

6. The question on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, and the question on any motion in amendment thereto, be put by 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, without further amendment or debate, and that, if a division is called, it shall proceed forthwith in accordance with Standing Order 16 (2).

7. All remaining stages of consideration of Bill (No. 13) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, be disposed of by 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, as prescribed:

- a. If at 5.50 p.m., the bill is still being considered at committee stage, the Chair shall forthwith put any remaining question to complete the consideration of the bill, without further amendment or debate, which shall be deemed passed and which shall not be subject to a formal division call, but which may be taken in accordance with Practice Recommendation No. 1.
- b. Once the title of the bill has passed, the committee shall rise and report the bill complete with or without amendment, as the case may be, to the House.
- c. Immediately thereafter, notwithstanding Standing Order 80, Standing Order 81, or any Standing Order or Sessional Order relating to the times and days of the sittings of the House, the question on all remaining stages of consideration the bill shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate.

- d. If a division is called on the motion for third reading of the bill, the division shall proceed forthwith in accordance with Standing Order 16 (2).

Bill (No. 14)

8. The question on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Renewable Energy Projects (Streamlined Permitting) Act*, and the question on any motion in amendment thereto, be put by 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, without further amendment or debate, and that, if a division is called, it shall proceed forthwith in accordance with Standing Order 16 (2).

9. All remaining stages of consideration of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Renewable Energy Projects (Streamlined Permitting) Act* be disposed of by 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, as prescribed:

- a. If at 6.50 p.m., the bill is still being considered at committee stage, the Chair shall forthwith put any remaining question to complete the consideration of the bill, without further amendment or debate, which shall be deemed passed and which shall not be subject to a formal division call, but which may be taken in accordance with Practice Recommendation No. 1.
- b. Once the title of the bill has passed, the committee shall rise and report the bill complete with or without amendment, as the case may be, to the House.
- c. Immediately thereafter, notwithstanding Standing Order 80, Standing Order 81, or any Standing Order or Sessional Order relating to the times and days of the sittings of the House, the question on all remaining stages of consideration the bill shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate.
- d. If a division is called on the motion for third reading of the bill, the division shall proceed forthwith in accordance with Standing Order 16 (2).

Bill (No. 15)

10. The question on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled *Infrastructure Projects Act*, and the question on any motion in amendment thereto, be put by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, without further amendment or debate, and that, if a division is called, it shall proceed forthwith in accordance with Standing Order 16 (2).

11. All remaining stages of consideration of Bill (No. 15) intituled *Infrastructure Projects Act* be disposed of by 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, as prescribed:

- a. If at 7.50 p.m., the bill is still being considered at committee stage, the Chair shall forthwith put any remaining question to complete the consideration of the bill, without further amendment or debate, which shall be deemed passed and which shall not be subject to a formal division call, but which may be taken in accordance with Practice Recommendation No. 1.
- b. Once the title of the bill has passed, the committee shall rise and report the bill complete with or without amendment, as the case may be, to the House.
- c. Immediately thereafter, notwithstanding Standing Order 80, Standing Order 81, or any Standing Order or Sessional Order relating to the times and days of the sittings of the House, the question on all remaining stages of consideration the bill shall be put forthwith without amendment or debate.
- d. If a division is called on the motion for third reading of the bill, the division shall proceed forthwith in accordance with Standing Order 16 (2).

And further, that, for greater certainty, a committee considering a bill in Section B may rise and report progress for the purpose of receiving a report from Section A or Section C in accordance with this order.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—46

Lore
G. Anderson
Blatherwick
Elmore
Sunner
Toporowski
B. Anderson
Neill
Osborne
Brar
Davidson
Kahlon

Parmar
Gibson
Beare
Chandra Herbert
Wickens
Kang
Morissette
Sandhu
Krieger
Chant
Lajeunesse
Choi

Rotchford
Higginson
Routledge
Popham
Dix
Sharma
Farnworth
Eby
Bailey
Begg
Greene

Whiteside
Boyle
Ma
Yung
Malcolmson
Chow
Glumac
Arora
Shah
Phillip
Dhir

NAYS—44

Sturko
Kindy
Milobar
Warbus
Rustad
Banman
Wat
Kooner
Halford
Hartwell
L. Neufeld

Van Popta
Dew
Gasper
K. Neufeld
Day
Block
Bhangu
Paton
Boulbee
Chan
Toor

Giddens
Rattée
Davis
McInnis
Bird
Luck
Stamer
Maahs
Tepper
Mok
Clare

Wilson
Williams
Loewen
Dhaliwal
Doerkson
Chapman
McCall
Valeriote
Botterell
Kealy
Brodie

And then the House adjourned at 9.21 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by the Hon. *Jennifer Whiteside*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Amna Shah presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills for the Forty-third Parliament (First), May 7, 2025, regarding its consideration of Bill (No. M 202) intituled *Eligibility to Hold Public Office Act*.

The Committee reported Bill (No. M 202) complete without amendment.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That, pursuant to Standing Order 16 (4), any division called in Section B upon Orders of the Day on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, be deferred until 8.30 p.m.

Motion agreed to.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section C of Committee of the Whole.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 11) intituled *Employment Standards Amendment Act, 2025*.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 11) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 13) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 13) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Renewable Energy Projects (Streamlined Permitting) Act*, a debate arose.

On the motion of the Hon. *Adrian Dix* (Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions), the debate was adjourned to later today.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Bill (No. 7) intituled *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act* was again committed.

Clause 17 of Bill (No. 7) passed.

Gavin Dew moved a proposed amendment to clause 18 of Bill (No. 7) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—7			
<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>	
YEAS—5			
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>Wilson</i>	<i>McCall</i>
<i>Bird</i>			

Clause 18 of Bill (No. 7) passed, on division.

Clauses 19 through 26 of Bill (No. 7) were defeated.

Clause 27 and clause 28 of Bill (No. 7) passed.

A proposed amendment by *Rob Botterell* on the Order Paper to add clause 28.1 to Bill (No. 7) passed.

A proposed amendment by *Rob Botterell* on the Order Paper to add clause 28.2 to Bill (No. 7) passed.

A proposed amendment by the Hon. *Niki Sharma* (Attorney General and Deputy Premier) on the Order Paper to clause 29 of Bill (No. 7) passed.

Steve Kooner moved a proposed amendment to clause 29, as amended, of Bill (No. 7) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—7			
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Arora</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	
YEAS—5			
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>Wilson</i>	<i>McCall</i>
<i>Paton</i>			

Clause 29, as amended, of Bill (No. 7) passed.

Clause 30 and the title of Bill (No. 7) passed.

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 7) intitled *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act* complete with amendment.

Bill (No. 7) as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section C of Committee of the Whole.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 14) intitled *Renewable Energy Projects (Streamlined Permitting) Act*.

On the motion of *Trevor Halford*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Transportation and Transit.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Bill (No. 5) intitled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2025*, was committed.

Clause 1 of Bill (No. 5) passed.

On clause 2 of Bill (No. 5).

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 5) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2025*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 8.51 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, May 8, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by the Hon. *Kelly Greene*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *Niki Sharma* (Attorney General and Deputy Premier) tabled the following documents: Forest Appeals Commission Annual Report, 2024; and, *Crown Proceeding Act* Report, for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2024.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section C of Committee of the Whole.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Renewable Energy Projects (Streamlined Permitting) Act*.

On the motion of the Hon. *Randene Neill*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,191,816,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Transportation and Transit, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2026.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Transportation and Transit and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Labour.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Bill (No. 5) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2025*, was again committed.

Clauses 2 through 5 of Bill (No. 5) passed.

On clause 6 of Bill (No. 5).

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 5) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2025*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.53 a.m.

Thursday, May 8, 2025

ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section C of Committee of the Whole.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Renewable Energy Projects (Streamlined Permitting) Act*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of *Korky Neufeld*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$25,986,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Labour, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2026.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Labour.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Bill (No. 5) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2025*, was again committed.

Clauses 6 through 24 of Bill (No. 5) passed.

A proposed amendment by the Hon. *Brenda Bailey* (Minister of Finance) on the Order Paper to clause 25 of Bill (No. 5) passed.

Clause 25, as amended, of Bill (No. 5) passed.

Clauses 26 through 45 and the title of Bill (No. 5) passed.

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 5) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2025*, complete with amendment.

Bill (No. 5) as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

And then the House adjourned at 5.17 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Monday, May 12, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Reann Gasper*.

The Hon. *Ravi Kahlon* raised a question of privilege regarding comments made by the Member for Langley-Abbotsford in Committee of Supply on May 8, 2025, regarding trucking union matters and tabled the required motion.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

On the motion that Bill (No. M 202) intituled *Eligibility to Hold Public Office Act* be concurred in at report stage, a debate arose.

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, division on the motion that Bill (No. M 202) be concurred in at report stage was deferred until 30 minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 210) intituled *Korean Heritage Month Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of *Hon Chan*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Monday, May 12, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* advised the House of the death of Art Charbonneau, a former Member of the Legislative Assembly.

On the motion of *Misty Van Popta*, Bill (No. M 214) intituled *Firefighters' Health Act* was introduced and read a first time.

On the motion that Bill (No. M 214) be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today, the House divided.

Motion agreed to *nemine contradicente* on the following division:

YEAS—91

<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Rattée</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Warbus</i>	<i>McInnis</i>
<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Bird</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Banman</i>	<i>Luck</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Stamer</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Maahs</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Halford</i>	<i>Tepper</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Mok</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Clare</i>
<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Wilson</i>
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Boyle</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Yung</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Block</i>	<i>Chapman</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>McCall</i>
<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Valeriotte</i>
<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Arora</i>	<i>Boulton</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Shah</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Dhir</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Brodie</i>
<i>Choi</i>	<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Giddens</i>	

Bill (No. M 214) *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *Raj Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the Legislative Assembly Management Committee Report, 2023–24.

Amna Shah presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members’ Bills for the Forty-third Parliament (Second), May 12, 2025, regarding its consideration of Bill (No. M 204) intituled *Perinatal and Postnatal Mental Health Strategy Act*.

The Committee reported Bill (No. M 204) complete with amendment.

The Hon. *Jennifer Whiteside* (Minister of Labour) tabled the WorkSafe BC Annual Report, 2024, and Service Plan, 2025–2027.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section C of Committee of the Whole.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Renewable Energy Projects (Streamlined Permitting) Act*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of *Kristina Loewen*, the debate was adjourned to later today.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Bill (No. 11) intituled *Employment Standards Amendment Act, 2025*, was committed.

A proposed amendment by *Kiel Giddens* to clause 1 of Bill (No. 11) was ruled out of order.

Clauses 1 through 6 and the title of Bill (No. 11) passed.

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 11) intituled *Employment Standards Amendment Act, 2025*, complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 11) the House divided.

Motion agreed to *nemine contradicente* on the following division:

YEAS—91

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Giddens</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Rattée</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Warbus</i>	<i>McInnis</i>
<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Bird</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Banman</i>	<i>Luck</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Stamer</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Maahs</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Halford</i>	<i>Tepper</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Mok</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Clare</i>
<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Wilson</i>
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Boyle</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Yung</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Block</i>	<i>Chapman</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>McCall</i>
<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Arora</i>	<i>Boulton</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Shah</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Brodie</i>
<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Dhir</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	

Bill (No. 11) read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section C of Committee of the Whole.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Renewable Energy Projects (Streamlined Permitting) Act*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of *Peter Milobar*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Bill (No. 13) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, was committed.

Clause 1 of Bill (No. 13) passed.

Ward Stamer moved a proposed amendment to clause 2 of Bill (No. 13) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—7			
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Boyle</i>	
YEAS—5			
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Stamer</i>	<i>Wilson</i>	<i>McCall</i>
<i>Paton</i>			

Clauses 2 through 4 of Bill (No. 13) passed.

On clause 5 of Bill (No. 13).

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 13) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, in consideration of the motion that Bill (No. M 202) intituled *Eligibility to Hold Public Office Act* be concurred in at report stage, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—46

Lore
G. Anderson
Blatherwick
Elmore
Sunner
Toporowski
B. Anderson
Neill
Osborne
Brar
Davidson
Kahlon

Parmar
Gibson
Beare
Chandra Herbert
Wickens
Kang
Morissette
Sandhu
Krieger
Chant
Lajeunesse
Choi

Rotchford
Higginson
Routledge
Popham
Dix
Sharma
Farnworth
Eby
Bailey
Begg
Greene

Whiteside
Boyle
Ma
Yung
Malcolmson
Chow
Glumac
Arora
Shah
Phillip
Dhir

NAYS—42

Sturko
Kindy
Milobar
Warbus
Rustad
Banman
Wat
Kooner
Halford
Hartwell
L. Neufeld

Dew
Gasper
Day
Block
Bhangu
Paton
Boulton
Chan
Toor
Hepner
Giddens

Rattée
Davis
McInnis
Bird
Luck
Stamer
Maahs
Tepper
Mok
Clare

Wilson
Williams
Loewen
Dhaliwal
Doerkson
Chapman
McCall
Valeriote
Botterell
Kealy

Bill (No. M 202) concurred in at report stage.

Bill (No. M 202) as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

By notice from the Hon. *Mike Farnworth* to the Table, Motion 23, Motion 24, Motion 25, Motion 26, Motion 27 and Motion 28 were withdrawn from the Order Paper.

And then the House adjourned at 8.41 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Korky Neufeld*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Claire Rattée rose on a point of order regarding comments made by the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs during Oral Question Period.

The Chair stated that they would take the matter under advisement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section C of Committee of the Whole.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Renewable Energy Projects (Streamlined Permitting) Act*.

On the motion of *Teresa Wat*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Section A of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Bill (No. 13) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, was again committed.

Clauses 5 through 11 of Bill (No. 13) passed.

On clause 12 of Bill (No. 13).

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 13) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.50 a.m.

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Blessing offered by Elder Eugene Louie, Tla'amin First Nation.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

29 The Hon. *Christine Boyle* (Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation) moved—

Be it resolved that, pursuant to paragraph 5 (b) of Chapter 25 of the Tla'amin Final Agreement, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia consents to the amendments to the Tla'amin Final Agreement set out in the attached Tla'amin Final Agreement Amending Agreement (No. 4).

**TLA'AMIN FINAL AGREEMENT
AMENDING AGREEMENT (No. 4)**

AMONG:

HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF CANADA, as represented by the Minister of Crown–Indigenous Relations
("Canada")

AND

HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, as represented by the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
("British Columbia")

AND

TLA'AMIN NATION, as represented by the Hegus
("Tla'amin Nation")

WHEREAS:

- A.** On April 5, 2016, the Tla'amin Final Agreement came into effect;
- B.** The Tla'amin Final Agreement provides for its amendment and specifies requirements for the amendment of various of its provisions;
- C.** The Parties have previously agreed to amendments to the Tla'amin Final Agreement;
- D.** The Parties agree to propose further amendments to the Tla'amin Final Agreement set out in Schedules 1 and 2 of this Amending Agreement;
- E.** The Parties have determined that the processes set out in paragraphs 3 and 5 of Chapter 25 – Amendment apply to the proposed amendments set out in Schedules 1 and 2 of this Amending Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE the Parties agree as follows:

PART I – DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

- 1.** In this Amending Agreement:
"Tla'amin Final Agreement" means the Tla'amin Final Agreement among the Tla'amin Nation, His Majesty the King in right of Canada and His Majesty the King in right of British Columbia, as it took effect on April 5, 2016 as amended.
- 2.** A reference to a Chapter by number or name is a reference to the chapter of that number or name in the Tla'amin Final Agreement.
- 3.** Words and expressions appearing in this Amending Agreement that are not defined in this Amending Agreement but are defined in the Tla'amin Final Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in the Tla'amin Final Agreement.

PART II – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

- 4.** The proposed amendments in English to the Tla'amin Final Agreement are set out in Schedule 1.
- 5.** The proposed amendments in French to the Tla'amin Final Agreement are set out in Schedule 2.

6. The Parties agree that, as necessary, the Tla’amin Nation or British Columbia may provide their consent to these amendments in accordance with paragraph 5 of Chapter 25 – Amendment before Schedule 2 is complete, subject to subsequent approval of Schedule 2 by the Tla’amin Nation or British Columbia, as applicable, which shall be provided in writing:

- a. for the Tla’amin Nation, by the Hegus, and
- b. for the Province, by the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.

7. Pursuant to paragraph 7 of Chapter 25 – Amendment, the proposed amendments set out in Schedules 1 and 2 will take effect on the date the last Party required to consent to the amendment provides its consent.

PART III – PROCEDURES

8. This Amending Agreement may be signed in one or more counterparts. A signed counterpart may be delivered by one Party to another Party by facsimile or e-mail transmission and a facsimile or e-mail so transmitted will constitute an original document. Signed counterparts held by a Party, taken together, will constitute one and the same instrument.

9. This Amending Agreement may be executed by electronic signature, which will be considered as an original signature for all purposes and will have the same force and effect as an original signature on paper. Without limitation, “electronic signature” will include faxed versions of an original signature or electronically scanned and transmitted versions (e.g., via pdf) of an original signature.

FOR HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF CANADA, as represented by the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, signed this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Authorized Signatory

Printed name: _____

FOR HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, as represented by the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, signed this ____ day of _____, 2025.

The Honourable Christine Boyle
Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

FOR THE TLA’AMIN NATION, as represented by the Hegus, signed this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Hegus John Hackett

Schedule 1**TITLE, GLOSSARY AND PREAMBLE**

The Tla’amin Final Agreement is amended as follows:

1. *The title of the agreement is changed from “Tla’amin Final Agreement” to “ʔaʔjinxʷegəs.”*
2. *The title of the appendices is changed from “Tla’amin Final Agreement Appendices” to “ʔaʔjinxʷegəs Appendices.”*
3. *The following glossary is placed before the table of contents in ʔaʔjinxʷegəs and before the table of contents in the ʔaʔjinxʷegəs Appendices.*

GLOSSARY OF ʔayʔajuθəm WORDS

ORTHOGRAPHY	MEANING	PRONUNCIATION
ʔaʔjinxʷegəs	a good relationship with someone [note: used as the name of this Agreement]	Ah-jin-hway-gus
ʔayʔajuθəm	Tla’amin language	ay-a-joo-thum
taʔow	teachings	ta-ow
payeštət yixmetšt kʷoms taʔow	we take care of our teachings [note: used as a heading in Chapter 14]	payesht-oat yeeh-metsht kooms ta-ow
hega	and	hega
q̣ʷətəms tišosəm	Sliammon River	Kwuh-tums t-eh-shoh-sum
q̣ʷətəms q̣aḡeyq̣ay	River at Grace Harbour	Kwuh-tums k-ahk-ehk-aye
ʔaʔgayqsən	Harwood Island	ah-gyk-sun
taḡəmay	Cedar	tah-huh-my
ti:xʷay	Cypress (yellow cedar)	Teeh-why
θəqay	Sockeye salmon	thuk-aye
q̣ʷəteč̣in	Pink salmon	kwuh-teh-cheen
ʔoxʷay	Chum salmon	kloh-why
χeytʰeqʷ	Coho salmon	hai-theh-kwh
tʰoxo	Lingcod	thoh-hoh
χexyeq̣	Crab	heh-he-yek
kikeʔəqəł	Prawn	ki-ki-uh-kulth
lagət	Herring	lha-gut
ʔaləs	Sea Cucumber	ah-luss
qeʔeč̣	Roosevelt elk	qeh-etch

4. *The term “this Agreement” in clauses G, H, I, K, N and O of the **Preamble** is replaced with “ʔaʔjinxʷegəs.”*
5. *Clauses L and M of the **Preamble** are deleted and replaced with the following:*
 L. Tla’amin people are Coast Salish people who speak ʔayʔajuθəm and whose taʔow, ceremonies, and oral histories are tied to the lands and waters surrounding the northern Salish Sea;

M. It is an important objective of the Tla'amin Nation to preserve, protect and enhance ʔayʔajuθəm and its taʔow, ceremonies, and oral histories;

USE OF ʔayʔajuθəm IN ʔaʔjinxʷegəs AND RELATED AMENDMENTS

6. *The definition of “Agreement” in the **Definitions Chapter** is amended by replacing it with the following:*

“**Agreement**” means this agreement among the Tla'amin Nation, Canada and British Columbia and the Schedules and Appendices to this agreement, which is also referred to as:

- a. the Tla'amin Final Agreement in Federal Settlement Legislation, Provincial Settlement Legislation and other Federal or Provincial Laws;
- b. ʔaʔjinxʷegəs; and
- c. the Tla'amin Treaty;

7. *The term “Tla'amin Final Agreement” in the definition of “Atlas” in the **Definitions Chapter** and in the Introduction of the ʔaʔjinxʷegəs Appendices is replaced with “ʔaʔjinxʷegəs.”*

8. *The term “Tla'amin language” is replaced with “ʔayʔajuθəm” in subparagraph 75.a of the **Fisheries Chapter**, in subparagraph 38.a of the **Wildlife Chapter**, in subparagraph 33.a of the **Migratory Birds Chapter**, in subparagraph 32.a of the **Tla'amin Role Outside Tla'amin Lands Chapter**, in paragraph 1 and subparagraph 4.a of the **Culture and Heritage Chapter**, and in subparagraph 19.a and paragraphs 101, 106 and 137 of the **Governance Chapter**.*

9. *The term “Tla'amin Culture and Language” in the heading before paragraph 1 of the **Culture and Heritage Chapter** is replaced with “payəštət yixmetšt kʷoms taʔow hega ʔayʔajuθəm.”*

10. *The term “Sliammon River” is replaced with “qʷətəms tišosəm” in subparagraphs 13.b and 13.c of Schedule 1 of the **Fisheries Chapter**.*

11. *The phrase “Kwehtums Kahkeeky (creek that runs into Grace Harbour)” is replaced with “qʷətəms qaqeyqay” in subparagraph 37.c of the **Lands Chapter** and the term “Kwehtums Kahkeeky” is replaced with “qʷətəms qaqeyqay” in Schedule 1 of the **Water Chapter**.*

12. *The term “Ahgykson” is replaced with “ʔaʔgayqsən” in the **Definitions Chapter**, paragraphs 44 and 45 of the **Lands Chapter**, paragraph 3 of the **Access Chapter**, paragraphs 49 and 64 of the **Fisheries Chapter**, and the heading before paragraph 15 and paragraphs 15 and 16 in the **Wildlife Chapter**.*

13. *The term “Ahgykson (Harwood Island)” is replaced with “ʔaʔgayqsən” in subparagraph 37.b of the **Lands Chapter**.*

14. *The phrase “cedar and cypress” is replaced with “taχəmay hega ti:xʷay” in the definition of “Cultural Purposes” and “Monumental Cedar and Cypress” in the **Definitions Chapter**, and the heading before paragraph 31 and in paragraphs 31 to 33 of the **Culture and Heritage Chapter**.*

15. *The terms “sockeye salmon” and “sockeye” are replaced with “θəqay” in the headings before paragraphs 12 and 16 of Schedule 1 and in paragraphs 12, and 16 to 19 of Schedule 1 of the **Fisheries Chapter**.*

16. *The term “pink salmon” is replaced with “qʷətəcɪn” in the heading before paragraph 20 of Schedule 1 and in paragraphs 2, 5 and 20 of Schedule 1 of the **Fisheries Chapter**.*

17. *The terms “chum salmon” and “chum” are replaced with “λoxʷay” in the headings before paragraphs 13 and 16 of Schedule 1 and in paragraphs 2, 5, 13, and 16 to 19 of Schedule 1 of the **Fisheries Chapter**.*

18. The terms “coho salmon” and “coho” are replaced with “*χeyt⁰eq^w*” in the headings before paragraphs 15 and 16 of Schedule 1 and in paragraphs 15 to 19 of Schedule 1 of the **Fisheries Chapter**.

19. The term “lingcod” is replaced with “*t⁰oxo*” in the heading before paragraph 11 and in paragraphs 1, 2, 4, 9 and 11 to 13 of Schedule 2 and in subparagraph 2.c of Schedule 3 of the **Fisheries Chapter**.

20. The term “crab” is replaced with “*χexyεq*” in the heading before paragraph 19 and in paragraphs 1, 2, 4, 9, 19 and 20 of Schedule 2 of the **Fisheries Chapter**.

21. The term “prawn” is replaced with “*kikeʔəqəł*” in the heading before paragraph 17 and in paragraphs 1, 2, 4, 9, 17 and 18 of Schedule 2 and paragraph 3 of Schedule 3 of the **Fisheries Chapter**.

22. The term “herring” is replaced with “*lagət*” in the heading before paragraph 15 and in paragraphs 1, 2, 4, 9, 15 and 16 of Schedule 2 of the **Fisheries Chapter**, in the Table of Contents of the *ʔaʔjinx^wegəs* Appendices and the titles of **Appendix N-2** and of Part 1 and Part 2 of **Appendix N-2**, the defined term “Tla’amin Herring Fishing Area,” and the title and legend for the map in Part 2 of **Appendix N-2**.

23. The term “sea cucumber” is replaced with “*ʔaləs*” in the heading before paragraph 23 and in paragraphs 1, 2, 4, 9, 23 and 24 of Schedule 2 of the **Fisheries Chapter**.

24. The terms “Roosevelt elk” and “elk” are replaced with “*εʔεč*” in the heading before paragraph 49, the title of Schedule 1 and in paragraph 49 of the body and paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 1 of the **Wildlife Chapter**, and the Table of Contents of the *ʔaʔjinx^wegəs* Appendices, and the title and legend of the map in **Appendix Q**.

25. The term “Powell River Regional District” in subparagraph 51.c.i of the **Lands Chapter** and paragraph 16 of the **Local and Regional Government Relations Chapter** is replaced with “qathet Regional District.”

26. **Appendix W** of the *ʔaʔjinx^wegəs* Appendices is replaced with the following, acknowledging the geographic features named and renamed as of the Effective Date in accordance with paragraph 28 of the **Culture and Heritage Chapter**, and changes to geographic feature names made after the Effective Date in accordance with paragraphs 29 and 30 of the **Culture and Heritage Chapter**.

APPENDIX W

KEY GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES

Part 1 Geographic Features Named

Part 2 Geographic Features Renamed

Part 1: Geographic Features Named

Feature type	Place names as of Effective Date	Place names changed after the Effective Date	Location	BCGS ¹ map
Creek	Kwehtums Kahkeeky	q ^w ətəm qə qey qay	Creek on Indian Reserve No. 6 Kahkaykay	92K/007
Island	Tlukeht kwukthyehts	θoq ^w et k ^w uk ^w θays	Small island attached to <i>ʔaʔgayqsən</i> at low tide	92F/087

¹ British Columbia Geographic System.

Part 2: Geographic Features Renamed

Feature type	Place names as of Effective Date	Place names changed after the Effective Date	Former name	BCGS ¹ map
Community	Teeshohsum	ṭišosəm	Sliammon Indian Reserve 1	92F/097
River	Kwahtums Teeshohsum		Sliammon Creek	92F/087
Island	Ahgykson Island	ʔaʔgayqsən	Harwood Island Indian Reserve 2	92F/087
Former Tla'amin village site	Pahkeeahjim	ṭaḳiʔaḵum	Paukeanum Indian Reserve 3	92K/006
Former Tla'amin village site	Tohkwonon	toqʷanan	Toquana Indian Reserve 4	92K/007
Former Tla'amin village site	Tuxwnech	toχʷnač	Tokenatch Indian Reserve 5	92F/097
Former Tla'amin village site	Kahkeeky	ḳa ḳey ḳay	Kahkaykay Indian Reserve 6	92K/007
Bay	Shehtekwahn		Pocahontas Bay	92F/078

¹ British Columbia Geographic System.

LIVING AGREEMENT

27. *The following paragraph is added immediately after paragraph 1 of the **General Provisions Chapter**:*

LIVING AGREEMENT

1.1 The Parties recognize and acknowledge that this Agreement is a living agreement and provides a foundation for evolution and for an ongoing relationship amongst the Parties.

ADOPTION, GUARDIANSHIP AND CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

28. *The following definition is inserted in the **Definitions Chapter** immediately after the definition for “Child”:*

“**Child and Family Service**” means a service to support Children and families including prevention services, early intervention services and Child protection services;

29. *The definitions of “Child in Care,” “Child in Need of Protection” and “Child Protection Service” in the **Definitions Chapter** are deleted.*

30. *The following paragraphs are added to the **General Provisions Chapter** immediately after paragraph 22:*

22.1 Paragraph 22 does not preclude Federal Law from providing for the application of Tla'amin Law to Canada or Provincial Law from providing for the application of Tla'amin Law to British Columbia.

22.2 Notwithstanding paragraph 22, Tla'amin Law applies to agents of Canada or British Columbia on Tla'amin Lands acting outside of the purposes for which they are agents for Canada or British Columbia, as applicable.

31. *Paragraph 28 of the **Governance Chapter** is amended by replacing “Child Protection Services” with “Child and Family Services.”*

32. *Paragraphs 30 and 31 of the **Governance Chapter** are deleted and replaced with the following:*

30. At the written request of any Party made within three months of receiving notice under paragraph 28, the relevant Parties will discuss:

- a. options to address the interests of the Tla'amin Nation through methods other than the exercise of law-making authority;
- b. immunity of individuals providing services or exercising authority under Tla'amin Law;
- c. coordination between individuals providing services or exercising authority under Tla'amin Law and other service providers;
- d. any transfer of cases and related documentation from federal or provincial institutions to Tla'amin Institutions, including any confidentiality and privacy considerations;
- e. any transfer of assets from federal or provincial institutions to Tla'amin Institutions;
- f. any appropriate amendments to Federal Law or Provincial Law, including amendments to address duplicate licensing requirements;
- g. the relationship of Tla'amin Laws with other Indigenous law; and
- h. other matters agreed to by the relevant Parties.

31. The Parties may negotiate agreements regarding any of the matters set out in paragraph 30, but an agreement under this paragraph is not a condition precedent to the exercise of law-making authority by the Tla'amin Nation, and such authority may be exercised immediately following the six month notice period or the notice period agreed upon in accordance with paragraph 29.

33. *The heading before paragraph 61 and paragraphs 61 to 81 of the **Governance Chapter** are deleted and replaced with the following:*

Adoption

61. The Tla'amin Nation may make laws in relation to adoptions:

- a. of Tla'amin Children in British Columbia; and
- b. by Tla'amin Citizens of Children who reside on Tla'amin Lands.

62. Any Tla'amin Law made under paragraph 61 will:

- a. expressly provide that the best interests of the Child are the paramount consideration in determining whether an adoption will take place;
- b. provide for the consent of an individual whose consent to a Child's adoption is required under Provincial Law, subject to the power of the court to dispense with such consent;
- c. provide for the collection, use, disclosure and security of information; and
- d. not preclude an adoption under Provincial Law or limit the court's power to dispense with consent to an adoption under Provincial Law.

63. Where the Tla'amin Nation exercises law-making authority under paragraph 61, the Tla'amin Nation will provide Canada and British Columbia with a record of all adoptions occurring under Tla'amin Law.

64. The record of adoption under paragraph 63 will include the following information:

- a. if born in British Columbia, the birth registration number of the adopted Child;
- b. if not born in British Columbia, the original birth registration of the adopted Child;
- c. any name change as a result of the adoption;
- d. the names, dates of birth, places of birth and contact information for the adoptive parents; and
- e. the effective date of the adoption.

65. If a Director designated under the *Child, Family and Community Service Act* becomes the guardian of a Tla'amin Child, the Director will:

- a. give notice to the Tla'amin Nation that the Director is the guardian of the Tla'amin Child;
- b. give notice to the Tla'amin Nation when the Director applies for a continuing custody order;
- c. provide the Tla'amin Nation with a copy of the continuing custody order once the order is made and make reasonable efforts to involve the Tla'amin Nation in planning for the Tla'amin Child;
- d. if requested by the Tla'amin Nation, consent to the application of Tla'amin Law to the adoption of the Tla'amin Child, provided that it is in the best interests of the Tla'amin Child; and
- e. in determining the best interest of the Tla'amin Child under subparagraph d. the Director will consider the importance of preserving the Tla'amin Child's cultural identity.

66. A Tla'amin Law under paragraph 61 prevails to the extent of a Conflict with Federal Law or Provincial Law.

67. Before placing a Tla'amin Child for adoption, a Director or an adoption agency under the *Adoption Act* will:

- a. make reasonable efforts to obtain information about the Tla'amin Child's cultural identity and preserve information for the Tla'amin Child; and
- b. discuss and collaborate about the Tla'amin Child's placement with a designated representative of the Tla'amin Nation.

68. [Deleted]

69. [Deleted]

70. [Deleted]

Guardianship

71. The Tla'amin Nation has standing in any judicial proceedings in British Columbia in which guardianship of a Tla'amin Child is in dispute and the court will take judicial notice of Tla'amin Laws and consider any evidence and representations in relation to Tla'amin Laws and customs in addition to any other matters it is required by law to consider.

72. The participation of the Tla'amin Nation in proceedings referred to in paragraph 71 will be in accordance with the applicable rules of court and will not affect the court's ability to control its process.

Child and Family Services

73. The Tla'amin Nation may make laws in relation to Child and Family Services:
- a. for Tla'amin Children and other Children of Tla'amin Families; and
 - b. if an agreement under subparagraph 80.b is reached and subject to that agreement, for Children who are not members of Tla'amin Families.
74. Any Tla'amin Law made under paragraph 73 will:
- a. expressly provide that those laws will be interpreted and administered such that the best interests of the Child is the paramount consideration;
 - b. not preclude the reporting, under any applicable law, of a Child in need of protection; and
 - c. provide for the collection, use, disclosure and security of Child and Family Services information.
75. Any Tla'amin Law under paragraph 73 must be consistent with any minimum standards set out in Federal Law that are applicable, on a national level, to the provision of Child and Family Services in relation to Indigenous Children.
76. If the Tla'amin Nation makes laws under paragraph 73, the Tla'amin Nation will establish and maintain a system for the management, storage and disposal of Child and Family Services records and the safeguarding of personal Child and Family Services information.
77. Notwithstanding any laws made under paragraph 73, if there is an emergency in which a Tla'amin Child is in need of protection, and the Tla'amin Nation has not responded or is unable to respond in a timely manner, British Columbia may act to protect the Tla'amin Child and, unless British Columbia and the Tla'amin Nation otherwise agree in writing, British Columbia will refer the matter to the Tla'amin Nation after the emergency.
78. If the Tla'amin Nation has made a law under paragraph 73 and there is an emergency in which the Child under British Columbia's authority is a Child in need of protection, the Tla'amin Nation may act to protect the Child and, unless British Columbia and the Tla'amin Nation otherwise agree in writing, the Tla'amin Nation will refer the matter to British Columbia after the emergency.
79. A Tla'amin Law under paragraph 73 prevails to the extent of a Conflict with Federal Law or Provincial Law.
80. At the request of the Tla'amin Nation or British Columbia, the Tla'amin Nation and British Columbia will negotiate and attempt to reach agreement in relation to Child and Family Services for:
- a. Children of Tla'amin Families who reside on or off Tla'amin Lands; or
 - b. Children who are not members of Tla'amin Families and who reside on Tla'amin Lands.
81. Where the Director becomes the guardian of a Tla'amin Child, the Director will make reasonable efforts to include the Tla'amin Nation in planning for the Tla'amin Child, including adoption planning.
- 81.1 The Tla'amin Nation and the Minister or a Director designated under the *Child, Family and Community Services Act* may enter into an agreement, in accordance with Provincial Law, that has the effect of:
- a. imposing specific duties or restrictions on a Director; or
 - b. requiring that specific services be provided or not provided by a Director.

Schedule 2***L'Accord définitif des Tla'amins est modifié comme il suit :***

[French version to be attached once it has been completed]

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section C of Committee of the Whole.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 15) intituled *Infrastructure Projects Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—46

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Boyle</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Beare</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Ma</i>
<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Yung</i>
<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Chow</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Arora</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Shah</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Chant</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Phillip</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Dhir</i>
<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Choi</i>		

NAYS—44

<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Clare</i>
<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>Giddens</i>	<i>Wilson</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Rattée</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Warbus</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Banman</i>	<i>Block</i>	<i>Bird</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>Luck</i>	<i>Chapman</i>
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Stamer</i>	<i>McCall</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Boulbee</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Tepper</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Kealy</i>

Bill (No. 15) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Renewable Energy Projects (Streamlined Permitting) Act*.

On the motion of *Teresa Wat*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,442,836,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Children and Family Development, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2026.

Section A of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Children and Family Development and further reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Bill (No. 13) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, was again committed.

Clauses 12 through 74 of Bill (No. 13) passed.

A proposed amendment by *Larry Neufeld* to clause 75 of Bill (No. 13) was ruled out of order.

Clause 75 of Bill (No. 13) passed on the following division:

YEAS—6			
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Arora</i>
<i>Choi</i>	<i>Routledge</i>		
NAYS—5			
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>Wilson</i>	<i>McCall</i>
<i>Paton</i>			

Clauses 76 through 86 and the title of Bill (No. 13) passed.

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 13) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, complete without amendment.

Bill (No. 13) read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 8.51 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Mandeep Dhaliwal*.

Elenore Sturko reserved her right to raise a question of privilege regarding an investigation with respect to the release of internal government documents.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Harman Bhangu made representations regarding the question of privilege raised by the Hon. *Ravi Kahlon* with respect to trucking union matters.

Amna Shah presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members’ Bills for the Forty-third Parliament (Third), May 14, 2025, regarding its consideration of Bill (No. M 205) intituled *Mental Health Amendment Act, 2025*.

The Committee recommended that Bill (No. M 205) not proceed.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Renewable Energy Projects (Streamlined Permitting) Act*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of *Amelia Boulton*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 15) intituled *Infrastructure Projects Act* was committed.

Trevor Halford moved a proposed amendment to clause 1 of Bill (No. 15) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—6			
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Routledge</i>		
YEAS—6			
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Boulton</i>		

The Chair announced that the votes being equal, and in accordance with established practice to maintain the bill in existing form, he cast his vote in opposition to the amendment.

A proposed amendment by *Trevor Halford* to clause 1 of Bill (No. 15) was ruled out of order.

Trevor Halford moved a proposed amendment to clause 1 of Bill (No. 15) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—7			
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Ma</i>	
YEAS—5			
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Boulton</i>	<i>Stamer</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Van Popta</i>			

Clause 1 of Bill (No. 15) passed.

On clause 2 of Bill (No. 15).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 15) intituled *Infrastructure Projects Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By notice from the Hon. *Mike Farnworth* to the Table, Motion 30 was withdrawn from the Order Paper.

By notice from the Members to the Table, *Rohini Arora* and *Mable Elmore* exchanged places on the List of Precedence for Private Members' Business.

And then the House adjourned at 8.48 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, May 15, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Gavin Dew*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

On Monday, May 12, the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs raised a question of privilege in the House respecting comments that the Member for Langley-Abbotsford made in the Committee of Supply on Thursday, May 8. The Member for Langley-Abbotsford made his representations to the Chair on Wednesday, May 14. The Chair thanks the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs and the Member for Langley-Abbotsford for their submissions. The Chair is now prepared to rule on the matter.

As noted in a decision of Speaker Barnes of June 14, 1995, "...the Speaker quite properly has no knowledge of what transpires in a Committee of the House, nor are matters which occurred in the Committee of the House properly within the domain of the Speaker..." *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 5th edition, at page 406, provides that questions of privilege regarding matters arising in committee must be raised in committee—which includes a Committee of the Whole House, the Committee of Supply, and a parliamentary committee.

Accordingly, there is no role for the Chair to play in adjudicating whether a *prima facie* breach of privilege occurred with respect to the matter raised by the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs. However, the Chair notes that the Member for Langley-Abbotsford issued an unqualified withdrawal of his comments yesterday. The Chair therefore views the matter as concluded.

The Chair will take this opportunity to remind Members that freedom of speech is one of the most important privileges that Members of this House possess to undertake their parliamentary duties. This privilege needs to be exercised with caution—Members cannot take advantage of the shield of free speech to insult or impugn the character of someone outside of the House, who has no recourse given the protections attached to this House.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Scott McInnis rose on a point of order regarding comments made by *Rohini Arora* during Statements by Members.

The Speaker stated that he would take the matter under advisement.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

31 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That, pursuant to Standing Order 86, the order for third reading of Bill (No. M 202) intituled *Eligibility to Hold Public Office Act* be discharged and that the bill be recommitted to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills;

That the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills reconsider clauses 1, 2, and 3 of Bill (No. M 202) intituled *Eligibility to Hold Public Office Act* for the purpose of considering amendments to those clauses;

That the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills report Bill (No. M 202) intituled *Eligibility to Hold Public Office Act* to the House by Monday, May 26, 2025;

And that, notwithstanding Standing Orders 27 (1), 27 (4), and 28, Bill (No. M 202) intituled *Eligibility to Hold Public Office Act* take precedence on the Order Paper once it is reported from the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills.

A debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—48

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Boyle</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Ma</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Beare</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Yung</i>
<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>
<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chow</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Arora</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Shah</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Phillip</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Chant</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Dhir</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Botterell</i>

NAYS—42

Sturko
Kindy
Milobar
Warbus
Rustad
Banman
Wat
Kooner
Halford
Hartwell
L. Neufeld

Dew
Gasper
Day
Block
Bhangu
Paton
Boulton
Chan
Toor
Hepner
Giddens

Rattée
Davis
McInnis
Bird
Luck
Stamer
Maahs
Tepper
Mok
Clare

Wilson
Williams
Loewen
Dhaliwal
Doerkson
Chapman
McCall
Kealy
Armstrong
Brodie

And then the House adjourned at 11.36 a.m.

Thursday, May 15, 2025

ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *Ravi Kahlon* (Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs) withdrew comments made during Oral Question Period on May 13, 2025.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 14) intituled *Renewable Energy Projects (Streamlined Permitting) Act*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—46

Lore
G. Anderson
Blatherwick
Elmore
Sunnor
Toporowski
B. Anderson
Neill
Osborne
Brar
Davidson
Kahlon

Parmar
Gibson
Beare
Chandra Herbert
Wickens
Kang
Morissette
Sandhu
Krieger
Chant
Lajeunesse
Choi

Rotchford
Higginson
Routledge
Popham
Dix
Sharma
Farnworth
Eby
Bailey
Begg
Greene

Whiteside
Boyle
Ma
Yung
Malcolmson
Chow
Glumac
Arora
Shah
Phillip
Dhir

NAYS—43

<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Clare</i>
<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>Giddens</i>	<i>Wilson</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Gaspar</i>	<i>Rattée</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Warbus</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Banman</i>	<i>Block</i>	<i>Bird</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>Luck</i>	<i>Chapman</i>
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Stamer</i>	<i>McCall</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Boulton</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Tepper</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Mok</i>	

Bill (No. 14) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Finance. Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 15) intituled *Infrastructure Projects Act* was again committed.

Kiel Giddens moved a proposed amendment to clause 2 of Bill (No. 15) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—6

<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Ma</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Choi</i>		

YEAS—6

<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Boulton</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Dew</i>	<i>Mok</i>		

The Chair announced that the votes being equal, and in accordance with established practice to maintain the bill in existing form, she cast her vote in opposition to the amendment.

Clause 2 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

On clause 3 of Bill (No. 15).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 15) intituled *Infrastructure Projects Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.20 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Monday, May 26, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Sunita Dhir*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

On the motion that Bill (No. M 204) intituled *Perinatal and Postnatal Mental Health Strategy Act* be concurred in, as amended, at report stage, a debate arose.

Bill (No. M 204) concurred in, as amended, at report stage, read a third time and passed.

On the motion that Bill (No. M 205) intituled *Mental Health Amendment Act, 2025*, be concurred in at report stage, a debate arose.

Bill (No. M 205) concurred in at report stage, as recommended by the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills that the Bill not proceed.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 210) intituled *Korean Heritage Month Act*.

Bill (No. M 210) read a second time and *Ordered* committed to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 214) intituled *Firefighters' Health Act*, a debate arose.

On the motion of *Misty Van Popta*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.57 a.m.

Monday, May 26, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *Niki Sharma* (Attorney General and Deputy Premier) tabled the following documents: Labour Relations Board Annual Report, 2024; and, InBC Investment Corp. Annual Report, 2023/2024.

Amna Shah presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills for the Forty-third Parliament (Fourth), May 26, 2025, regarding its reconsideration of Bill (No. M 202) intituled *Eligibility to Hold Public Office Act*.

The Committee reported Bill (No. M 202) complete with amendment.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

32 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That a Special Committee to Review Provisions of the *Human Rights Code* be appointed to review sections 47.01 to 47.24 of the *Human Rights Code* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 210), pursuant to section 50.1 of the Act.

That the Special Committee have the powers of a Select Standing Committee and in addition be empowered to:

- a. appoint of its number one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Special Committee and to delegate to the subcommittees all or any of its powers except the power to report directly to the House;
- b. sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
- c. conduct consultations by any means the Special Committee considers appropriate;
- d. adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and,
- e. retain personnel as required to assist the Special Committee.

That the Special Committee report to the House within one year of its appointment, and that during a period of adjournment, the Special Committee deposit its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, or in the next following Session, as the case may be, the Chair present all reports to the House.

That the Special Committee be composed of the following Members: *Jennifer Blatherwick* (Convener), *Rohini Arora*, *Dana Lajeunesse*, *Scott McInnis* and *Teresa Wat*.

Motion agreed to.

33 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That *Nina Krieger* replace *Dana Lajeunesse* as a member of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills.

Motion agreed to.

34 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That *Susie Chant* replace *Paul Choi* as a member of the Special Committee to Review the *Lobbyists Transparency Act*.

Motion agreed to.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section C of Committee of the Whole.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Finance.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 15) intituled *Infrastructure Projects Act* was again committed.

Misty Van Popta moved a proposed amendment to clause 3 of Bill (No. 15) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—6			
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Ma</i>		
YEAS—6			
<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Boulton</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Dew</i>	<i>Mok</i>		

The Chair announced that the votes being equal, and in accordance with established practice to maintain the bill in existing form, she cast her vote in opposition to the amendment.

Clause 3 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

The Hon. *Bowinn Ma* (Minister of Infrastructure) moved a proposed amendment to clause 4 of Bill (No. 15) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—6			
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Boulton</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Mok</i>		
YEAS—6			
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>Arora</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Greene</i>		

The Chair announced that the votes being equal, and in accordance with established practice to maintain the bill in existing form, she cast her vote in opposition to the amendment.

On clause 4 of Bill (No. 15).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 15) intituled *Infrastructure Projects Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Bill (No. 14) intituled *Renewable Energy Projects (Streamlined Permitting) Act* was committed.

Jeremy Valeriote moved a proposed amendment to clause 1 of Bill (No. 14) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—6			
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Dix</i>
<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Morissette</i>		
YEAS—6			
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>McCall</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Paton</i>	<i>Wilson</i>		

The Chair announced that the votes being equal, and in accordance with established practice to maintain the bill in existing form, she cast her vote in opposition to the amendment.

Clause 1 of Bill (No. 14) passed.

Jeremy Valeriote moved a proposed amendment to clause 2 of Bill (No. 14) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—6			
<i>Lajeunesse Higginson</i>	<i>Routledge Dix</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Boyle</i>
YEAS—6			
<i>L. Neufeld Hepner</i>	<i>Maahs Wilson</i>	<i>McCall</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>

The Chair announced that the votes being equal, and in accordance with established practice to maintain the bill in existing form, he cast his vote in opposition to the amendment.

Clauses 2 through 4 of Bill (No. 14) passed.

Trevor Halford moved a proposed amendment to clause 5 of Bill (No. 14) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—6			
<i>Lajeunesse Higginson</i>	<i>Routledge Dix</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Boyle</i>
YEAS—6			
<i>L. Neufeld Hepner</i>	<i>Maahs Wilson</i>	<i>McCall</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>

The Chair announced that the votes being equal, and in accordance with established practice to maintain the bill in existing form, he cast his vote in opposition to the amendment.

Clause 5 and clause 6 of Bill (No. 14) passed.

On clause 7 of Bill (No. 14).

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 14) intituled *Renewable Energy Projects (Streamlined Permitting) Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Janet Routledge rose on a point of order regarding comments made by the Member for West Vancouver-Capilano during Oral Question Period.

The Speaker stated that he would take the matter under advisement.

And then the House adjourned at 8.54 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *George Anderson*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *Raj Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Elections BC, Report of the Chief Electoral Officer, 43rd Provincial General Election, October 19, 2024, Volume 1: Administration;

Human Rights Commissioner Report, Where We Stand: Recommendations Monitoring Report, 2019–2024, 2025; and,

Merit Commissioner Annual Report, 2024/2025.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section C of Committee of the Whole.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Ministry of Finance.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 15) intituled *Infrastructure Projects Act* was again committed.

On clause 4 of Bill (No. 15).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 15) intituled *Infrastructure Projects Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Bill (No. 14) intituled *Renewable Energy Projects (Streamlined Permitting) Act* was again committed.

Clause 7 of Bill (No. 14) stood down.

Trevor Halford moved a proposed amendment to clause 8 of Bill (No. 14).

On the proposed amendment to clause 8 of Bill (No. 14).

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 14) intituled *Renewable Energy Projects (Streamlined Permitting) Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion that Bill (No. M 202) intituled *Eligibility to Hold Public Office Act* be concurred in, as amended, at report stage, a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—48

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Boyle</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Ma</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Beare</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Yung</i>
<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>
<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chow</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Arora</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Shah</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Phillip</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Chant</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Dhir</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Botterell</i>

NAYS—41

<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>Giddens</i>	<i>Clare</i>
<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Rattée</i>	<i>Wilson</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Warbus</i>	<i>Block</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>Bird</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Banman</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Luck</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Boulton</i>	<i>Stamer</i>	<i>Chapman</i>
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>McCall</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Tepper</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>L. Neufeld</i>			

Bill (No. M 202) concurred in, as amended, at report stage.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. M 202), a debate arose.

Bill (No. M 202) read a third time and passed.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section C of Committee of the Whole.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION B)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$138,852,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislative Assembly, Legislative Assembly, to 31st March, 2026.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$26,981,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Auditor General, to 31st March, 2026.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$893,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Conflict of Interest Commissioner, to 31st March, 2026.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$14,802,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Elections BC, to 31st March, 2026.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,668,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Human Rights Commissioner, to 31st March, 2026.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$10,933,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Information and Privacy Commissioner, to 31st March, 2026.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,697,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Merit Commissioner, to 31st March, 2026.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$15,332,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Ombudsperson, to 31st March, 2026.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$8,866,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Police Complaint Commissioner, to 31st March, 2026.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,603,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Officers of the Legislature, Representative for Children and Youth, to 31st March, 2026.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$426,950,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2026.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$32,453,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Government Communications and Public Engagement, to 31st March, 2026.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$71,872,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, BC Public Service Agency, to 31st March, 2026.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Benefits and Other Employment Costs, to 31st March, 2026.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$2,762,120,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Management of Public Funds and Debt, Management of Public Funds and Debt, to 31st March, 2026.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$4,000,000,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Contingencies, to 31st March, 2026.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$7,258,544,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Capital Funding, to 31st March, 2026.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Commissions on Collection of Public Funds, to 31st March, 2026.

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Allowances for Doubtful Revenue Accounts, to 31st March, 2026.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,408,000,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Tax Transfers, to 31st March, 2026.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Legislative Assembly, Officers of the Legislature and the Ministry of Finance.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 15) intituled *Infrastructure Projects Act* was again committed.

Kiel Giddens moved a proposed amendment to clause 4 of Bill (No. 15) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—6			
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>Chow</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Routledge</i>		
YEAS—6			
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Boulton</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Dew</i>	<i>Mok</i>		

The Chair announced that the votes being equal, and in accordance with established practice to maintain the bill in existing form, she cast her vote in opposition to the amendment.

Clause 4 of Bill (No. 15) passed on the following division:

YEAS—6			
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Arora</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Ma</i>		
NAYS—6			
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Boulton</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Dew</i>	<i>Mok</i>		

The Chair announced that the votes being equal, and in accordance with established practice to maintain the bill in existing form, he cast his vote in favour of the motion.

On clause 5 of Bill (No. 15).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 15) intituled *Infrastructure Projects Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Bill (No. 14) intituled *Renewable Energy Projects (Streamlined Permitting) Act* was again committed.

A proposed amendment by *Trevor Halford* to clause 8 of Bill (No. 14) was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—6			
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>
<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Routledge</i>		
YEAS—6			
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>McCall</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Paton</i>	<i>Wilson</i>		

The Chair announced that the votes being equal, and in accordance with established practice to maintain the bill in existing form, she cast her vote in opposition to the amendment.

Clause 7, as stood down, and clauses 8 through 13 of Bill (No. 14) passed.

Scott McInnis moved a proposed amendment to clause 14 of Bill (No. 14) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—6			
<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Phillip</i>
<i>Choi</i>	<i>Popham</i>		
YEAS—6			
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>McCall</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Paton</i>	<i>Wilson</i>		

The Chair announced that the votes being equal, and in accordance with established practice to maintain the bill in existing form, she cast her vote in opposition to the amendment.

Clause 14 of Bill (No. 14) passed on the following division:

YEAS—6			
<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Phillip</i>
<i>Choi</i>	<i>Popham</i>		
NAYS—6			
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>McCall</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Paton</i>	<i>Wilson</i>		

The Chair announced that the votes being equal, and in accordance with established practice to maintain the bill in existing form, she cast her vote in favour of the motion.

On clause 15 of Bill (No. 14).

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 14) intituled *Renewable Energy Projects (Streamlined Permitting) Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 9.11 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by the Hon. *Kelly Greene*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Rob Botterell sought leave to move a motion without notice.

Leave not granted.

Paul Choi presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, Review of Statutory Offices' Supplementary Funding Requests for 2025–26, for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament (First), May 2025.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, *Paul Choi* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

Jeremy Valeriote presented a petition regarding Bill (No. 15) intituled *Infrastructure Projects Act*.

The Hon. *Garry Begg* (Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General) tabled the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch Annual Report, 2023–2024.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 5) intituled *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2025*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 5) read a third time and passed.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section C of Committee of the Whole.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$750,254,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2026.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$112,638,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Judiciary, to 31st March, 2026.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$24,500,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, *Crown Proceeding Act*, to 31st March, 2026.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$12,652,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Attorney General, Independent Investigations Office, to 31st March, 2026.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Attorney General.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again later today.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Office of the Premier.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again later today.

Pursuant to the time allocation motion adopted on May 6, 2025, all remaining questions to complete consideration of Bill (No. 7) intituled *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act* were put.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 7) intituled *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act*, a debate arose.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—48

Lore	Parmar	Rotchford	Boyle
G. Anderson	Gibson	Higginson	Ma
Blatherwick	Beare	Routledge	Yung
Elmore	Chandra Herbert	Popham	Malcolmson
Sunner	Wickens	Dix	Chow
Toporowski	Kang	Sharma	Glumac
B. Anderson	Morissette	Farnworth	Arora
Neill	Sandhu	Eby	Shah
Osborne	Krieger	Bailey	Phillip
Brar	Chant	Begg	Dhir
Davidson	Lajeunesse	Greene	Valeriote
Kahlon	Choi	Whiteside	Botterell

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Sturko	Van Popta	Hepner	Clare
Kindy	Dew	Giddens	Wilson
Milobar	Gasper	Rattée	Williams
Warbus	K. Neufeld	Davis	Loewen
Rustad	Day	McInnis	Dhaliwal
Banman	Block	Bird	Doerkson
Wat	Bhangu	Luck	Chapman
Kooner	Paton	Stamer	McCall
Halford	Boulbee	Maahs	Kealy
Hartwell	Chan	Tepper	Armstrong
L. Neufeld	Toor	Mok	Brodie

Bill (No. 7) read a third time and passed.

By leave, *Steve Kooner* presented a petition regarding Bill (No. 7) intituled *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act*.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Office of the Premier.

Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again later today.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Bill (No. 14) intituled *Renewable Energy Projects (Streamlined Permitting) Act* was again committed.

Jordan Kealy moved a proposed amendment to clause 15 of Bill (No. 14) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—6

Beare	Routledge	Greene	Phillip
Morissette	Dix		

YEAS—6

L. Neufeld	Maahs	McCall	Valeriote
Paton	Wilson		

The Chair announced that the votes being equal, and in accordance with established practice to maintain the bill in existing form, she cast her vote in opposition to the amendment.

Clause 15 of Bill (No. 14) passed on the following division:

YEAS—6			
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>
<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Dix</i>		
NAYS—6			
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>McCall</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Paton</i>	<i>Wilson</i>		

The Chair announced that the votes being equal, and in accordance with established practice to maintain the bill in existing form, she cast her vote in favour of the motion.

Clauses 16 through 19 of Bill (No. 14) passed.

Jeremy Valeriote moved a proposed amendment to add clause 19.1 to Bill (No. 14) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—6			
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Arora</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>		
YEAS—6			
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>McCall</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Paton</i>	<i>Wilson</i>		

The Chair announced that the votes being equal, and in accordance with established practice to maintain the bill in existing form, he cast his vote in opposition to the amendment.

A proposed amendment by *Jeremy Valeriote* to add clause 19.2 to Bill (No. 14) was ruled out of order.

Clause 20 of Bill (No. 14) passed.

Jeremy Valeriote moved a proposed amendment to add clause 20.1 to Bill (No. 14) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—6			
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Routledge</i>		
YEAS—6			
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>McCall</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Paton</i>	<i>Wilson</i>		

The Chair announced that the votes being equal, and in accordance with established practice to maintain the bill in existing form, he cast his vote in opposition to the amendment.

Pursuant to the time allocation motion adopted on May 6, 2025, all remaining questions to complete consideration of Bill (No. 14) were put and deemed to have passed.

Clauses 21 through 24 of Bill (No. 14) passed.

Clause 25 of Bill (No. 14) passed, on division.

Clause 26 of Bill (No. 14) passed, on division.

Clause 27 of Bill (No. 14) passed, on division.

The title of Bill (No. 14) passed.

The motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 14) complete without amendment passed, on division.

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 14) intituled *Renewable Energy Projects (Streamlined Permitting) Act* complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 14) the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—46

Lore	Parmar	Rotchford	Whiteside
G. Anderson	Gibson	Higginson	Boyle
Blatherwick	Beare	Routledge	Ma
Elmore	Chandra Herbert	Popham	Yung
Sunner	Wickens	Dix	Malcolmson
Toporowski	Kang	Sharma	Chow
B. Anderson	Morissette	Farnworth	Glumac
Neill	Sandhu	Eby	Arora
Osborne	Krieger	Bailey	Shah
Brar	Chant	Begg	Phillip
Davidson	Lajeunesse	Greene	Dhir
Kahlon	Choi		

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Sturko	Dew	Rattée	Williams
Kindy	Gasper	Davis	Loewen
Milobar	K. Neufeld	McInnis	Dhaliwal
Warbus	Day	Bird	Doerkson
Rustad	Block	Luck	Chapman
Banman	Bhangu	Stamer	McCall
Wat	Paton	Maahs	Valeriote
Kooner	Boulton	Tepper	Botterell
Halford	Chan	Mok	Kealy
Hartwell	Toor	Clare	Armstrong
L. Neufeld	Hepner	Wilson	Brodie
Van Popta	Giddens		

The Speaker announced that the votes being equal, and given that Bill (No. 14) had passed earlier stages of consideration by the House with a majority of votes, he cast his vote in favour of the motion.

Bill (No. 14) read a third time and passed.

Sheldon Clare rose on a point of order regarding the application of Standing Order 8 (3) (b) with respect to a Member participating remotely in the division on third reading of Bill (No. 14).

The Speaker ruled that Members participating in the division on third reading of Bill (No. 14) did not contravene the Guidance for Members Participating in Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly Remotely issued under Standing Order 8 (3) (b).

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Office of the Premier. Report to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again later today.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 15) intituled *Infrastructure Projects Act* was again committed.

Clause 6 and clause 7 of Bill (No. 15) passed.

Pursuant to the time allocation motion adopted on May 6, 2025, all remaining questions to complete consideration of Bill (No. 15) were put and deemed to have passed.

Clause 8 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 9 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 10 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 11 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 12 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 13 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 14 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 15 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 16 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 17 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 18 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 19 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 20 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 21 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 22 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 23 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 24 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 25 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 26 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 27 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 28 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 29 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 30 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 31 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 32 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 33 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 34 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 35 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 36 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 37 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 38 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 39 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 40 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 41 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 42 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 43 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 44 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 45 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 46 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 47 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

Clause 48 of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

The title of Bill (No. 15) passed, on division.

The motion that the Committee rise and report Bill (No. 15) complete without amendment passed, on division.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 15) intituled *Infrastructure Projects Act* complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 15) the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—46

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Boyle</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Beare</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Ma</i>
<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Yung</i>
<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Chow</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Arora</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Shah</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Chant</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Phillip</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Dhir</i>
<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Choi</i>		

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<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>Rattée</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Warbus</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Bird</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Block</i>	<i>Luck</i>	<i>Chapman</i>
<i>Banman</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>Stamer</i>	<i>McCall</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Boulton</i>	<i>Tepper</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Clare</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Brodie</i>
<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Giddens</i>		

The Speaker announced that the votes being equal, and given that Bill (No. 15) had passed earlier stages of consideration by the House with a majority of votes, he cast his vote in favour of the motion.

Bill (No. 15) read a third time and passed.

Peter Milobar rose on a point of order regarding the application of Standing Order 8 (3) (b) with respect to a Member participating remotely in the division on third reading of Bill (No. 14).

The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* made representations.

Sheldon Clare made representations.

The Speaker stated that the ruling with respect to the earlier point of order raised by *Sheldon Clare* stands.

The Speaker stated that *Gavin Dew* must withdraw from the Chamber until his comments are withdrawn.

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Office of the Premier.
Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Gavin Dew withdrew his comments.

And then the House adjourned at 8.48 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, May 29, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Korky Neufeld*.

The Speaker made the following statement:

Honourable Members:

On Wednesday, May 28, the Member for Prince George-North Cariboo and the Member for Kamloops Centre raised points of order regarding the application of Standing Order 8 (2) with respect to a Member participating remotely in the division on the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 14). The Chair ruled that Members participating in that division did not contravene Standing Order 8 or the *Guidance for Members Participating in Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly Remotely* issued by the Chair under Standing Order 8 (3) (b). The Chair deems the matter concluded. However, the Chair wishes to offer some reflections for the benefit of the House.

Voting is one of the most consequential responsibilities of a Member of this House. Disallowing a Member to vote is not a decision that the Chair takes lightly, but it is an authority granted to the Chair under Standing Order 8 (4) (b). Since Standing Order 8 was amended in March 2024 to enable remote participation by Members on a permanent basis, the Chair has disallowed a Member from voting in two instances—in both, the Members joining remotely were in a vehicle, which is not an acceptable venue from which to participate in parliamentary business. The Chair has never disallowed a Member from voting in other instances.

As it pertains to the use of virtual backgrounds, based on the submissions made to the Chair yesterday, there appears to be a difference of interpretation of what that entails. Throughout this sessional period, the Chair has observed Members participating remotely using a blurred background on several occasions, without objection raised and without the Chair intervening. In the view of the Chair, a blurred background does not constitute a contravention of the *Guidance for Members Participating in Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly Remotely*. This is because a blurred background has never

given doubt in the Chair's mind on the whereabouts of a Member. In contrast, if a Member was using a virtual background, artificially setting the Member in the tropics or in nature, it would indeed cast doubt in the Chair's mind on the Member's whereabouts and would render the Member ineligible to participate in proceedings of the House.

Standing Order 8 (3) (b) requires the Chair to consult with the House Leaders or the Whips when establishing the rules, expectations, and requirements for remote connectivity and participation by Members. Given that the current guidance appears to have left room for doubt on the expectations of Members, the Chair will engage with House Leaders prior to the fall sessional period and issue updated guidance if required so that all Members are clear on the expectations for remote participation in parliamentary business.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Speaker stated that the Member for Columbia River-Revelstoke has withdrawn the point of order raised on Thursday, May 15, regarding comments made by the Member for Burnaby East during Statements by Members, and the matter is considered resolved.

The Hon. *Raj Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the Registrar of Lobbyists, Determination Decision 25-05, Intuitive Surgical Canada, Inc., Designated Filer: Eric Dastmalchian, April 10, 2025.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

Section B of Committee of Supply reported progress of the estimates of the Office of the Premier. Report to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 12.01 p.m.

Thursday, May 29, 2025

ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of *Mandeep Dhaliwal*, Bill (No. M 215) intituled *Parental Transparency and Age-Appropriate Education Act, 2025*, was introduced, read a first time, and Ordered to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section B of Committee of Supply.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION B)

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$18,450,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Office of the Premier, Office of the Premier, to 31st March, 2026.

Section B of Committee of Supply reported the Resolution and completion of the estimates of the Office of the Premier.

Report to be considered forthwith.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Order called for consideration of reports of Resolutions from Committee of Supply.

The Hon. *Brenda Bailey* (Minister of Finance) moved—

That the reports of resolutions from the Committee of Supply on March 31, April 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 29, 30, May 1, 5, 6, 8, 13, 27, 28 and 29 be now received, taken as read and agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *Brenda Bailey* (Minister of Finance) moved—

That there be granted to His Majesty, from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, the sum of 82 billion, 146 million, 902 thousand dollars towards defraying the charges and expenses of the public service of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2026. This sum includes the sum that was authorized to be paid under section 1 of the *Supply Act (No. 1), 2025*.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *Brenda Bailey* (Minister of Finance) moved—

That there be granted to His Majesty, from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, the sum of 1 billion, 560 million, 352 thousand dollars towards defraying the disbursements for capital expenditures, loans, investments and other financing requirements of the Province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2026. This sum includes the sum that was authorized to be paid under section 2 of the *Supply Act (No. 1), 2025*.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *Brenda Bailey* (Minister of Finance) presented to the Speaker a Message from His Honour the Administrator, which read as follows:

LEONARD MARCHAND
Administrator

The Administrator transmits herewith Bill (No. 16) intituled *Supply Act, 2025–2026*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Vancouver Law Courts,
May 26, 2025.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

The Speaker declared a short recess for distribution of the Bill.

Bill permitted to be advanced all stages this day.

Bill (No. 16) read a second time.

On the motion of the Hon. *Brenda Bailey* (Minister of Finance), Bill (No. 16) was committed to a Committee of the Whole House to be considered forthwith.

Bill (No. 16) was committed.

Clauses 1 through 3, the schedules, the preamble and the title of Bill (No. 16) passed.

Bill (No. 16) reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 16) the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—48

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Boyle</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Ma</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Beare</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Yung</i>
<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>
<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Chow</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Arora</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Shah</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Phillip</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Chant</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Dhir</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Botterell</i>

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<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Clare</i>
<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>Giddens</i>	<i>Wilson</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Rattée</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Warbus</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Banman</i>	<i>Block</i>	<i>Bird</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>Luck</i>	<i>Chapman</i>
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Stamer</i>	<i>McCall</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Boulton</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Tepper</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Brodie</i>

Bill (No. 16) read a third time and passed.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

His Honour the Administrator having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair—

Kate Ryan-Lloyd, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 5) *Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2025*.

Bill (No. 7) *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act*.

Bill (No. 11) *Employment Standards Amendment Act, 2025*.

Bill (No. 13) *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*.

Bill (No. 14) *Renewable Energy Projects (Streamlined Permitting) Act*.

Bill (No. 15) *Infrastructure Projects Act*.

Bill (No. M 202) *Eligibility to Hold Public Office Act*.

Bill (No. M 204) *Perinatal and Postnatal Mental Health Strategy Act*.

His Honour was pleased in His Majesty's name to give assent to the said Acts.

The said assent was announced by *Kate Ryan-Lloyd*, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, in the following words:

"In His Majesty's name, His Honour the Administrator doth assent to these Acts."

Kate Ryan-Lloyd, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, read the title to the following Act:

Bill (No. 16) *Supply Act, 2025–2026*.

His Honour was pleased in His Majesty's name to give assent to the said Act.

The said assent was announced by *Kate Ryan-Lloyd*, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, in the following words:

"In His Majesty's name, His Honour the Administrator doth thank His Majesty's loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Act."

His Honour the Administrator was then pleased to retire.

39 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That in addition to the terms of reference provided to the Special Committee to Appoint Statutory Officers by the Legislative Assembly on February 24, 2025, the Special Committee be further empowered to recommend to the Legislative Assembly the appointment of:

- a. An individual to hold office as Merit Commissioner, pursuant to section 5.01 of the *Public Service Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 385); and,
- b. An individual to hold office as Ombudsperson, pursuant to section 2 of the *Ombudsperson Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 340).

That the Special Committee report to the House on its recommendations as soon as possible, and that during a period of adjournment, the Special Committee deposit its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, or in the next following Session, as the case may be, the Chair present all reports to the House.

Motion agreed to.

43 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That in addition to the terms of reference provided to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services by the Legislative Assembly on February 24, 2025, the Committee be designated as the Committee referred to in section 28.2 of the *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act*.

The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved the following amendment—

That Motion 43 be amended by striking the indicated text and adding the underlined text, as follows:

That in addition to the terms of reference provided to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services by the Legislative Assembly on February 24, 2025, the Committee be designated as the Committee referred to in section 28.221 of the *Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act*.

Amendment agreed to.

The debate resumed on the main motion, as amended.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

1. That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until it appears to the satisfaction of the Speaker, after consultation with the government, that the public interest requires that the House shall meet, or until the Speaker may be advised by the government that it is desired to prorogue the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament of the Province of British Columbia. The Speaker shall give notice to all Members that he is so satisfied or has been so advised, and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice, and, as the case may be, may transact its business as if it has been duly adjourned to that time and date.

2. That, by agreement of the Speaker and the House Leaders of each recognized caucus, the location of sittings and means of conducting sittings of this House may be altered if required due to an emergency situation or public health measures, and that such agreement constitute the authorization of the House to proceed in the manner agreed to. The Speaker shall give notice to all Members of the agreement and shall table it for it to be printed in the Votes and Proceedings of the House at the next sitting.

3. That, in the event of the Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, the Deputy Speaker shall act in their stead for the purpose of this order; in the event that the Deputy Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, the Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole shall act in their stead for the purpose of this order; and in the event that the Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, another Member designated collectively by the House Leaders of each recognized caucus shall act in their stead for the purpose of this order.

Motion agreed to.

And then the House adjourned at 5.22 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Monday, October 6, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Korky Neufeld*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for “Private Members’ Statements.”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 214) intituled *Firefighters’ Health Act*.

Bill (No. M 214) read a second time and *Ordered* committed to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members’ Bills.

38 *Rohini Arora* moved—

That this House condemns the intolerant views of the Association for Reformed Political Action (ARPA), including its harmful discrimination against transgender people, its belief that homosexuality is “immoral” and its explicit policy goal of restricting abortion access in British Columbia.

A debate arose.

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, division on Motion 38 was deferred until 30 minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment.

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Monday, October 6, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *Niki Sharma* (Attorney General and Deputy Premier) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

WENDY COCCHIA
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 17) intituled *Intimate Images Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
September 25, 2025.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *Jessie Sunner* (Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

WENDY COCCHIA
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 18) intituled *Sexual Violence Policy Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
September 25, 2025.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *Raj Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Auditor General Annual Report, 2024/25, June 2025;

Auditor General Annual Report, 2024/25, June 2025, Revised September 2025;

Auditor General Report, Beyond the Bottom Line: Navigating the Province of B.C.'s Audited Financial Statements, August 2025;

Conflict of Interest Commissioner Annual Report, 2024;

Elections BC Annual Report, 2024/25 and Service Plan, 2025/26–2027/28;

Elections BC, Report of the Chief Electoral Officer, Forty-third Provincial General Election, October 19, 2024, Volume II: Financing and Expenses;

Emergency and Disaster Management Act Report for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2025;
Human Rights Commissioner Annual Report, 2024/25 and Service Plan, 2025/26–2027/28;
Information and Privacy Commissioner Annual Report and Service Plan, 2024/25;
Ombudsperson *Public Interest Disclosure Act* Special Report No. 2, Supporting Implementation and Providing Guidance: How the Ombudsperson Assisted Public Bodies to Meet Their Responsibilities under the *Public Interest Disclosure Act*, August 2025;
Ombudsperson *Public Interest Disclosure Act* Special Report No. 3, Awareness and Trust: Insights from Chief Executives and Employees of Public Bodies Covered under the *Public Interest Disclosure Act*, August 2025;
Ombudsperson *Public Interest Disclosure Act* Special Report No. 4, Operational Review: Five Years of Operating under the *Public Interest Disclosure Act*, August 2025;
Ombudsperson *Public Interest Disclosure Act* Special Report No. 5, Proposed Amendments: Lessons from the First Five Years of the *Public Interest Disclosure Act*, August 2025;
Registrar of Lobbyists Annual Report and Service Plan, 2024/25;
Registrar of Lobbyists, Determination Decision 25-04, The Truck Loggers Association, William Brash, March 13, 2025;
Registrar of Lobbyists, Determination Decision 25-06, British Columbia Nurses' Union, Designated Filer: Adriane Gear, May 15, 2025;
Registrar of Lobbyists, Reconsideration Decision 25-04 (Determination Decision 25-04), Designated Filer: William Brash, June 2, 2025; and,
Representative for Children and Youth Annual Report, 2024/25 and Service Plan, 2025/26 to 2027/28.

By leave, the Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That Motion 20, adopted by the House on April 30, 2025, establishing the Sessional Order for certain proceedings of the House to be undertaken in three sections, be amended by:

a. striking the text of section 7 and replacing it as follows: “Section A and Section C consist of ten Members, not including the Chair, being five Members of the B.C. NDP Caucus, three Members of the Conservative Party of British Columbia Caucus, one Member of the B.C. Green Party Caucus, and one Member of the OneBC Caucus.”;

b. striking the text of section 8 and replacing it as follows: “The Members of Section A be: the Minister whose Estimates are under examination or who is in charge of the bill under consideration and *Rohini Arora*, Hon. *Ravi Parmar*, *Janet Routledge*, *Amna Shah*, *Steve Kooner*, *Lawrence Mok*, *David Williams*, *Rob Botterell*, and *Tara Armstrong*.”; and,

c. striking the text of section 9 and replacing it as follows: “The Members of Section C be: the Minister whose Estimates are under examination or who is in charge of the bill under consideration and Hon. *Adrian Dix*, *Stephanie Higginson*, Hon. *Sheila Malcolmson*, *Steve Morissette*, *Heather Maahs*, *Macklin McCall*, *Larry Neufeld*, *Jeremy Valeriote*, and *Dallas Brodie*.”

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 9) intituled *Health Care Costs Recovery Amendment Act, 2025*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 9) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 10) intituled *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 10) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2025*, a debate arose.

On the motion of the Hon. *Ravi Kahlon* that the debate be adjourned to the next sitting of the House, the House divided.

Motion negatived on the following division:

NAYS—47

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Beare</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Arora</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Shah</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Chow</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Dhir</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Brodie</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Boyle</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>Sturko</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Yung</i>	

YEAS—2

<i>Valeriotte</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
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The debate on the main motion continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *Mike Farnworth*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

38 Pursuant to Standing Order 25, in consideration of Motion 38 that this House condemns the intolerant views of the Association for Reformed Political Action (ARPA), the House divided.

Motion 38 agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—48

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Ma</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Yung</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Beare</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Arora</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Shah</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Chow</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Dhir</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Valeriotte</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Boyle</i>	<i>Sturko</i>

NAYS—3

<i>Brodie</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
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5 Reply to *Rosalyn Bird* from the Hon. Minister of Citizens' Services in response to written questions on notice: —

Connectivity

1. Can the Minister confirm that the Ministry of Citizens' Services increased its contract with Starlink, a company owned by Elon Musk, from \$1.25 million to \$5.25 million, including a \$1 million amendment dated December 15, 2024?

Response:

As noted in the estimates debates on April 3 around 2.35 p.m., since 2021, \$3.5 million has been spent on this contract, and all of that is spent on critical and emergency services for items like remote ambulance stations, wildfire response and rural highway cameras. In November 2024 that contract was amended for an additional \$1 million dollars up until December 15th of 2025 to continue to provide those critical and emergency services. The total value of the contract from November 17, 2021, to December 15th of this year will not exceed \$5.25 million.

2. Was the Premier aware of this expanded contract with Elon Musk's Starlink when he publicly stated that British Columbians "would want to throw up" if taxpayer money went to Elon Musk?

Response:

This question was asked during estimates debates on April 3, around 2.30 p.m. The Premier has been clear that given the current tariff threats from Donald Trump, there are no plans for British Columbia to contract with Starlink for home Internet services. The only contract that exists between the Province and Starlink is for critical and emergency services for items like remote ambulance stations, wildfire response and rural highway cameras. While we continue to look for alternatives, until one is found, cancelling these critical and emergency services could put people in British Columbia at risk.

3. How does the Minister reconcile the Premier's rhetoric about refusing to subsidize Elon Musk's companies with this Minister quietly awarding him millions more in public funds?

Response:

The funding in question is not a subsidy; it is a contract resultant from a procurement process that is in line with Core Policy. The Province's contract with Starlink is for critical and emergency services that support remote ambulance stations, wildfire response and rural highway cameras. Cancelling this contract would impact these critical and emergency services and put British Columbians at risk. For contracts awarded directly to vendors, ministries provide a monthly summary report of directly-awarded contracts through the Open Information Catalogue.

4. Does this government have a clear policy on contracting with Elon Musk's companies; does it change based on which of his companies they're dealing with and the Premier's mood that day?

Response:

The B.C. government follows Core Policy for all aspects of procurement of goods, services and construction. The objective of this policy is to establish procurement policies that support the principles identified in the *Procurement Services Act* and applicable Trade Agreements.

5. If it's inappropriate to give Elon Musk a \$350 rebate through BC Hydro for a Tesla charger, why is it appropriate to send him over \$5 million through a government contract for satellite Internet?

Response:

The only contract that exists between the province and Starlink is for critical and emergency services for items like remote ambulance stations, wildfire response and rural highway cameras. The \$5 million dollar contract value cited by the critic represents a total spend between 2021 to today, providing four years of critical connectivity for core services and emergency response in rural and remote areas of our province. While we continue to look for alternatives, cancelling these critical and emergency services could put people in British Columbia at risk which our government will not let happen.

6. Can the Minister provide a detailed explanation of what services British Columbians received in exchange for the most recent \$1 million Starlink contract amendment? How was that value determined?

Response:

In November 2024 that contract was amended for an additional \$1 million dollars up until December 15, 2025, to continue to provide critical services and emergency services that support remote ambulance stations, wildfire response and rural highway cameras. It is a contract resultant from a procurement process that is in line with Core Policy. The total value of the contract from November 17, 2021, to December 15, 2025, will not exceed \$5.25 million. There is currently no plan to cancel this contract, as the loss of these critical and emergency services could put people in British Columbia at risk. We are exploring what other alternatives might exist, but protecting people in British Columbia comes first.

7. Was any part of the Starlink contract sole-sourced?

Response:

The Ministry has a small contract with Starlink for critical and emergency services that protect the people in B.C., for items like remote ambulance stations, remote highway cameras and wildfire response. The contract was initially signed in November of 2021 and was sole-sourced, meeting criteria as per the Core Policies and Procedures Manual; the contract was amended in November 2024. Currently, Starlink is the only company that can provide these types of services, but the Ministry continues to monitor availability for alternatives and sees potential in developing technologies. Cancelling this contract without a viable replacement would put people in British Columbia at risk.

8. Were other Canadian or non-U.S. providers considered before awarding millions more to a U.S. billionaire?

Response:

As noted in question #7, the Ministry has a small contract with Starlink for critical and emergency services that protect the people in B.C., for items like remote ambulance stations, remote highway cameras and wildfire response. Currently, Starlink is the only company that can provide these types of services. Cancelling this contract without a viable replacement would put people in British Columbia at risk.

9. Has the Minister issued any guidance or directives to limit procurement for the U.S. firms as part of the Premier's push to "preference of Canadian goods"?

Response:

On February 1, 2025, the Premier directed B.C. government and Crown corporations to buy Canadian goods and services first, followed by a subsequent directive on April 10, 2025, under which the Premier directed ministries, health authorities and core Crown corporations to critically review all contracts with United States (U.S.) companies to decrease the Province's dependence on goods and services from U.S. suppliers, wherever viable. These directives will be applied, where viable, following an assessment of legal, financial, operational and other reasonable considerations.

10. Is the Minister aware of any other contracts the B.C. government holds with Elon Musk-affiliated companies?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services.

11. Highway cell service is an ongoing challenge across areas of the province, more so for the northern part of the province. I know on various highway sections in my riding the service is non-existent or unstable. For cellular coverage on B.C.'s primary and secondary highways, can the Minister provide a list of which remaining highway projects have been initiated, are in progress and scheduled to complete this fiscal year?

Response:

This question was asked and answered during estimates debates. Please see Hansard April 3, 2.10 p.m. Funding was provided in prior budgets to Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) to administer this work. An interactive map with a list of currently funded projects can be found here: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/connectivity-in-bc/20531>.

12. I may have missed it, but I have not seen any connectivity projects for Highway 5. This highway was most unfortunately named the “highway of death” last summer due to the very high number of vehicle accident fatalities. This highway was never intended to have the amount of traffic it currently does. It needs a significant safety upgrade including reliable connectivity. The inability to report incidents is contributing to long waiting times for emergency responses, putting lives at risk. Is the Minister aware of any scheduled improvements on Highway 5 between Valemount and Kamloops?

Response:

This question was asked and answered during estimates debates. Please see Hansard April 3, 2.15 p.m. Funding was provided in prior budgets to NDIIT to administer cellular project applications from service providers. We are not aware of any applications for Highway 5 at this time. We encourage local communities and Regional Districts to convey the need for cellular services directly with Internet service providers. In addition, ministry staff will continue to work with service providers to expand cellular services with the available funding. While service providers have not come forward with a cellular project application for Highway 5, projects that provide points of connectivity, such as emergency call boxes, are eligible for funding through the Cellular Expansion Fund administered by NDIIT. Communities and Regional Districts interested in deploying emergency call boxes in their regions can reach out to Northern Development directly.

13. Has the Minister considered and priced alternative options for expensive fibre and infrastructure projects? Program funds available to communities for connection submissions to high-speed Internet do not include satellite alternatives. Satellite alternatives may prove to be significantly less expensive, easier to install, less maintenance and additionally offer portability compared to hard wire/cable projects. Does the Minister expect this to change in the immediate future?

Response:

The jointly funded federal and provincial connectivity program is focused on funding last-mile broadband infrastructure projects with B.C.-based service providers using multiple types of technology including fibre and wireless options. Under the Connecting Communities BC program, the cost of direct satellite capacity costs is eligible (i.e., satellite backhaul), however consumer satellite services (i.e., consumer premise equipment) is not eligible (see pp. 11–2 in the Application Guide). These costs mirror the eligible expenses of the Universal Broadband Fund as a requirement in our joint agreement with the federal government.

14. Does the Minister know what the Premier’s stance is on Starlink today considering our strained relations with the U.S.?

Response:

Yes. Please see the response to question 9.

15. My understanding is that Rogers has a contract with Starlink; how does that impact considerations for rural and remote communities still having poor or no access?

Response:

Please see the response to question 13.

16. My understanding is the BC Ferries have Starlink onboard. Why is it only available for BC Ferries employees and not passengers? Can passengers expect to see that change soon to offer better opportunities to complete work and school tasks during travel?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens’ Service.

17. The Connected Coast project is now slated for completion in 2025. Concerns have been raised regarding the success of this project. A subsea fibre has been laid along the ocean floor to key landing sites on land with the intention of connecting 139 rural, remote and coastal communities. However, there have been multiple incidents of cable damage. Can the Minister confirm that the fibre is in fact encased? What materials were used for the casing, and is the Minister aware of further issues resulting from cable shifts, ocean movement and sea traffic interference?

Response:

The service provider, in this case CityWest for the northern portion of the network and the Connected Coast Corporation (co-owned by CityWest and the Strathcona Regional District) for the southern portion, are responsible for the design and ongoing operations and maintenance of their network to ensure the successful delivery of reliable services for the communities that they serve. Information regarding the fibre and cable encasing should be directed to CityWest who are responsible for the engineering and operations of the entire Connected Coast Network. Ministry staff continue to monitor the situation as appropriate. The Ministry has not been made aware of any cable breaks that have not been subsequently repaired by CityWest. Communities and residents can contact ministry staff if issues of a severed cable remain unresolved by the service provider. For updates on the project please refer to the websites for CityWest and Connected Coast.

18. To the Minister, what safeguards have been implemented to prevent cable damage and prevent network disruptions?

Response:

The Province recognizes that over the past year the subsea cable route between the mainland and Haida Gwaii has experienced multiple cable breaks. To decrease the likelihood of this, Government has asked the federal Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED) Canada to protect established telecommunications infrastructure by deeming the mainland to Haida Gwaii cable route critical infrastructure protected from sea traffic. Additionally, to ensure reliable and resilient telecommunications connectivity for Haida Gwaii, NDIT ran a Request for Information process in September 2024 to identify qualified providers who would be capable of building and operating a redundant link. A formal intake for project applications was opened in January and closed on March 31, 2025. The applications are currently in assessment. The Ministry has not been made aware of any other cable breaks that have not been subsequently repaired by CityWest. Also, please see the response to question 17.

19. CityWest applied to the federal government for a secondary fibre cable to serve as backup for Haida Gwaii. Was a secondary cable approved, and who will be paying for the additional cable?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and is best referred to CityWest regarding their application to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC). Also, please see the response to question 18.

20. What is the current expenditure on this project year-to-date, expected final cost and does the Minister have a contingency plan if the fibre fails due to oceanic factors?

Response:

The Connected Coast is funded by the Government of Canada (ISED and Indigenous Service Canada) and NDIT. Questions on expenditures to date are outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and best referred to the NDIT. Also, please see the response to questions 17 and 18.

21. How many of the 139 communities have last-mile infrastructure and are connected?

Response:

This question was asked and answered during the Estimates Debates - Hansard April 3, 2025, 2 p.m. Note: This project is designed to bring high-speed Internet capacity to 97 rural and remote communities (136 landing sites), including 37 Indigenous communities representing 31 First Nations. Note: There are 136, not 139, landing sites. This number dropped between 2024 and 2025, the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the Connected Coast website explains decreases. As of May 2025, 2,750 km fibre was laid, out of 2,810 km total. One hundred and thirty-two of the landing sites are built or under construction with 73 sites active. Some communities reached by the project already have the last-mile infrastructure in place. These communities will benefit from higher Internet speeds once the last-mile network is connected to the Connected Coast fibre. Sixty-five of the 136 landing sites have associated last-mile projects (B.C. and/or federally funded).

22. This project is scheduled to be completed sometime this year. Can the Minister confirm that is still the case?

Response:

A similar question was asked and answered during the Estimates Debates—Hansard April 3, 2025, 2 p.m. Yes, the project is scheduled to be completed in 2025.

23. Connected Coast is one of the largest projects of its kind in the world and the first in Canada. The project required substantial capital fund investment and physical infrastructure. Would it not have been prudent for the government to complete consultations and guarantee a funding commitment to ensure all 139 communities will have stable and reliable connectivity prior to commencing a project of this magnitude?

Response:

The Connected Coast project has several core objectives, including:

Providing landing sites in proximity to underserved coastal communities, particularly Indigenous and remote communities lacking access to transport for sufficient Internet speeds (50/10 Mbps);

Ensuring open access at key landing sites through a point of presence accessible to any Internet Service Provider to provide last-mile or cellular services to the community; and,

Establishing an alternate transport fibre path from Highway 16 in Prince Rupert to the Internet exchange in Vancouver to provide connectivity resiliency to the region.

Funding for the Connected Coast project is shared between the federal government through their Connect to Innovate program, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, and the Connecting British Columbia Program administered by NDIT. Applications for the Connect to Innovate Program require funding plans and details of community benefits to be eligible. CityWest conducted extensive community consultations as part of the project planning and build phases. We want everyone in B.C. to have access to reliable high-speed Internet, which is a key part of our commitment to building a strong, inclusive economy. The Connected Coast project is building connectivity infrastructure that will serve people in coastal communities for generations to come—helping people stay connected and supporting economic growth and resiliency with better access to online health care, emergency services, learning, jobs and a world of digital opportunities. Once completed this year, this project will bring high-speed Internet capacity to 97 rural and remote communities (136 landing sites), including 37 Indigenous communities representing 31 First Nations.

24. For this project, why are communities required to complete the additional step of completing the funding application when a letter of support from the local government (and/or a Council Resolution from the First Nation) is required?

Response:

Connected Coast is a transport project which brings high-speed Internet capacity from an Internet exchange point in Vancouver to communities along the coast and Vancouver Island. For homes to access high-speed Internet services, transport fibre and last-mile projects (which deliver services to the home) are both required. Funding is available through the Connecting Communities BC program for last-mile projects in underserved areas where no projects are currently in progress, and where last-mile infrastructure is needed to deliver high-speed services. The letter of support from the local government, or a First Nation Council Resolution, demonstrates that the community has been consulted on a project at the development stage and that community needs are considered. The applications also require extensive permitting and consultation to ensure that natural habitats are protected, consideration of technical suitability, required approvals, project timelines and funding availability.

25. In a rural area such as Falkland, where Shaw and Telus Internet services the town, what is the plan for folks that still don't have access, and the service providers refuse to install them as they indicate it is cost prohibitive?

Response:

British Columbia is making significant investments toward our goal of connecting all rural and First Nation households to high-speed Internet services. The government of British Columbia cannot direct service providers where to make their investments. Instead, it works to leverage the government's investment in telecommunications services to encourage the expansion of Internet services where there may not otherwise be a business case to do so.

Local governments can take a number of steps to support projects in their area:

1. Connect with their Regional District and let them know of any areas that are underserved. RDs may know of other projects in the area that could be augmented.
2. Check the National Broadband Map for the status of connectivity.
3. If the map shows the area as underserved, the province and federal government are working with service providers to get to those homes.
4. If the map shows the area as served, contact your service provider or other local service provider on available subscription packages.

Connecting Communities BC is the province's funding program to expand high-speed Internet services to all remaining underserved households in B.C. The Ministry continues to work with service providers to find projects to reach more underserved homes.

26. What is the relationship between the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, B.C. service providers and Citizens' Services Ministry, and how does it impact the goals of the B.C. government in providing stable and efficient high-speed Internet to all B.C. households when the province is not able to direct service providers as to where and when to expand their networks?

Response:

In Canada, telecommunications are federally regulated by the CRTC. In 2016, the CRTC established a universal service objective that Canadians in urban areas, as well as rural and remote areas, should have access to voice services and broadband Internet access services on both fixed and mobile wireless networks. Government funding programs support the initial build cost for service providers to expand their services to hard-to-reach areas to meet the CRTC's universal service objective. My ministry oversees connectivity initiatives, including funding programs, policy coordination and providing resources for connectivity preparedness. The province cannot directly direct service providers where to invest, but it can encourage expansion by providing infrastructure funding and other incentives. On March 8, 2022, the governments of British Columbia and Canada announced an agreement to invest up to \$830 million (\$415 million each) to support expanding broadband infrastructure in the province to all underserved households. The province cannot direct service providers as to where and when they expand their networks; however we are in regular dialogue with service providers regarding service provision. Since 2017, more than 200 projects have been approved with more than 93,000 rural and Indigenous households to have access to high-speed Internet due to provincial funding programs.

27. A constituent was told by Telus that the monthly rate for landlines is government regulated. Are these prices in fact government mandated? If so, why would the government be charging rural and remote communities \$75 compared to the \$35 an urban customer pays for a landline? How often and who reviews/determines government-mandated rates?

Response:

In Canada, telecommunications are federally regulated by the CRTC including pricing and affordability. According to the CRTC website, they do not generally regulate the retail rates for home phone services.

28. Connecting B.C. offers funding opportunities through an application process to expand Internet service. Is the intent of this program to eventually replace all other funding programs?

Response:

Connecting Communities BC is the next generation of the Government's connectivity funding program which will help fund the expansion of Internet services to every corner of B.C. The previous Connecting British Columbia program, administered by NDIT, closed for applications in 2022. The program will continue to work with service providers until funded projects are complete.

29. How are applications prioritized? If a community applies and it is not selected for implementation, does the community have to reapply under a new application intake announcement?

Response:

The Connecting British Columbia program closed for new projects in 2022 shortly before the new Connecting Communities BC program opened its first intake. The Connecting Communities BC program has completed five application intakes for funding. The program will run subsequent intakes until program objectives have been met. The sixth intake is open until October 15, 2025. Projects are submitted by service providers. Project assessments are conducted jointly with the federal government and the service provider applicant. Full details on eligibility and how to apply are on the Connecting Communities BC website, including the Application Guide and a list of frequently asked questions.

30. Once the application is submitted, how does the Ministry communicate the various stages of the assessment, negotiation and construction to the applicant? Do applications submitted under a previous intake take priority as a new intake process opens?

Response:

Applications to the program are submitted by service providers, assessed on an as received basis and run concurrently and jointly with the federal government. Service providers have full access to the status of their project through the Applicant Portal that they used to submit their application. Alternatively, they connect directly with ministry staff. Communities seeking the status of a project are encouraged to speak directly to the service provider. Applications are not prioritized but are assessed as soon as they can be. In many cases applications are very large and complex and will take more time in assessment than smaller projects.

31. Is this funding envelope going to remain in place to maintain and upgrade the infrastructure as needed moving forward?

Response:

The Citizens' Services (CITZ) Connectivity division has a budget of \$24.235 million for fiscal year 2025/26 to provide leadership and expertise for the planning, development, funding, and coordination of programs, initiatives, and investments related to the access to, and expansion of, Internet connectivity, cellular services and other telecommunication services throughout British Columbia. In undertaking this work, the Ministry works closely with the federal government and service providers. The 2025/26–2027/28 Ministry of Citizens' Services Service Plan also lays out the strategic direction for this work with the objective to ensure high-speed Internet is expanded with increased bandwidth in rural and Indigenous communities, with key strategies outlined to accomplish this objective. Connectivity funding supports the initial cost of the infrastructure to bring high-speed services to every home. Ongoing maintenance and operating costs are the responsibility of the service provider.

Properties Management and Real Estate Services—Real Property Division

32. The Minister's mandate letter includes directions to review the intended versus the actual use of government real estate assets; how does the Ministry intend to carry out this analysis?

Response:

The Ministry of Citizens' Services created the Future Workplace Strategy to consolidate government's office space portfolio with goals to reduce the size and increase the utility of the real estate portfolio. My ministry is currently working on a comprehensive implementation plan that will, over time, rationalize the office space portfolio by undertaking consolidation projects across the province. We are working with ministries to re-evaluate workspace requirements under a new hybrid working model and identify additional opportunities across the province to consolidate and densify the real estate portfolio. CITZ and ministries work closely together to meet program delivery requirements while also supporting space optimization goals. CITZ collects and analyzes data to determine intended versus actual use of government office space by reviewing occupancy rates, head counts, staffing composition, telework trends and building usage data from multiple sources.

33. The Minister was further directed to work with the Ministries of Housing and Municipal Affairs, Transportation and Transit, Finance, and Infrastructure, to ensure the highest and best use of all government real estate assets. What real estate assets would this include: government buildings such as court houses, jails and hospitals?

Response:

Yes, my ministry has been working on many initiatives to optimize the use of government properties and enhance cost-savings to government. Ministries undertake inventory reviews to identify assets that may be repurposed to support government priorities, such as housing. The BC Builds pilot project in Kamloops is an example where a portion of land is being repurposed for housing. The best use of surplus real estate assets will be determined in conjunction with the Ministries of Finance, Housing and Municipal Affairs, Infrastructure and Transportation and Transit. My ministry is working collaboratively with individual ministries to understand business function needs and is leading the planning for space utilization. Planning continues underway to optimize the office space portfolio across the province.

34. Are properties purchased or rented with tax dollars, no matter the ministry, then not considered part of the provincial real estate portfolio? More specifically, if a building of any kind is purchased or rented by any ministry — an office building, a medical clinic, an apartment building, a hotel/motel—who is the oversight ministry for all real estate assets?

Response:

The *Public Agency Accommodations Act* authorizes and mandates the Real Property Division (RPD) to provide government workplace services, including management of the province's real estate portfolio, both owned and leased. This portfolio of facilities includes government-occupied office space, Service BC front counters, and special-purpose buildings such as courthouses, laboratories and correctional centres. Schools, post-secondary and hospital facilities are not included within RPD's portfolio. A list of real property for sale can be found at RPD Properties for Sale website.

35. If there is no oversight ministry for all real estate assets, how can an asset be reliably determined as being effective, surplus or redundant?

Response:

CITZ manages and aligns government's real estate assets and facilities related to services, technology systems and equipment with the changing nature of the work environment. Real Property Division (RPD) is mandated to provide government workplace services, including management of the province's real estate portfolio both owned and leased (schools, post-secondary and hospital facilities are not included). CITZ maintains a property information management system to support ministries and broader public sector (BPS) organizations such as post-secondary institutions, school districts, health authorities, etc., with an efficient service to complete their annual real estate inventory review. The system enables accurate classification of provincial lands (e.g. operational, surplus, etc.). Land-owning ministries and BPS organizations are responsible for assessing their own real estate assets to determine if they are surplus assets. Once a property is declared surplus, CITZ manages the surplus properties program to establish a consistent approach across government to ensure consistent due diligence is completed and to assess if the properties may have alternative use within the provincial portfolio.

36. What formula is used to determine the way a real estate asset is managed or service delivered promotes the cost effectiveness of the administration of government services and the interests of British Columbians?

Response:

The Hybrid Workplace Strategy (HWS) addresses the government's office space portfolio with the goals to reduce the size and increase the value of the real estate portfolio. CITZ is currently working on a comprehensive implementation plan that will, over time, rationalize the office space portfolio by undertaking consolidation projects across the province. CITZ takes a data-driven, community-based strategic planning approach to ensuring government real estate assets are managed in a way that promotes cost-effectiveness and serves the interests of the people of British Columbia. This approach is embedded in the HWS, and combines space utilization data (e.g., occupancy rates, headcounts, telework trends), strategic community visioning and a rigorous cost-benefit analysis to evaluate each asset's performance and potential. Assets are scored and categorized (e.g., hold, drop, repurpose, reduce) based on operational relevance and financial efficiency. This ensures space decisions maximize value, reduce unnecessary expenditures, support service continuity and align with broader government goals.

37. What formula is used to determine the assessment of anticipated capital cost expenditures for existing assets?

Response:

The Ministry of Citizens' Services has a mature Capital Planning Management System (CPMS) in place. An asset's overall performance is assessed in line with the Inventory Policy for Real Property.

38. How is an asset determined to be surplus to requirements? What is the process once that determination has been made?

Response:

An asset's overall performance is assessed in line with the Inventory Policy for Real Property. Considering the asset's future demand, capital and operating costs and other triple bottom line performance metrics determines the asset's classification. If the asset is deemed to be surplus the space may be repurposed. Surplus assets may be repurposed for other government uses or eventually divested. Identified assets that are surplus to government needs are considered for repurposing. CITZ works with the Ministries of Housing and Municipal Affairs, Transportation and Transit, Finance and Infrastructure, to ensure the highest and best use of all government real estate assets in a way that promotes the cost effectiveness of the administration of government services and the interests of the people of British Columbia. We follow a robust enhanced referral process that provides an opportunity for surplus provincial properties to be repurposed by other ministries and the broader public sector to advance government priorities. Engagement and consultation with First Nations and local governments is part of the process.

Office of the Chief Information Officer

39. There are growing concerns that the B.C. government is continuing to store data in the U.S. Can the Minister tell us if B.C. data is being stored in the U.S., what type of data is being stored there and what steps are being taken to ensure that data is secure?

Response:

Most of British Columbians' personal information continues to be stored inside of Canada and the province has rigorous privacy and security assessment processes and policies to ensure data is protected. Ministries must complete an additional privacy assessment, as part of their Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA), whenever sensitive personal information is stored outside Canada. This additional assessment includes details on where and how the personal information is stored and the technical, security, administrative and/or policy measures in place to protect personal information. The assessment results in a risk-based decision made by the public body on whether to proceed with disclosure that will result in storage of sensitive personal information outside of Canada. In response to the U.S. tariffs, procurement for new data storage services excludes U.S. based suppliers. Ministries and Crown agencies are also following the Premier's directive to move existing contracts away from U.S. suppliers, where viable.

40. Is there a plan to transfer that data back to B.C.—are these plans being discussed or explored currently?

Response:

Most personal information in British Columbia continues to be stored inside of Canada and people's personal data continues to be safe and protected. The province has rigorous privacy and security assessment processes and policies to ensure data is protected. Data residency requirements don't protect information—effective privacy and security controls protect information. The Ministry is following the directive to move existing contracts away from U.S. suppliers, where viable.

41. Has the First Nations data governance centre been established? If so, where is it located and is it operational?

Response:

Under the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* (the Declaration Act), my ministry is working on Action 3.14 to support the establishment of a First Nations-governed and mandated regional information governance centre. This work is currently in progress with the First Nations Leadership Council (FNLC). The Ministry is supporting FNLC in advancing demonstration projects under the Regional Information Governance Centre (RIGC) that support Nations' community data capacity. For updates on this action, refer to Annual Reporting for the Declaration Act.

42. What was the cost of the project, who currently funds the centre and how many staff are employed for the operation? Who is currently the governing body of the centre: the Ministry of Citizens' Services or Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation?

Response:

The Ministry is supporting FNLC in advancing demonstration projects under the RIGC that support Nations' community data capacity. For updates on this action, refer to Annual Reporting for the Declaration Act.

43. Where is the data being stored and is it being shared across ministries? Will there be different protocols to access this specific data? When the centre commences gathering its own data, will it be shared with other ministries? Will the data collected and stored by the centre be subject to FOI requests in accordance with current legislation?

Response:

Please see the responses to questions 41 and 42.

44. Does this or any ministry have, or are they working on, a data catalogue/base that reflects the type of equipment (backup generators, emergency lighting, medical supplies, etc.) and its location throughout the province should an emergent need be deemed during provincial emergency incidents?

Response:

Under Core Policy each program area in each ministry, including my ministry, is required to conduct a Business Impact Analysis to identify critical functions and to develop Business Continuity Plans with strategies to resume those critical functions. The Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR) manages the Provincial Business Continuity Program.

45. With a growing increase and severity of cybersecurity and personal information breaches in combination with the rapid advancement of computer hardware, software and programming across all industries, various levels of governments and countries around the world, what improvements or implementations have been made or are being considered to protect and ensure the integrity of sensitive government, financial and personal information/data?

Response:

Cybersecurity threats are a constant reality of the modern world and continue to grow in seriousness, however, people in British Columbia can be assured that the protection of data and networks is a top priority for our government. Through its Cybersecurity Program, the Ministry promotes a risk-based approach across government to information security and ensures programs, plans and processes are in place to appropriately manage the risks to the confidentiality, integrity and availability of government information. Each ministry also has dedicated staff to monitor and respond to day-to-day security issues.

46. Does the Minister know how much the B.C. government has invested in cloud storage solutions?

Response:

The B.C. government has spent \$5.6 million on cloud services, which provide secure access to computing and storage. This amount covers the period from 2022 to the end of the 2025 fiscal year and includes access for all core government ministries.

47. My understanding is that ministries access the cloud on a case-by-case basis and are engaging with a variety of cloud vendors. Are Canadian tech companies and institutions such as UBC given additional points through the social impact purchasing guidelines and procurement process?

Response:

Each ministry is enabled to access cloud services from the vendors that best meet their needs. Social impact elements are considered on a case-by-case basis and include supplier diversity and workforce development. Social purchasing guidelines are applied as desirable, and not mandatory, and it is recommended that no more than 5 percent of the total points be awarded to social impact to ensure that the quality and price remain the most important criteria in meeting the needs of the ministry conducting the procurement. As noted in an earlier response, on April 10, 2025, the Premier directed ministries, health authorities and core Crown corporations to critically review all contracts with United States companies to decrease the province's dependence on goods and services from U.S. suppliers, wherever viable.

48. One service, Sprint With Us, offers companies opportunities to bid on contracts of up to \$5 million. These procurements take as little as 17 days from start to finish. I find this astonishing considering that most often I can't even get an inquiry response from most ministries within two weeks. Will the Minister please explain how a \$5 million dollar procurement contract can be awarded this quickly, but FOI requests can't be completed in the 30-day legislated timeframe?

Response:

As the Member knows the two programs in question are not comparable due to their distinct objectives, target populations and operational frameworks. Each program is designed to address specific needs and challenges, making direct comparison inappropriate. Many questions regarding the process of Freedom of Information were canvassed by the member during the Estimates Debate and can be found in Hansard.

BC Registries and Online Services; Service BC Contact Centre

49. The Service BC provincial emergency line has made improvements and now offers support in 220 languages. This is fantastic; however, there remains a problem in that it is only staffed 7.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Why is this service not available 24 hours during times of emergency?

Response:

The Service BC Provincial Contact Centre offers telephone support in 220 languages and emergency response related website content is translated into multiple languages as well. The 2024 Budget contained new funding that broadens support for evacuees by funding specially trained Service BC call centre agents who provide navigation for accessing information and emergency services. Other new Service BC staff can be deployed directly to impacted communities to facilitate critical emergency services, such as emergency funding distribution and onsite replacement of official documents. The BC Emergency Helpline (BCEH), on behalf of the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR), operates 7.30 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week (including statutory holidays). Service BC and EMCR work closely to assess needs and expand hours as/when required based on individual emergencies/evacuations. Citizen-facing emergency response phone lines and online information will always be available during an emergency. We assess the available supports and services, including any additional phone lines, web presence and in-person supports that might be required. We have also worked with newcomers to identify their top priorities for government's website which includes making information about preparing for an emergency available in five languages on the multi-language resources for newcomers page. We also provide information about available supports during wildfires in multiple languages. Service BC works alongside EMCR to discuss future needs, including ensuring people get the information they need in a timely way during an emergency. As EMCR is responsible for this program, additional questions should be directed to that Ministry.

50. Budget 2024 contained new funding to broaden support for evacuees by funding specifically trained Service BC call centre agents who provide virtual navigation to access information regarding emergency services. Last year, the fire in Jasper marked the loss of one of Canada's most spectacular tourist destinations. This may be the first massive evacuation of Alberta residents to B.C. but likely won't be the last. With the Village of Valemount taking in more than 20,000 people from Alberta, are there lessons learned or post-mortem planning around bringing ministries from both provinces together to help assist neighbouring evacuees better?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services budget and would be best directed to the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness.

51. The deaf/blind institute in Prince George has expressed frustration and concern and feels that most people don't stop to consider how individuals with challenges—mobility, physical (lack of, or no sight, sound or dialogue) and/or a combination—experience a significantly higher level of stress during emergencies. They would like to see changes and/or improvements regarding the lack of access to resources, dissemination of information and alerts for emergency situations (e.g., fires and evacuation orders). Are there any current projects to help determine better access to general and emergency management information for these individuals?

Response:

This question would be best directed to the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness.

52. BC OnLine provides access to government information products, filings and registrations for private and public sector business customers. When a new registry is formed and there is an annual requirement to register, does Citizens' Services have any involvement?

Response:

Citizens' Services supports and is engaged in the development of technical aspects of online service delivery of certain registries (CITZ is not involved in all of B.C.'s registries such as Land Titles and Survey), and program parameters are determined by the ministry responsible. When a new registry is formed, the requirements are driven by legislation and whichever ministry owns the legislation would be responsible for setting registration requirements.

53. More specifically, the new Short Term Rental Registry; at what point do concerns/complaints regarding service received, questions not answered, unclear communication, notification and administrative processes not understood become the purview of this Ministry—or do they?

Response:

The Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs (HMA) is the lead for the Short-Term Rental Registry and is responsible for policy and program direction, communications and the role of Registrar. Citizens' Services is responsible for building, hosting and maintaining the Registry technical platform and Service BC has been engaged by HMA to provide Contact Centre and In Person Services to respond to questions and concerns from the public about the registry. Questions related to the program and related policy should be directed to HMA.

54. Where do the lines cross or intersect between all ministries regarding services received through any government office or online service? The registry is one; however, if multiple complaints are made regarding service from a B.C. government office, who is ultimately responsible for that service—good, bad or other?

Response:

The Ministry, through Service BC (SBC), delivers approximately 300 government services on behalf of more than 40 partner ministries and agencies. This makes it easier for residents and businesses to interact with government through a network of 65 in-person service centres, the provincial Contact Centre and web platforms. SBC works with partner ministries to design and co-ordinate improved service delivery, so people and businesses in B.C. can easily find the information and services they need. Satisfaction scores for 2024/25 were 90 percent for the Contact Centre and 98 percent for in-person Service BC centres which exceeded targets of 85 and 90 percent, respectively. The actual results will be released in August in the Annual Service Plan Report. The level of service provided is the responsibility of the government office delivering that service. While policy and legislation can affect individuals in many ways, Service BC strives to deliver services in a respectful and compassionate manner, with the goal of building trust and confidence in those we serve on behalf of partner ministries. Service BC takes service complaints seriously and works with those we serve, as well as with our teams and partner ministries, to address concerns in a timely manner.

Government Procurement

55. Procurement and project management failures have contributed to these huge overruns the past five years; what is being done to prevent similar budget explosions on current and future projects?

Response:

This question is best directed to the Ministry of Infrastructure.

56. If construction costs are climbing generally, has the Minister looked at adjusting its procurement approach—for instance, using fixed-price contracts or including higher-contingency allowances—to avoid these shortfalls?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and is best directed to the Ministry of Infrastructure.

57. What accountability measures are in place for the planners or contractors who underestimated costs or contributed to these overruns?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and is best directed to the Ministry of Infrastructure.

58. What penalties or incentives are in the contract to keep the builder on schedule, and have any been used?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and is best directed to the Ministry of Infrastructure.

59. Are there contract amendments made regarding the necessity for revised project deadlines?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and is best directed to the Ministry of Infrastructure.

60. How many contracts or purchases across all ministries were sole-sourced in the last fiscal year, and do all these direct awards strictly comply with the B.C. government's Core Policy and Procedures Manual (CPPM) for procurement?

Response:

Ministries procure their own goods and services in accordance with Core Policy. For contracts awarded directly to vendors, ministries provide a monthly summary report of directly-awarded contracts through the Open Information Catalogue in accordance with a directive issued by the Ministry of Finance regarding reporting requirements.

61. Is the Minister able to provide a list of any contracts above the competitive bidding threshold that were awarded without an open tender? For each, explain why a sole source was deemed necessary and what justification was documented.

Response:

Ministries procure their own goods and services; this information is provided through the Open Information Catalogue and is proactively disclosed, including which direct award criteria was used. Direct awards are permitted when the ministry can prove that only one vendor is qualified and available to provide the goods and/or services. A direct award is a contract awarded to a supplier without a competitive process. Section 39 of the Procurement Policy describes when the province may issue a direct award. Directly-awarded contracts must adhere to the criteria and policy outlined in the Core Policy and Procedures Manual (CPPM) Chapter 6: Procurement > Solicitation phase.

62. If any were awarded due to "urgent" needs or specialty suppliers, did the Ministry post the required Notice of Intent to direct award, and how did it ensure a fair price in the absence of competition?

Response:

The Ministry of Citizens' Services Procurement Services Division (PSD) provides oversight on strategic contracts, procurement, contracting advice, and supports all ministries, the broader public sector and government executive. Ministries procure their own goods and services and can request PSD support, advice and assistance in running procurement on their behalf. Urgency and ensuring a fair price are determined on a case-by-case basis by the ministry procuring the product or service at the time of procurement. A direct award is a contract awarded to a supplier without a competitive process. Section 39 of the Procurement Policy describes when the province may issue a direct award. Summaries of directly-awarded contracts are posted to the Province's Open Information website under the applicable Ministerial directives for the release of government information. Those directives were issued under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA).

63. The public is concerned that sole-sourcing may be happening outside of truly exceptional circumstances; how is the Minister monitoring this and ensuring adherence to procurement best practices on all projects?

Response:

For contracts awarded directly to vendors, ministries provide a monthly summary report of directly-awarded contracts through the Open Information Catalogue in accordance with a directive issued under FOIPPA requirements; those directives were issued by the Ministry of Finance. Please also see responses to Q61–63.

64. During the pandemic, the government procured large quantities of personal protective equipment (PPE). It was later revealed that about \$16 million worth of PPE had to be disposed of due to quality issues and a further \$13 million worth expired unused. What went wrong in the procurement and quality control vetting process that allowed tens of millions of dollars spent on PPE that did not meet quality specifications?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and would be best directed to the Ministry of Health.

65. Were the applicable due diligence, quality control and vendor qualification processes or safeguards waived in the rush to buy PPE, and have any vendors been held accountable or blacklisted for supplying faulty goods?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and would be best directed to the Ministry of Health.

66. Going forward, how will the Ministry improve supply contracts to include quality guarantees or claw-back provisions so that taxpayers aren't left footing the bill for unusable products?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and would be best directed to the Ministry of Health.

67. Multiple industry representatives have raised concerns that the government's use of Community Benefits Agreements on public projects is driving up costs and reducing efficiency. Under the CBA framework, bids are restricted to companies who agree to certain union hiring conditions through BC Infrastructure Benefits, effectively disqualifying many open-shop contractors and potentially reducing the pool of bidders. Does the Minister acknowledge that the CBA policy may be contributing to higher bid prices or fewer competitive bids on projects like the Pattullo Bridge and Surrey-Langley SkyTrain?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and would be best directed to the Ministry of Infrastructure.

68. How does the government justify the CBA approach considering these cost escalations—has any analysis been done on how much extra the CBAs are costing taxpayers?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and would be best directed to the Ministry of Infrastructure.

69. We want to ensure that well-intentioned labour policies are not resulting in hidden cost premiums or project delays. Will the Minister commit to transparently releasing data on the number of bidders and bid prices for CBA-governed contracts versus non-CBA contracts, so the public can see the impact? If not, why keep that hidden?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and would be best directed to the Ministry of Infrastructure.

70. Although BC Ferries operates at arm's length, the Ministry has oversight of this vital transportation Crown corporation. In the context of procurement best practices, what steps is the Minister taking to ensure BC Ferries' contracting decisions are sound?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services.

71. For example, when BC Ferries procures new vessels or major refits, are those contracts tendered internationally, and is the government comfortable with that approach given potential impacts on local shipbuilding jobs?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services.

72. Conversely, if BC Ferries pursues sole-source or limited tenders for specialized work, how is value for money being verified?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services.

73. The recent ferry service disruptions highlight the importance of reliable assets. Were there any procurement or maintenance contract failures that contributed to vessels being out of service, such as a poor choice of supplier for parts or delays in refit work?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services.

74. How is the Minister working with BC Ferries to improve procurement outcomes, ensure open competition where appropriate and avoid costly mistakes that ultimately affect ferry users and taxpayers?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services.

75. In the wake of the forensic audit of BC Housing, which found mismanagement and conflict of interest involving the former CEO and a major housing provider, can the Minister of Housing detail what has been done to clean up procurement practices at BC Housing?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and is best directed to the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs.

76. An independent investigation into BC Housing made 20 recommendations to improve oversight, conflict-of-interest safeguards and accountability for public funds regarding various procurement processes. Can the Minister confirm that all of the recommendations have been implemented?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and is best directed to the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs.

77. Specifically, what changes have been made regarding board governance, financial oversight and procurement approval processes at BC Housing since the audit?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and is best directed to the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs.

78. The 2025 budget includes significant spending on new housing programs—for example, financing for affordable housing construction, acquisitions of properties, modular housing, etc. The public is concerned about recurring patterns where particular companies or non-profits get the lion's share of contracts. For instance, if BC Housing or the new Housing Secretariat is partnering with private developers or contractors to build affordable units, how are those partners selected?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and is best directed to the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs.

79. Is there a competitive request for proposals for each project, or are certain developers being repeatedly chosen through a less transparent process?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and is best directed to the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs.

80. Will the Minister publish an annual breakdown of which vendors and partners receive housing-related contracts and funding, to allow scrutiny of whether the distribution is fair or indicative of favouritism?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and is best directed to the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs.

81. How will the Minister ensure value for money in these rapid housing programs—what cost benchmarks or audits will be used to prevent overspending or gold-plating under the rush to build homes?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and is best directed to the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs.

82. Site C has become the most expensive public project in B.C. history, with the budget now at \$16 billion, nearly double its original \$8.3 billion price tag and a one-year delay to 2025 for completion. Specifically, was the original project design—that turned out to be flawed—done internally or by an external engineering firm, and has that firm faced any consequences for the costly fixes required?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and is best directed to the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions.

83. The Premier, when he announced the \$16 billion revised budget, cited “escalating safety issues” as a cause. Were these safety issues something that should have been caught in the initial procurement and planning phase?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and is best directed to the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions.

84. Taxpayers are footing an extra \$5-plus billion because of these problems; has the government pursued any legal recourse or cost-sharing from consultants or contractors involved in the faulty design, or is the public on the hook for all of it?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and is best directed to the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions.

85. More broadly, how is the Minister strengthening oversight of BC Hydro's megaproject procurement and risk management so that an error of this magnitude—foundation issues discovered mid-build—never happens again?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and is best directed to the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions.

86. BC Hydro and its subsidiaries often require specialized services, but we have seen very large sole-sourced contracts that raise questions. One prominent example is the long-term engineering services contract for Site C awarded, without competition, to SNC-Lavalin/AtkinsRéalis and Klohn Crippen Berger—a contract now worth about \$424 million and spanning many years. Why was this contract not tendered, given its enormous value?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and is best directed to the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions.

87. The explanation given was these firms' historical involvement in Site C's design dating back decades, but does the Minister believe that justifies sidestepping a competitive process for a contract nearly half a billion dollars in value?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and is best directed to the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions.

88. In hindsight, could bringing in a fresh engineering perspective via competition have helped avoid some of the technical issues that arose?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and is best directed to the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions.

89. We understand some situations, like Indigenous partnerships or proprietary tech, might warrant direct awards, but the concern is that the practice can be overused. Will the Minister commit to increasing transparency by publishing all direct-award contracts in the energy portfolio and the justifications for each?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and is best directed to the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions.

90. Specifically, will the Minister assure B.C. residents that future large undertakings—like any new power projects or major infrastructure for BC Hydro—will undergo fully competitive procurement, unless impossible?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and is best directed to the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions.

91. Does BC Hydro have independent project reviewers or an Auditor General review to catch issues early? For instance, when Site C's troubles first emerged, an independent panel was eventually brought in. Should that perhaps have happened sooner via a built-in audit mechanism?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and is best directed to the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions.

92. The Auditor General of B.C. conducted a survey last year that found 61 percent of public sector organizations had detected some form of fraud in a recent period, including things like theft of funds, regulatory breaches and internal financial fraud. This is very alarming; while the report did not name specific ministries, it signals that fraud risk—which can include procurement fraud such as kickbacks, bid-rigging and invoice schemes—is not an abstract worry but a real occurrence in government. What actions is the government taking in response to the Auditor General's flags on fraud risk?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and is best directed to the Ministry of Finance.

93. Will the Minister institute stronger anti-fraud measures tied to procurement, such as random audits of contracts, tighter controls on contract change orders and payments and whistleblower protections for staff who report irregularities?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and is best directed to the Ministry of Finance.

94. Are ministries now required to have up-to-date fraud risk management policies and assign senior staff to oversee fraud risk as the Auditor General recommended?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and is best directed to the Ministry of Finance.

95. Is the Minister aware of any specific procurement-related fraud cases that have been uncovered in the past year—for example, any cases of employees steering contracts to relatives or accepting kickbacks from vendors—and if so, what was done?

Response:

This question is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and is best directed to the Ministry of Finance.

96. How is the Minister ensuring that an attitude of zero tolerance for fraud and corruption in procurement is maintained, and that any loopholes or weak controls that could be exploited are swiftly tightened?

Response:

The BC Public Service has roles and responsibilities relating to ethics leadership, governance, policies and practices. The BC Public Service Ethics Framework shows how government's central agencies (BC Public Service Agency, Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Citizens' Services) are integrated and coordinate ethics. This question as broadly applied across government is outside of the scope of the Ministry of Citizens' Services and is best directed to the Ministry of Finance. With respect to my ministry, CITZ complies with Core Policy, Ethics Fraud and other financial policies as set out by the Ministry of Finance and BC Public Service Agency respectively. Government Core Policy provides a framework for internal audit. The Ministry of Finance's Internal Audit & Advisory Services (IAAS) is the only internal audit department that provides a wide range of internal audit and consulting services to the B.C. government and the broader public sector. BC Public Service employees are united by a shared commitment to deliver government policies, programs and services in ways that maintain and enhance the trust and confidence of British Columbians.

97. British Columbians expect their government to spend prudently and fairly. Right now, there are too many stories of over-budget projects and questionable contracting. We need to hear from the Minister how he will ensure that in Budget 2025 and onward, every major expenditure will undergo rigorous scrutiny, follow best practices and deliver value—without exceptions or excuses. Will the government commit to greater transparency in procurement across the board?

Response:

Government has committed to improving public transparency and accountability by increasing access to government information through proactive disclosure. Proactively disclosed procurement information is found through the Open Information Catalogue. For example, as mentioned earlier, ministries are required to proactively disclose information regarding contacts in excess of \$10,000. This directive, including the information to be publicly reported, was issued by the Ministry of Finance and comments regarding changes to it would best be directed to them. People in B.C. can also access information about current, in process, procurement activities through the BC Bid Portal. The Core Policies and Procedures Manual outlines the policies and procedures that government follows in all procurement activities. With respect to overall transparency, the Ministry of Citizens' Services 2025/26–2027/28 Service Plan includes a goal and several strategies to provide greater public accountability by improving access to government information. Finally, considering procurement, our 2024 Procurement Plan continues to ensure that all ministries conduct open, fair and transparent processes when purchasing goods and services.

98. Specifically, will it resurrect or enhance public disclosure tools so that anyone can see which company won a given contract, for what amount and by what procurement method?

Response:

Government has committed to improving public transparency and accountability by increasing access to government information through proactive disclosure. Proactively disclosed procurement information is found through the Open Information Catalogue. For example, as mentioned earlier, ministries are required to proactively disclose information regarding contracts in excess of \$10,000. This directive, including the information to be publicly reported, was issued by the Ministry of Finance and comments regarding changes to it would best be directed to them. People in B.C. can also access information about current, in process, procurement activities through the BC Bid Portal. The Core Policies and Procedures Manual outlines the policies and procedures that government follows in all procurement activities.

99. Some jurisdictions publish open data on all contracts, or at least all above a threshold. In B.C., while some information can be found through databases or FOI, it's not easily accessible in one place for oversight. The opposition requests that the government publish an annual procurement report summarizing contracting activity by ministry: number of contracts, total spend, percentage by competitive versus direct award and any notable deviations or issues. Is this something the Minister will consider?

Response:

Government has committed to improving public transparency and accountability by increasing access to government information through proactive disclosure. Proactively disclosed procurement information is found through the Open Information Catalogue. This information is searchable based on individual criteria (including ministry and spend) to easily support individual needs, including customizable search parameters. Within the options, downloadable reports are available in an easy-to-use format.

100. Will the Minister support empowering an independent commission or the Auditor General to conduct a thorough review of the province's procurement processes and outcomes over the last few years, to identify patterns of inefficiency or favouritism?

Response:

Our British Columbia Procurement Plan lays out the framework for our procurement practices to responsibly help drive change towards a more equitable, accessible and sustainable economy for everyone. Additionally, through a decentralized procurement model, we rely on accountability and the procurement principles of fair, transparent, non-discriminatory, open and competitive procurement practices to ensure value for money. The Auditor General is an independent officer that determines independently what reviews are warranted. My ministry recognizes the vital role of the Auditor General in ensuring transparency and accountability in public sector management and actively supports their work.

By notice from the Members, *Scott McInnis* and *Teresa Wat* exchanged places on the List of Precedence for Private Members' Business.

The Hon. *Nina Krieger* was removed from the List of Precedence for Private Members' Business.

The Hon. *Jessie Sunner* was removed from the List of Precedence for Private Members' Business.

Garry Begg was added to the List of Precedence for Private Members' Business.

George Chow was added to the List of Precedence for Private Members' Business.

The following documents were received by the Office of the Clerk during adjournment:
BC Assessment Annual Service Plan Report, 2023/24, August 2024;

British Columbia Human Rights Tribunal Annual Report, 2024/2025;

Budget 2025 First Quarterly Report, September 2025;

Crown Agency Annual Service Plan Reports, 2024/25: BC Assessment; BC Council for International Education; BC Energy Regulator; BC Family Maintenance Agency; BC Financial Services Authority; BC Games Society; BC Housing; BC Hydro and Power Authority; BC Infrastructure Benefits; BC Pavillion Corporation; BC Transit; British Columbia Lottery Corporation; BC Securities Commission; Columbia Basin Trust; Columbia Power Corporation; Community Living BC; Destination BC; First Peoples' Cultural Council; Forest Enhancement Society of BC; Forestry Innovation Investment; InBC Investment Corp.; Infrastructure BC; Innovate BC; Insurance Corporation of British Columbia; Knowledge Network Corporation; Legal Aid BC; BC Liquor Distribution Branch; Royal BC Museum Corporation; SkilledTradesBC; Transportation Investment Corporation; and, List of Organizations that have been exempted from section 16 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*, and for which services plans are not being filed;

Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act Annual Report, 2024–2025;

Government's Strategic Plan Annual Report, 2024–25;

ICBC Fairness Officer Annual Report, 2024/25;

Ministerial Accountability Report, 2024/25;

Ministry Annual Service Plan Reports, 2024/25: Office of the Premier; Ministry of Agriculture and Food; Ministry of Attorney General; Ministry of Children and Family Development; Ministry of Citizens' Services; Ministry of Education and Child Care; Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness; Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions; Ministry of Environment and Parks; Ministry of Finance; Ministry of Forests; Ministry of Health; Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs; Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation; Ministry of Infrastructure; Ministry of Jobs and Economic Growth; Ministry of Labour; Ministry of Mining and Critical Minerals; Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills; Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General; Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction; Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport; Ministry of Transportation and Transit; Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship;

Ministry of Infrastructure, Major Capital Project Plan: Student Housing Expansion Project – University of Victoria, Victoria, BC;

Ministry of Transportation and Transit, Major Capital Project Plan: 16756 Highway 17 Keating Cross Overpass Project;

Ministry of Transportation and Transit, Major Capital Project Plan: BC Transit Victoria handyDART Operations and Maintenance Facility Project;

Ministry of Transportation and Transit, Major Capital Project Plan: Belleville Terminal – Business Case;

Ministry of Transportation and Transit, Major Capital Project Plan: Cariboo Road Recovery Program;

Ministry of Transportation and Transit, Major Capital Project Plan: Cariboo Road Recovery Projects, Quesnel-Hydraulic Road;

Ministry of Transportation and Transit, Major Capital Project Plan: Fraser Valley Highway 1 Corridor Improvement Program, Phase 2: 216 to 264 Street Widening;

Ministry of Transportation and Transit, Major Capital Project Plan: Highway 1 Bus on Shoulder – McKenzie to Colwood;

Ministry of Transportation and Transit, Major Capital Project Plan: Highway 1 – Fraser Valley Corridor Improvement Program (3A) – Business Case;

Ministry of Transportation and Transit, Major Capital Project Plan: Highway 1 – Nicomen Bridge Replacement;

Ministry of Transportation and Transit, Major Capital Project Plan: Highway 1 – Sackum Overhead Bridge Replacement;

Ministry of Transportation and Transit, Major Capital Project Plan: Highway 95 – Kicking Horse River Bridges Replacement Project;

Ministry of Transportation and Transit, Major Capital Project Plan: Highway Reinstatement Program – Highway 5 Coquihalla;

Ministry of Transportation and Transit, Major Capital Project Plan: HRP Highway 1 – Reinstatement Report Back – CCC Approvals – Falls Creek;

Ministry of Transportation and Transit, Major Capital Project Plan: Trans-Canada Highway 1 – Jumping Creek to MacDonald Snowshed;

Ministry of Transportation and Transit, Major Capital Project Plan: Trans-Canada Highway 1 – Selkirk Mountain Four-Laning;

Public Accounts, 2024/25 (including Consolidated Revenue Fund Detailed Schedules of Payments and Consolidated Revenue Fund Supplementary Schedules for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2025);

Report of the Study Commission of Inquiry into Community Events Safety, June 26, 2025;

Speculation and Vacancy Tax Annual Report, 2023 Tax Year; and,

Summary of Ministerial Accountability for Operating Expenses (for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2026), Revised Schedule F No. 1, August 7, 2025.

And then the House adjourned at 6.17 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Heather Maahs*.

The Hon. *Lisa Beare* (Minister of Education and Child Care) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

WENDY COCCHIA
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 19) intituled *School Amendment Act, 2025*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 2, 2025.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *Niki Sharma* (Attorney General and Deputy Premier) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

WENDY COCCHIA
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 20) intituled *Construction Prompt Payment Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 2, 2025.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *Raj Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General Annual Follow-up Report: Status of Performance Audit Recommendations (2019–2023), October 2025.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2025*.

On the motion of *Stephanie Higginson*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 9) intituled *Health Care Costs Recovery Amendment Act, 2025*, was committed.

Clause 1 of Bill (No. 9) passed.

On clause 2 of Bill (No. 9).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 9) intituled *Health Care Costs Recovery Amendment Act, 2025*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *Niki Sharma* (Attorney General and Deputy Premier) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

WENDY COCCHIA
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 21) intituled *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 2, 2025.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *Niki Sharma* (Attorney General and Deputy Premier) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

WENDY COCCHIA
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 22) intituled *Statutes Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 2, 2025.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *Niki Sharma* (Attorney General and Deputy Premier) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

WENDY COCCHIA
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 23) intituled *Regulations Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 2, 2025.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2025*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of *Korky Neufeld*, the debate was adjourned to later today.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 9) intituled *Health Care Costs Recovery Amendment Act, 2025*, was again committed.

Clause 2 and clause 3 of Bill (No. 9) passed.

A proposed amendment by *Scott McInnis* to clause 4 of Bill (No. 9) was defeated.

Clauses 4 through 18 and the title of Bill (No. 9) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 9) intituled *Health Care Costs Recovery Amendment Act, 2025*, complete without amendment.

Bill (No. 9) read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2025*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of *Lawrence Mok*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 10) intituled *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, was committed.

Clauses 1 through 23 and the title of Bill (No. 10) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 10) intituled *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, complete without amendment.

Bill (No. 10) read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 6.18 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Lawrence Mok*.

The Hon. *Niki Sharma* (Attorney General and Deputy Premier) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

WENDY COCCHIA
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 24) intituled *Vaping Product Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 7, 2025.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of *Tara Armstrong* that a bill intituled *Protecting Minors from Gender Transition Act* be introduced and read a first time, the House divided.

Motion negatived on the following division:

NAYS—48

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Ma</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Yung</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Beare</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Arora</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Shah</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Chow</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Dhir</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Boyle</i>	<i>Sturko</i>

YEAS—40

<i>Rattée</i>	<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Maahs</i>
<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Block</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Clare</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Luck</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>Bird</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Banman</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>McCall</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Stamer</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Tepper</i>	<i>Brodie</i>
<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Giddens</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Kealy</i>

Tara Armstrong reserved her right to raise a question of privilege.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Rosalyn Bird rose on a point of order regarding comments made by the Attorney General and Deputy Premier during Oral Question Period.

The Speaker stated that he would take the matter under advisement.

Paul Choi presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, Report on the Budget 2026 Consultation, for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament (Second), August 2025.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, *Paul Choi* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

45 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That, notwithstanding Standing Order 2 (2), the House stand adjourned during the week of November 3, 2025, and sit during the week of December 1, 2025, as prescribed in Standing Order 2 (1).

Motion agreed to.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled *Intimate Images Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of *Amelia Boulton*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 6.47 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, October 9, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Rosalyn Bird*.

The Hon. *Niki Sharma* (Attorney General and Deputy Premier) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

WENDY COCCHIA
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 28) intituled *Business Practices and Consumer Protection Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 2, 2025.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *Christine Boyle* (Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

WENDY COCCHIA
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 25) intituled *Housing and Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 8, 2025.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *Christine Boyle* (Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

WENDY COCCHIA
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 26) intituled *Vancouver Charter Amendment Act, 2025*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 2, 2025.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* (Minister of Transportation and Transit) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

WENDY COCCHIA
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 27) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 7, 2025.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Amna Shah presented the Report of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members’ Bills for the Forty-third Parliament (Fifth), October 9, 2025, regarding its consideration of Bill (No. M 210) intituled *Korean Heritage Month Act*.

The Committee reported Bill (No. M 210) complete without amendment.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 22) intituled *Statutes Act*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 22) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 23) intituled *Regulations Act*, a debate arose.

On the motion of *Steve Kooner*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 12 noon.

Thursday, October 9, 2025

ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *Jodie Wickens* (Minister of Children and Family Development) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

WENDY COCCHIA
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 29) intituled *Child, Family and Community Service Amendment Act, 2025*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 2, 2025.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled *Intimate Images Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to *nemine contradicente* on the following division:

YEAS—87

Lore	Lajeunesse	Chow	Giddens
G. Anderson	Choi	Dhir	Wilson
Blatherwick	Rotchford	Rattée	Davis
Routledge	Elmore	Kindy	McInnis
Chant	Morissette	Milobar	Bird
Toporowski	Popham	Warbus	McCall
B. Anderson	Dix	Rustad	Stamer
Neill	Sharma	Banman	Day
Osborne	Farnworth	Kooner	Tepper
Brar	Eby	Halford	Mok
Krieger	Bailey	Hartwell	Gasper
Davidson	Kahlon	L. Neufeld	Maahs
Parmar	Greene	Van Popta	Block
Sunner	Whiteside	Dew	Luck
Beare	Boyle	Clare	Williams
Chandra Herbert	Ma	K. Neufeld	Loewen
Wickens	Yung	Bhangu	Dhaliwal
Kang	Malcolmson	Paton	Doerkson
Sandhu	Gibson	Boulton	Valeriote
Begg	Glumac	Chan	Botterell
Higginson	Arora	Toor	Kealy
Phillip	Shah	Hepner	

Bill (No. 17) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 12) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2025*.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to *nemine contradicente* on the following division:

YEAS—85

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Shah</i>	<i>Hepner</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Giddens</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Dhir</i>	<i>Wilson</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Rattée</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Kindy</i>	<i>McInnis</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Bird</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Warbus</i>	<i>McCall</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Stamer</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Banman</i>	<i>Day</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Tepper</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Halford</i>	<i>Mok</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Gasper</i>
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Maahs</i>
<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Block</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Boyle</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>Luck</i>
<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>Clare</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Yung</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Begg</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Arora</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Phillip</i>			

Bill (No. 12) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled *Sexual Violence Policy Act*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of *Brennan Day*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.25 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Monday, October 20, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Darlene Rotchford*.

The Hon. *Adrian Dix* (Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

WENDY COCCHIA
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 31) intituled *Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 17, 2025.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for “Private Members’ Statements.”

On the motion that Bill (No. M 210) intituled *Korean Heritage Month Act* be concurred in at report stage, a debate arose.

Bill (No. M 210) concurred in at report stage.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. M 210), a debate arose.

Bill (No. M 210) read a third time and passed.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 213) intituled *Drug Use Prevention Education in Schools Act*, a debate arose.

On the motion of *Ian Paton*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.55 a.m.

Monday, October 20, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

The Speaker made a statement regarding the death of Elder Elmer Seniemten George of the Songhees Nation.

The Hon. *Jennifer Whiteside* (Minister of Labour) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

WENDY COCCHIA
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 30) intituled *Employment Standards (Serious Illness or Injury Leave) Amendment Act, 2025*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
October 7, 2025.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

The Hon. *David Eby* (Premier) made a ministerial statement regarding tariffs imposed on the forest industry by the United States.

John Rustad made a statement.

Jeremy Valeriote made a statement.

Dallas Brodie made a statement.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *Diana Gibson* (Minister of Citizens’ Services) tabled the following documents:

Chief Records Officer Annual Report, 2024/25; and,

Report on the Administration of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, 2024/25.

The Hon. *Anne Kang* (Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport) tabled the BC Arts Council Annual Report, 2024/25.

The Hon. *Spencer Chandra Herbert* (Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation) tabled the BC Treaty Commission Annual Report, 2025.

The Hon. *Brenda Bailey* (Minister of Finance) tabled the following documents:

Province of British Columbia Consolidated Revenue Fund Guarantees and Indemnities Approved for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2025; and,

Statement of 2024/25 Borrowings Pursuant to Section 56 of the *Financial Administration Act*, Schedule A and Schedule B.

The Hon. *Niki Sharma* (Attorney General and Deputy Premier) tabled the Environmental Appeal Board Annual Report, 2024/2025.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 27) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2)*, 2025, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 27) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2)*, 2025, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 21) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled *Construction Prompt Payment Act*, a debate arose.

On the motion of *Steve Kooner*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 12) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2025*, was committed.

Clause 1 and clause 2 of Bill (No. 12) passed.

A proposed amendment by *Bryan Tepper* on the Order Paper to clause 3 of Bill (No. 12) was ruled out of order.

On clause 3 of Bill (No. 12).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 12) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2025*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The following document was received by the Office of the Clerk during adjournment:

Summary of Ministerial Accountability for Operating Expenses (for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2026), Revised Schedule F No. 1, August 7, 2025 (Revised).

And then the House adjourned at 6.21 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by the Hon. *Jessie Sunner*.

On the motion of *George Anderson*, Bill (No. M 216) intituled *Professional Reliance Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled *Construction Prompt Payment Act*.

On the motion of *Kiel Giddens*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 12) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2025*, was again committed.

On clause 3 of Bill (No. 12).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 12) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2025*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.48 a.m.

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled *Construction Prompt Payment Act*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of *Peter Milobar*, the debate was adjourned to later today.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 12) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2025*, was again committed.

Clause 3 of Bill (No. 12) passed, on division.

Clauses 4 through 9 of Bill (No. 12) passed.

Hon Chan moved a proposed amendment to clause 10 of Bill (No. 12) which was defeated, on division.

Clause 10 of Bill (No. 12) passed, on division.

Clause 11, clause 12 and the title of Bill (No. 12) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 12) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2025*, complete without amendment.

Bill (No. 12) read a third time and passed, on division.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 20) intituled *Construction Prompt Payment Act*.

Bill (No. 20) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 18) intituled *Sexual Violence Policy Act*.

Bill (No. 18) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 29) intituled *Child, Family and Community Service Amendment Act, 2025*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *Lisa Beare*, the debate was adjourned to later today.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 27) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*, was committed.

Clauses 1 through 7 and the title of Bill (No. 27) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 27) intituled *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*, complete without amendment.

Bill (No. 27) read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 29) intituled *Child, Family and Community Service Amendment Act, 2025*.

Bill (No. 29) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 19) intituled *School Amendment Act, 2025*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *Sheila Malcolmson*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 17) intituled *Intimate Images Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, was committed.

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 17).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 17) intituled *Intimate Images Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

By notice from the Hon. *Mike Farnworth* to the Table, notice of Motion No. 64 was withdrawn.

And then the House adjourned at 6.20 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by the Hon. *Christine Boyle*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Speaker made a statement regarding parliamentary language in Oral Question Period.

Janet Routledge presented the Report of the Special Committee to Appoint Statutory Officers: Appointment of Chief Electoral Officer for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament (First), October 2025.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, *Janet Routledge* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, *Janet Routledge* moved—

That the Legislative Assembly recommend to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor that Shipra Verma be appointed as Chief Electoral Officer, for a term commencing on November 12, 2025, and continuing until 12 months after the date set for the return of the last writ for the second general election for which the Chief Electoral Officer is responsible, pursuant to sections 4 (1) and 6 (1) of the *Election Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 106).

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *Niki Sharma* (Attorney General and Deputy Premier) tabled the British Columbia Ferry Commission Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2025, August 27, 2025.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

46 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That the written agreement between the Government House Leader, the Official Opposition House Leader, the Third Party House Leader, and the Fourth Party House Leader, dated September 4, 2025, be ratified, confirming the following membership changes effective September 12, 2025:

That *Dallas Brodie* and *Darlene Rotchford* be added as members of the Select Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs, for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament.

Motion agreed to.

47 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That the written agreement between the Government House Leader, the Official Opposition House Leader, the Third Party House Leader, and the Fourth Party House Leader, dated September 4, 2025, be ratified, confirming the following membership changes effective September 12, 2025:

That *Tara Armstrong*, *Korky Neufeld*, *Harwinder Sandhu* and *Qwulti'stunaat / Debra Toporowski* be added as members of the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture, Fish and Food, for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament.

Motion agreed to.

49 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That the written agreement between the Government House Leader, the Official Opposition House Leader, the Third Party House Leader, and the Fourth Party House Leader, dated September 4, 2025, be ratified, confirming the following membership changes effective September 12, 2025:

That *George Chow* and *Paul Choi* replace the Hon. *Jessie Sunner* and the Hon. *Nina Krieger* as members of the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament.

That *George Chow* be designated Convener of the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament.

That *Tara Armstrong* and *Mable Elmore* be added as members of the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament.

Motion agreed to.

50 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That the written agreement between the Government House Leader, the Official Opposition House Leader, the Third Party House Leader, and the Fourth Party House Leader, dated September 4, 2025, be ratified, confirming the following membership changes effective September 12, 2025:

That *Jennifer Blatherwick* replace the Hon. *Jessie Sunner* as a Member of the Special Committee on Democratic and Electoral Reform, for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament.

That *Dallas Brodie* and *Rohini Arora* be added as Members of the Special Committee on Democratic and Electoral Reform, for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament.

Motion agreed to.

51 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That the written agreement between the Government House Leader, the Official Opposition House Leader, the Third Party House Leader, and the Fourth Party House Leader, dated September 4, 2025, be ratified, confirming the following membership changes effective September 12, 2025:

That *Tara Armstrong* and *Amshen / Joan Phillip* be added as members of the Select Standing Committee on Education, for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament.

Motion agreed to.

52 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That the written agreement between the Government House Leader, the Official Opposition House Leader, the Third Party House Leader, and the Fourth Party House Leader, dated September 4, 2025, be ratified, confirming the following membership changes effective September 12, 2025:

That *Dallas Brodie* replace *Claire Rattée* as a member of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament.

Motion agreed to.

53 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That the written agreement between the Government House Leader, the Official Opposition House Leader, the Third Party House Leader, and the Fourth Party House Leader, dated September 4, 2025, be ratified, confirming the following membership changes effective September 12, 2025:

That *Darlene Rotchford* replace the Hon. *Nina Krieger* as a member of the Select Standing Committee on Health, for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament.

That *Tara Armstrong* and *Mable Elmore* be added as members of the Select Standing Committee on Health, for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament.

Motion agreed to.

54 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That the written agreement between the Government House Leader, the Official Opposition House Leader, the Third Party House Leader, and the Fourth Party House Leader, dated September 4, 2025, be ratified, confirming the following membership changes effective September 12, 2025:

That *Mable Elmore* replace *Jennifer Blatherwick* as a member of the Special Committee to Review Provisions of the *Human Rights Code*, for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament.

That *Dallas Brodie* and *George Chow* be added as members of the Special Committee to Review Provisions of the *Human Rights Code*, for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament.

Motion agreed to.

55 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That the written agreement between the Government House Leader, the Official Opposition House Leader, the Third Party House Leader, and the Fourth Party House Leader, dated September 4, 2025, be ratified, confirming the following membership changes effective September 12, 2025:

That *Garry Begg* replace the Hon. *Nina Krieger* as a member of the Select Standing Committee on Legislative Initiatives, for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament.

That *Garry Begg* be designated Convener of the Select Standing Committee on Legislative Initiatives, for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament.

That *Tara Armstrong* and *Qwulti'stunaat / Debra Toporowski* be added as members of the Select Standing Committee on Legislative Initiatives, for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament.

Motion agreed to.

56 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That the written agreement between the Government House Leader, the Official Opposition House Leader, the Third Party House Leader, and the Fourth Party House Leader, dated September 4, 2025, be ratified, confirming the following membership changes effective September 12, 2025:

That *Tara Armstrong* and *Janet Routledge* be added as members of the Special Committee to Review the *Lobbyists Transparency Act*, for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament.

Motion agreed to.

57 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That the written agreement between the Government House Leader, the Official Opposition House Leader, the Third Party House Leader, and the Fourth Party House Leader, dated September 4, 2025, be ratified, confirming the following membership changes effective September 12, 2025:

That *George Chow* replace the Hon. *Nina Krieger* as a member of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament.

That *Tara Armstrong* be added as a member of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament.

Motion agreed to.

58 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That the written agreement between the Government House Leader, the Official Opposition House Leader, the Third Party House Leader, and the Fourth Party House Leader, dated September 4, 2025, be ratified, confirming the following membership changes effective September 12, 2025:

That *George Chow* replace the Hon. *Nina Krieger* as a member of the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct and Standing Orders, for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament.

That *George Chow* be designated Convener of the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct and Standing Orders, for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament.

That *Dallas Brodie* and *Paul Choi* be added as members of the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct and Standing Orders, for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament.

Motion agreed to.

59 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That the written agreement between the Government House Leader, the Official Opposition House Leader, the Third Party House Leader, and the Fourth Party House Leader, dated September 4, 2025, be ratified, confirming the following membership changes effective September 12, 2025:

That *Dallas Brodie* and *Janet Routledge* be added as members of the Special Committee to Review the *Public Interest Disclosure Act*, for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament.

Motion agreed to.

60 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That the written agreement between the Government House Leader, the Official Opposition House Leader, the Third Party House Leader, and the Fourth Party House Leader, dated September 4, 2025, be ratified, confirming the following membership changes effective September 12, 2025:

That *Garry Begg* and *Darlene Rotchford* replace the Hon. *Jessie Sunner* and the Hon. *Nina Krieger* as members of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills, for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament.

That *George Chow* and *Tara Armstrong* be added as members of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament.

Motion agreed to.

61 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That the written agreement between the Government House Leader, the Official Opposition House Leader, the Third Party House Leader, and the Fourth Party House Leader, dated September 4, 2025, be ratified, confirming the following membership changes effective September 12, 2025:

That *Tara Armstrong* and *Garry Begg* be added as members of the Special Committee to Appoint Statutory Officers, for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament.

Motion agreed to.

65 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That *Donegal Wilson* and *Darlene Rotchford* be added as members of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

Motion agreed to.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 19) intituled *School Amendment Act, 2025*.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 19) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 23) intituled *Regulations Act*.

Bill (No. 23) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled *Vaping Product Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act*, a debate arose.

On the motion of *Brennan Day*, the debate was adjourned to later today.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 17) intituled *Intimate Images Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, was again committed.

Clauses 1 through 6 of Bill (No. 17) passed.

Misty Van Popta moved a proposed amendment to clause 7 of Bill (No. 17).

On the proposed amendment to clause 7 of Bill (No. 17).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 17) intituled *Intimate Images Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 24) intituled *Vaping Product Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act*.

The debate continued.

Bill (No. 24) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 18) intituled *Sexual Violence Policy Act* was committed.

Clauses 1 through 10 of Bill (No. 18) passed.

On clause 11 of Bill (No. 18).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 18) intituled *Sexual Violence Policy Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.52 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, October 23, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by the Hon. *Kelly Greene*.

On the motion of *Dallas Brodie* that a bill intituled *Land Acknowledgement Prohibition Act* be introduced and read a first time, the House divided.

Motion negatived on the following division:

NAYS—85

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Shah</i>	<i>Toor</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Hepner</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Dhir</i>	<i>Giddens</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Kindy</i>	<i>McInnis</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Bird</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Warbus</i>	<i>McCall</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Stamer</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Banman</i>	<i>Day</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Tepper</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Mok</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Halford</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Boyle</i>	<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>Luck</i>
<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Yung</i>	<i>Clare</i>	<i>Block</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>Valeriotte</i>
<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Begg</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Sturko</i>
<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Arora</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Boulton</i>
<i>Phillip</i>			

YEAS—5

<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>Brodie</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>Maahs</i>			

On the motion of *Ward Stamer*, Bill (No. M 217) intituled *Dashboard Camera Requirement for Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Act* was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

48 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That the written agreement between the Government House Leader, the Official Opposition House Leader, the Third Party House Leader, and the Fourth Party House Leader, dated September 4, 2025, be ratified, confirming the following membership changes effective September 12, 2025:

That *Darlene Rotchford* and *Dallas Brodie* be added as members of the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth, for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament.

Motion agreed to.

67 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That *Rosalyn Bird* replace *Heather Maahs* as a member of the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth; and,

That *Kristina Loewen* and *Qwulti’stunaat / Debra Toporowski* be added as members of the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth.

Motion agreed to.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled *Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, a debate arose.

On the motion of the Hon. *Adrian Dix*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 17) intituled *Intimate Images Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, was again committed.

On a proposed amendment by *Misty Van Popta* to clause 7 of Bill (No. 17).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 17) intituled *Intimate Images Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Thursday, October 23, 2025

ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled *Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of *Stephanie Higginson*, the debate was adjourned to later today.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 17) intituled *Intimate Images Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, was again committed.

A proposed amendment by *Misty Van Popta* to clause 7 of Bill (No. 17) was defeated.

Clauses 7 through 9 of Bill (No. 17) passed.

A proposed amendment by *Steve Kooner* to add clause 9.1 to Bill (No. 17) was defeated.

Clause 10 of Bill (No. 17) passed.

A proposed amendment by *Misty Van Popta* to clause 11 of Bill (No. 17) was moved, and by leave, withdrawn.

A proposed amendment by *Misty Van Popta* to clause 11 of Bill (No. 17) passed.

Clause 11, as amended, of Bill (No. 17) passed.

Clause 12, clause 13 and the title of Bill (No. 17) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 17) intituled *Intimate Images Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, complete with amendment.

Bill (No. 17) as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled *Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*.

On the motion of *Kiel Giddens*, the debate was adjourned to later today.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 18) intituled *Sexual Violence Policy Act* was again committed.

A proposed amendment by *Bryan Tepper* to add clause 10.1 to Bill (No. 18) was ruled out of order.

Clauses 11 through 17 and the title of Bill (No. 18) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 18) intituled *Sexual Violence Policy Act* complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 18), the House divided.

Motion agreed to *nemine contradicente* on the following division:

YEAS—87

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>McInnis</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Dhir</i>	<i>Bird</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Wilson</i>	<i>McCall</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Stamer</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Warbus</i>	<i>Day</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Banman</i>	<i>Tepper</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Mok</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Maahs</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Halford</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Clare</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>Luck</i>
<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>Block</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Boyle</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Yung</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Brodie</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>Begg</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Giddens</i>	<i>Sturko</i>
<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Arora</i>	<i>Rattée</i>	<i>Boulton</i>
<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Shah</i>	<i>Davis</i>	

Bill (No. 18) read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled *Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*.

On the motion of *Scott McInnis*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 21) intituled *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*, was committed.

Clauses 1 through 5 of Bill (No. 21) passed.

On clause 6 of Bill (No. 21).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 21) intituled *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.21 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Monday, October 27, 2025

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Kristina Loewen*.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Order called for “Private Members’ Statements.”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 213) intituled *Drug Use Prevention Education in Schools Act*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, division on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 213) was deferred until 30 minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 216) intituled *Professional Reliance Act*, a debate arose.

On the motion of *Amna Shah*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Monday, October 27, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That, notwithstanding Standing Order 2 (1), the adjournment time of the sitting of the House commencing at 1.30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, be modified to 4.15 p.m.; and,

That this modified time of adjournment extend to the application of Standing Order 3 and to the interpretation of the ordinary time fixed for adjournment of the House in Motion 20, adopted by the House on April 30, 2025, establishing the Sessional Order for certain proceedings of the House to be undertaken in three sections.

Motion agreed to.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 17) intituled *Intimate Images Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, a debate arose.

Bill (No. 17) read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled *Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of *Hon Chan*, the debate was adjourned to later today.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 19) intituled *School Amendment Act, 2025*, was committed.

A proposed amendment by *Heather Maahs* to clause 1 of Bill (No. 19) was ruled out of order.

Clause 1 and clause 2 of Bill (No. 19) passed.

Scott McInnis moved a proposed amendment to add clause 2.1 to Bill (No. 19) which was defeated on the following division:

<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Sunner</i>	NAYS—6	
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Beare</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
		YEAS—3	
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Williams</i>	

Clause 3 and the title of Bill (No. 19) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 19) intituled *School Amendment Act, 2025*, complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 19) the House divided.

Motion agreed to *nemine contradicente* on the following division:

YEAS—90

Lore	Choi	Wilson	Rattée
G. Anderson	Rotchford	Kindy	Davis
Blatherwick	Elmore	Milobar	McInnis
Routledge	Morissette	Warbus	Bird
Chant	Popham	Rustad	McCall
Toporowski	Dix	Banman	Stamer
B. Anderson	Sharma	Wat	Day
Neill	Farnworth	Kooner	Tepper
Osborne	Eby	Halford	Mok
Brar	Bailey	Hartwell	Maahs
Krieger	Kahlon	L. Neufeld	Williams
Davidson	Greene	Van Popta	Loewen
Parmar	Whiteside	Dew	Dhaliwal
Sunner	Boyle	Clare	Doerkson
Beare	Ma	K. Neufeld	Luck
Chandra Herbert	Yung	Bhangu	Block
Wickens	Malcolmson	Paton	Valeriote
Kang	Gibson	Gasper	Botterell
Sandhu	Glumac	Chan	Brodie
Begg	Arora	Toor	Armstrong
Higginson	Shah	Hepner	Kealy
Phillip	Chow	Giddens	Boulton
Lajeunesse	Dhir		

Bill (No. 19) read a third time and passed.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled *Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*.

On the motion of *Bruce Banman*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, in consideration of second reading of Bill (No. M 213) intituled *Drug Use Prevention Education in Schools Act*, the House divided.

Motion negatived on the following division:

NAYS—48

Lore	Parmar	Rotchford	Boyle
G. Anderson	Sunner	Elmore	Ma
Blatherwick	Beare	Morissette	Yung
Routledge	Chandra Herbert	Popham	Malcolmson
Chant	Wickens	Dix	Gibson
Toporowski	Kang	Sharma	Glumac
B. Anderson	Sandhu	Farnworth	Arora
Neill	Begg	Eby	Shah
Osborne	Higginson	Bailey	Chow
Brar	Phillip	Kahlon	Dhir
Krieger	Lajeunesse	Greene	Valeriote
Davidson	Choi	Whiteside	Botterell

YEAS—43

Wilson
Kindy
Milobar
Warbus
Rustad
Banman
Wat
Kooner
Halford
Hartwell
L. Neufeld

Van Popta
Dew
Clare
K. Neufeld
Bhangu
Paton
Gasper
Chan
Toor
Hepner
Giddens

Rattée
Davis
McInnis
Bird
McCall
Stamer
Day
Tepper
Mok
Maahs
Williams

Loewen
Dhaliwal
Doerkson
Luck
Block
Brodie
Armstrong
Kealy
Sturko
Boulton

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 20) intituled *Construction Prompt Payment Act* was committed.

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 20).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 20) intituled *Construction Prompt Payment Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.16 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Lynne Block*.

On the motion of *Rob Botterell*, Bill (No. M 218) intituled *Residential Tenancy Amendment Act, 2025*, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

The Speaker made the following statement:

Honourable Members:

Last week, the Chair made a commitment to return to the House with guidance on language, given the use of unparliamentary language by some Members in debate over the course of the current sessional period.

The rules of this House prevent Members from engaging in debate in a manner that leads to disorder. In the current circumstances, the most applicable rule is Standing Order 40, which provides guidance and states: "No Member shall use offensive words against any Member of this House."

An allegation that a Member is racist clearly imputes what most Members would regard as an offensive personal characterization and as such, it is out of order.

For the Chair to permit allegations of racism to be directed at other Members would encourage what is already a regrettable reality of this place: an undue personalization of issues and debate.

As someone who has fought against racism for decades, the Chair does not address this topic—or this word—lightly.

The Chair understands the feelings of Members who believe that the policies or views of other Members are objectionable. But in the Chair's view, personal name calling or labels are not a robust or effective debating tactic.

An allegation of being a racist, if it is levelled against a Member or group of Members, clearly leads to disorder and does not encourage productive debate and distracts us from discussion of issues critically important to those we represent.

That said, the use of strong language, in terms that relate solely to policy or positions taken by a Member or party, may be permitted in debate—at the discretion of the Chair.

But rather than directing personal insults at one another, Members are asked to focus their comments on the policies and issues that are the subjects before the House.

The Chair is reminded of the wise words of Speaker Gretchen Mann Brewin, who delivered the following guidance to the House on December 3, 1998:

"It is very important in this House that we not reflect badly on this institution by the language that we use. [...] It seems to the Chair that opinions can be expressed by Members without resorting to certain terminologies like implications of racism or personal attacks. The Chair wishes to encourage all Members to take that under advisement and to give more thought to the English language, which is indeed enormously rich and provides infinite scope for the expression of views in this Chamber."

The Chair thanks all Members for heeding this direction and for always being mindful of the words they choose to use in the course of debate in this House.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Dallas Brodie rose on a point of order regarding the subject matter of questions in Oral Question Period.

The Speaker stated that he would take the matter under advisement.

The Speaker made a statement regarding the use of electronic devices during Oral Question Period.

The Hon. *Raj Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General Report, *Beyond the Bottom Line: Navigating the Province of B.C.'s 2024/25 Audited Financial Statements*, October 2025.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled *Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*.

On the motion of *Kristina Loewen*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 20) intituled *Construction Prompt Payment Act* was again committed.

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 20).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 20) intituled *Construction Prompt Payment Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.53 a.m.

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled *Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*.

Á'a:liya Warbus moved the following amendment—

That the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled *Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, be amended by deleting the word “now” and substituting “six months hence.”

The debate on the amendment continued.

The amendment on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 31) was negatived on the following division:

NAYS—48

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Boyle</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Ma</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Beare</i>	<i>Morisette</i>	<i>Yung</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Arora</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Shah</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Chow</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Dhir</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Valeriotte</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Botterell</i>

YEAS—40

<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Clare</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Kindy</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>Bird</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Warbus</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>McCall</i>	<i>Luck</i>
<i>Banman</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Stamer</i>	<i>Block</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Brodie</i>
<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Tepper</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Giddens</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>Sturko</i>
<i>Dew</i>	<i>Rattée</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Boulton</i>

The debate resumed on the main motion.

On the motion of the Hon. *Mike Farnworth*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 20) intituled *Construction Prompt Payment Act* was again committed.

Misty Van Popta moved a proposed amendment to clause 1 of Bill (No. 20) which was defeated, on division.

Clauses 1 through 6 of Bill (No. 20) passed.

On clause 7 of Bill (No. 20).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 20) intituled *Construction Prompt Payment Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

Earlier today, following Oral Question Period, the Leader of the Fourth Party raised a point of order on the application of the rule of anticipation to debate in the House, including Oral Question Period. The Chair thanks the Leader of the Fourth Party for her submission and is now prepared to rule on the point of order.

The rule of anticipation is a parliamentary practice that is designed to prevent discussion or decisions on a topic that has or will be the subject of substantive debate in the House during a parliamentary session. Its aim is to not pre-empt a future debate and not to risk duplication or contradiction of decisions of this House through subsequent debate.

With respect to the application of this rule to questions pertaining to bills arising during Oral Question Period, *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 5th edition, notes at page 324: “Questions may be out of order if they deal with the details of a bill which stands on the Order Paper, or if they address proposed amendments. Such matters should be canvassed at committee stage consideration of the bill.”

However, a question may be canvassed if it is of a general or high-level nature that may relate to the contents of a bill.

Furthermore, with respect to a bill that was introduced and subsequently defeated at first reading, the rule of anticipation is not relevant. Questions related to that bill, particularly in the context of its defeat, are not prohibited under this rule.

The Chair appreciates the opportunity to provide this guidance and clarity to the House and regrets any confusion that the application of this rule created during Oral Question Period earlier today.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

And then the House adjourned at 4.18 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Pete Davis*.

On the motion of *Dallas Brodie* that a bill intituled *Property Rights Protection Act* be introduced and read a first time, the House divided.

Motion negived on the following division:

NAYS—48

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Boyle</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Ma</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Beare</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Yung</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Arora</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Shah</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Chow</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Dhir</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Valeriotte</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Botterell</i>

YEAS—40

<i>Wilson</i>	<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Maahs</i>
<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Rattée</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Warbus</i>	<i>Clare</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>Bird</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Banman</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>McCall</i>	<i>Luck</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Stamer</i>	<i>Block</i>
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Brodie</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Tepper</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Kealy</i>

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

John Rustad asked leave, pursuant to Standing Order 35, to move adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the B.C. Supreme Court ruling declaring Aboriginal title by Cowichan Tribes on land in Richmond also owned as fee-simple properties.

The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* made representations.

The Speaker stated that he would take the matter under advisement.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled *Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—48

Lore	Parmar	Rotchford	Boyle
G. Anderson	Sunner	Elmore	Ma
Blatherwick	Beare	Morissette	Yung
Routledge	Chandra Herbert	Popham	Malcolmson
Chant	Wickens	Dix	Gibson
Toporowski	Kang	Sharma	Glumac
B. Anderson	Sandhu	Farnworth	Arora
Neill	Begg	Eby	Shah
Osborne	Higginson	Bailey	Chow
Brar	Phillip	Kahlon	Dhir
Krieger	Lajeunesse	Greene	Valeriote
Davidson	Choi	Whiteside	Botterell

NAYS—42

Wilson	Van Popta	Rattée	Maahs
Kindy	Dew	Davis	Williams
Milobar	Clare	McInnis	Loewen
Warbus	K. Neufeld	Bird	Dhaliwal
Rustad	Bhangu	McCall	Doerkson
Banman	Paton	Stamer	Luck
Wat	Gasper	Day	Block
Kooner	Chan	Tepper	Brodie
Halford	Toor	Mok	Armstrong
Hartwell	Hepner	Chapman	Kealy
L. Neufeld	Giddens		

Bill (No. 31) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled *Business Practices and Consumer Protection Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*, a debate arose.

On the motion of *Steve Kooner*, the debate was adjourned to later today.

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

The Chair has reviewed the application made under Standing Order 35 by the Leader of the Official Opposition for the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, being fee-simple property rights in light of an August 2025 decision rendered in the Supreme Court of British Columbia. The Chair appreciates the brief submission from the Leader of the Official Opposition and from the Government House Leader.

Members will know that the requirements of Standing Order 35 are rigid. The process for raising a matter under Standing Order 35 is prescribed in detail within the Standing Order provisions and in *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 5th edition.

It is the duty of the Chair to determine whether the criteria and high threshold under Standing Order 35 have been met. As noted in *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 5th edition, at page 121, reflecting a decision of Speaker Reid, the Chair must be guided by two factors. The first is to review the matter raised to determine whether other opportunities to debate the matter are available to the House. The second is to assess whether new, sudden, or unexpected events require the House to suspend all other business for a genuine emergency debate on the matter.

The subject of the application under Standing Order 35 by the Leader of the Official Opposition has been raised several times during the fall sitting period, including in Oral Question Period earlier today. Based on the submission from the Leader of the Official Opposition, the Chair concludes that neither of the noted criteria for an application under Standing Order 35 have been met.

It is therefore the ruling of the Chair that the application fails.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 28) intituled *Business Practices and Consumer Protection Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*.

Bill (No. 28) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 30) intituled *Employment Standards (Serious Illness or Injury Leave) Amendment Act, 2025*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of the Hon. *Kelly Greene*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 20) intituled *Construction Prompt Payment Act* was again committed.

Clauses 7 through 38 of Bill (No. 20) passed.

On clause 39 of Bill (No. 20).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 20) intituled *Construction Prompt Payment Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.50 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, October 30, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Á'a:liya Warbus*.

On the motion of *Tara Armstrong* that a bill intituled *New Resident Health Cost Recovery Act* be introduced and read a first time, the House divided.

Motion negatived on the following division:

NAYS—48

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Boyle</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Ma</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Beare</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Yung</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Arora</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Shah</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Chow</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Dhir</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Botterell</i>

YEAS—37

<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Rattée</i>	<i>Maahs</i>
<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Clare</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Warbus</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>Bird</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Banman</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>McCall</i>	<i>Luck</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Stamer</i>	<i>Block</i>
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Brodie</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Tepper</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>L. Neufeld</i>			

On the motion of *Anna Kindy*, Bill (No. M 219) intituled *Health Authorities Amendment Act, 2025*, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

The Hon. *David Eby* (Premier) made a ministerial statement regarding the observance of Remembrance Day.

Rosalyn Bird made a statement.

Jeremy Valeriote made a statement.

Dallas Brodie made a statement.

The House observed a minute of silence.

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *Raj Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the Elections BC, Report of the Chief Electoral Officer, Provincial General Election, October 19, 2024, Volume III: Recommendations for Legislative Change, October 2025.

Janet Routledge presented the Report of the Special Committee to Appoint Statutory Officers: Appointment of Conflict of Interest Commissioner for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament (Second), October 2025.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, *Janet Routledge* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *David Eby* (Premier) moved—

That the Legislative Assembly recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council that Jeffrey Schnoor, K.C., be appointed as Conflict of Interest Commissioner pursuant to section 14 of the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 287), for a term of five years commencing on January 5, 2026.

Motion agreed to.

Janet Routledge presented the Report of the Special Committee to Appoint Statutory Officers: Appointment of Auditor General for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament (Third), October 2025.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, *Janet Routledge* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, *Janet Routledge* moved—

That the Legislative Assembly appoint Bridget Parrish as Auditor General, pursuant to section 2 of the *Auditor General Act* (S.B.C. 2003, c. 2), for a term of eight years, commencing on December 1, 2025.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *Laanas / Tamara Davidson* (Minister of Environment and Parks) tabled the Environmental Emergency Branch Report to Legislature, April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

Thursday, October 30, 2025

ONE O’CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of *Peter Milobar*, Bill (No. M 220) intituled *Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 30) intituled *Employment Standards (Serious Illness or Injury Leave) Amendment Act, 2025*.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—81

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Hepner</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Arora</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Shah</i>	<i>McInnis</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Bird</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Dhir</i>	<i>McCall</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Stamer</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Day</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Tepper</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Mok</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Banman</i>	<i>Chapman</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Maahs</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Halford</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Boyle</i>	<i>Clare</i>	<i>Luck</i>
<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>Block</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Yung</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>Valeriotte</i>
<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Begg</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>Higginson</i>			

NAYS—2

<i>Brodie</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
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Bill (No. 30) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled *Housing and Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, a debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of *Ward Stamer*, the debate was adjourned to later today.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 31) intituled *Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, was committed.

Larry Neufeld moved a proposed amendment to clause 1 of Bill (No. 31) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—5

<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Shah</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>			

YEAS—4

<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Valeriotte</i>
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Larry Neufeld moved a proposed amendment to clause 1 of Bill (No. 31).

On the proposed amendment to clause 1 of Bill (No. 31).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 31) intituled *Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair—

Kate Ryan-Lloyd, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 9) *Health Care Costs Recovery Amendment Act, 2025*.

Bill (No. 10) *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*.

Bill (No. 12) *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2025*.

Bill (No. 17) *Intimate Images Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*.

Bill (No. 18) *Sexual Violence Policy Act*.

Bill (No. 19) *School Amendment Act, 2025*.

Bill (No. 27) *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*.

Bill (No. M 210) *Korean Heritage Month Act*.

Her Honour was pleased in His Majesty's name to give assent to the said Acts.

The said assent was announced by *Kate Ryan-Lloyd*, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, in the following words:

"In His Majesty's name, Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Acts."

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled *Housing and Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*.

On the motion of *Ward Stamer*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

By notice from the Members, *Dana Lajeunesse* and *Janet Routledge* exchanged places on the List of Precedence for Private Members' Business.

And then the House adjourned at 5.22 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Monday, November 17, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *George Anderson*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for “Private Members’ Statements.”

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 216) intituled *Professional Reliance Act*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, division on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 216) was deferred until 30 minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 217) intituled *Dashboard Cameras in Commercial Vehicles Act*, a debate arose.

On the motion of *Hon Chan*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.54 a.m.

Monday, November 17, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *Raj Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Auditor General Report, Ministry of Agriculture and Food: Reliability of Premises Identification Information, November 2025; and,

Police Complaint Commissioner Annual Report, 2024/2025.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled *Housing and Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of *Scott McInnis*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, in consideration of second reading of Bill (No. M 216) intituled *Professional Reliance Act*, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—47

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Boyle</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Ma</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Beare</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Yung</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Arora</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Shah</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Chow</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Dhir</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Boulton</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	

NAYS—44

<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Clare</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>Bird</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Warbus</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>McCall</i>	<i>Luck</i>
<i>Banman</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Stamer</i>	<i>Block</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Tepper</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Brodie</i>
<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Chapman</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Giddens</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Rattée</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Sturko</i>

Bill (No. M 216) read a second time and *Ordered* committed to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 31) intituled *Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, was again committed.

A proposed amendment by *Larry Neufeld* to clause 1 of Bill (No. 31) was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—6

<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Shah</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Ma</i>		

YEAS—3

<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Williams</i>
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On clause 1 of Bill (No. 31).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 31) intituled *Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The following document was received by the Office of the Clerk during adjournment:
Ministry of Infrastructure, Major Capital Project Plan: Plant and Animal Centre Replacement Project.

And then the House adjourned at 6.15 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by the Hon. *Jennifer Whiteside*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

The Speaker made the following statement:

Honourable Members:

The Chair has been reflecting on Private Members' Time and notes that the Standing Order changes that took effect in the Forty-third Parliament have run the course of nearly a full parliamentary calendar year. Based on the Chair's observations to date, it is an opportune time to provide guidance to the House on limitations attached to Private Members' bills, for the benefit of all Members.

The Chair will first offer guidance on the application on Standing Order 67, which provides, "It shall not be lawful for the House to adopt or pass any vote, resolution, address, or Bill for the appropriation of any part of the public revenue, or of any tax or impost, to any purpose that has not been first recommended to the House by Message of the Lieutenant Governor in the Session in which such vote, resolution, address, or Bill is proposed."

In the Westminster parliamentary system that we adopted in British Columbia, only the Crown can propose a tax or an increase in tax or propose the spending of public funds. The provisions of Standing Order 67 stem from constitutional obligations prescribed in the federal *Constitution Act, 1867*, with application to the provincial legislative assemblies, which are also prescribed in section 47 of the provincial *Constitution Act*.

The Chair is aware that Members often ask what constitutes a money bill, which would be out of order in the hands of a Private Member without an accompanying message of the Lieutenant Governor, or Royal Recommendation. To assist the House, the Chair has examined parliamentary customs and usages in Canada and the United Kingdom as it pertains to the Royal Recommendation and the provisions of Standing Order 67. The parliamentary authorities hold that a Royal Recommendation is required if any provision in a Private Member's bill would authorize a new and distinct charge to be effectively imposed on public money.

A Royal Recommendation is required for any bill whose implementation would necessarily entail new or increased expenditures from the Consolidated Revenue Fund, other than incidental costs already authorized by an existing appropriation. When deciding whether a Private Member's bill introduces a new and distinct charge, the Chair will assess the financial impact of each provision to determine whether it introduces a new charge upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund. In making that determination, the Chair will examine each clause to determine whether it specifically authorizes any spending for a distinct purpose or contains language that indicates that public funds are being appropriated.

In clear terms, Beauchesne, 6th edition, at paragraph 613 states, "A bill, which does not involve a direct expenditure but merely confers upon the government a power for the exercise of which public

money will have to be voted by Parliament, is not a money bill, and no Royal Recommendation is necessary as a condition precedent to its introduction.” At paragraph 600, Beauchesne also states, “The principle that the sanction of the Crown must be given to every grant of money drawn for the public revenue applies equally to the taxation levied to provide that revenue.”

Next, the Chair will offer guidance on the application on Standing Order 76, which provides, “Any Bill affecting the Constitution must be introduced by a Member of the Government or with the sanction of the Government.” As the Chair noted in a ruling on April 14, 2025, a Private Member’s bill may be ruled out of order on the grounds that it offends Standing Order 76 by touching upon provisions in the provincial *Constitution Act*, or the *Constitution Acts, 1867 to 1982*, being Canada’s Constitution.

Private Members are bound by these constitutional and procedural limitations on Private Members’ bills, which apply equally to amendments proposed by Private Members—whether to a government bill or a Private Member’s bill. Members will no doubt be well served by advice from the Clerks at the Table on the application of these rules. The Chair urges Private Members to undertake their due diligence in respect of these obligations, and to seek procedural advice as early as possible, prior to the introduction of a bill or an amendment.

The Chair wishes to assure the House that the Chair examines every Private Member’s bill for its procedural admissibility. The Chair has no hesitation to rule on the admissibility of a Private Member’s bill before it proceeds to consideration at second reading, in accordance with the precedence assigned to Private Members. If any Member wishes to seek direction from the Chair or otherwise raise arguments for the Chair’s consideration, they are welcome to do so by raising a point of order.

Finally, Members are reminded that the authority of the Chair is limited to interpreting matters of parliamentary procedure and not matters of public policy or law.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *Raj Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the Ombudsperson Annual Report, 2024/25.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled *Housing and Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*.

On the motion of *Claire Rattée*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 31) intituled *Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, was again committed.

A proposed amendment by *David Williams* to clause 1 of Bill (No. 31) was ruled out of order.

Clause 1 of Bill (No. 31) passed on the following division:

YEAS—6

Routledge
Sandhu

Begg
Dix

Yung

Valeriote

NAYS—3

Kooner

Mok

Williams

On clause 2 of Bill (No. 31).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 31) intituled *Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 12.01 p.m.

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 25) intituled *Housing and Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—48			
<i>Lore</i>	<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Boyle</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Ma</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Beare</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Yung</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Arora</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Shah</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Chow</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Dhir</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Valeriotte</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
NAYS—44			
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Rattée</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Clare</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Warbus</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>Bird</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>McCall</i>	<i>Luck</i>
<i>Banman</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Stamer</i>	<i>Block</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Brodie</i>
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Tepper</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Chapman</i>	<i>Sturko</i>
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Giddens</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>Boulton</i>

Bill (No. 25) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 20) intituled *Construction Prompt Payment Act* was again committed.

Clause 39 and clause 40 of Bill (No. 20) passed.

On clause 41 of Bill (No. 20).

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.
Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 31) intituled *Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, was again committed.

Jeremy Valeriot moved a proposed amendment to clause 2 of Bill (No. 31) which was defeated on the following division:

		NAYS—8	
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Mok</i>
<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Williams</i>
		YEAS—1	
<i>Valeriot</i>			

Larry Neufeld moved a proposed amendment to clause 2 of Bill (No. 31) which was defeated on the following division:

		NAYS—6	
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Valeriot</i>
<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Dix</i>		
		YEAS—3	
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Williams</i>	

Jeremy Valeriot moved a proposed amendment to clause 2 of Bill (No. 31) which was defeated on the following division:

		NAYS—5	
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Dix</i>
<i>Brar</i>			
		YEAS—4	
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Valeriot</i>

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		NAYS—5	
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Shah</i>
<i>Kang</i>			
		YEAS—4	
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YEAS—4			
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>

On clause 2 of Bill (No. 31).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 31) intituled *Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

2 Reply to *Macklin McCall* from the Hon. Minister of Forests in response to written questions on notice:—

Wildfire Preparedness and Response

1. Given that wildfires since 2016 have burned an area larger than Vancouver Island, devastating timber supplies and ecosystems, why does Budget 2025 allocate only a modest \$8 million increase for wildfire management? What is the Ministry's plan to bridge this gap given the record-breaking costs of wildfires (over \$1 billion spent in 2023)?

Response:

Since 2018 the Fire Management budget has been raised from \$63.986 million to where it stands today at \$238.047 million.

2. How will the Ministry ensure robust wildfire pre-season planning when Budget 2025 funds focus predominantly on reactive firefighting measures? Specifically, what proactive strategies (e.g., fire breaks, equipment, training) are being funded to prevent megafires rather than merely respond to them?

Response:

During the 2024 season, BC Wildfire Service (BCWS):

- a. invested \$16 million to expand BC Wildfire Service's on-the-ground firefighting equipment;
- b. acquired two additional mass water systems;
- c. acquired additional structure protection units;
- d. began the process of establishing a new equipment depot in Prince George to support northern operations;
- e. increased the number of First Nations partners for initial attack for indigenous communities to respond to wildfires; and,
- f. increased from 149 to 162 initial attack crews (4 person).

There are 88 cultural and prescribed-burn projects planned for 2025, with 48 completed in 2024.

3. With B.C. having spent a record \$1.1 billion on fire management in 2023 (exceeding the budget by \$401 million), what safeguards does the Ministry propose to avoid such under-budgeting in 2025? Does the Ministry anticipate relying on the \$10-billion contingency fund for wildfire costs, or will core budgets be adjusted to reflect true firefighting expenditures?

Response:

Voted appropriation represents fire management spending during a mild fire season, for example 2019 was \$182.5 million and 2020 was \$193.7 million, any additional costs are funded through statutory spending through the *Wildfire Act*.

4. Budget 2025 shows the Forests Ministry's spending falling from \$1.4 billion to \$891 million, partly due to lower forecast wildfire expenses. How can the Ministry justify this reduction after 2023's worst wildfire season, and what risk assessments support the assumption of significantly lower firefighting costs in 2025–26?

Response:

The annual budgets do not account for statutory appropriation related to wildfire spending. Budget 2024 had a total operating budget of \$845 million compared to Budget 2025 where it was increased to \$891 million. The \$1.4 billion referenced would have been the total Ministry of Forests spending (forecasted at Q3), which also includes costs associated with the statutory spending through the *Wildfire Act*.

5. In light of year-round wildfire threats, how is BC Wildfire Service's staffing and training being enhanced? Specifically, given record recruitment interest (1,700 applicants for ~200 crew jobs in 2025), will Budget 2025 accommodate more full-time positions or training programs to leverage this surge and improve wildfire response capacity?

Response:

The BC Wildfire Service will enter the 2025 wildfire season with approximately 1,300 firefighters, 600 permanent support staff and 300 seasonal support staff.

Controlled Burns and Wildfire Mitigation

6. Experts note B.C. must “revolutionize forest practices” by reinstating preventive burns and forest thinning. What dedicated funding in Budget 2025 (beyond the \$20 million/year noted for prevention) is earmarked for controlled burns, fuel management, and cultural burning initiatives, especially near high-risk communities?

Response:

BCWS has an annual wildfire prevention budget of \$40 million that encompasses various aspects of wildfire preventative treatments, including cultural burning, fuel management and controlled burns, and FireSmart to protect high-risk communities in British Columbia.

7. *The Tyee* highlighted that New Jersey, with <1% of B.C.'s area, conducts more preventive burns than B.C. How does the Ministry intend to “up its fire mitigation game” in 2025? Are there new targets or inter-jurisdictional partnerships planned to scale up prescribed burns and firebreak projects to match best practices in regions like Australia and the U.S.?

Response:

The Ministry of Forests 2025/26 Service Plan includes objectives and performance measures for expanding the use of cultural and prescribed fire. The BC Wildfire Service has formal and informal partnerships with California, Oregon, Washington, Parks Canada, the U.S. Forest Service, the National Prescribed Fire Training Centre in Florida, and the State of Victoria in Australia.

8. Given that each \$1 invested in wildfire mitigation can yield \$7 in benefits (especially by protecting watersheds and communities), why does Budget 2025 continue under-investing in prevention relative to suppression? How will the Ministry measure the cost-effectiveness of any FireSmart and Crown Land Wildfire Risk Reduction (CLWRR) projects funded this year?

Response:

A management committee for the FireSmart Community and Supports (FCFS) program, including UBCM, BC Wildfire Service and the First Nations Emergency Services Society, considers community feedback and assesses program efficiency and performance on a year-to-year basis to incorporate improvements. New opportunities for multi-year funding are an example of changes made in response to community feedback.

The Ministry gathers feedback and identifies improvements to the Crown Land Wildfire Risk Reduction (WRR) program annually, and also periodically conducts a third party strategic review of the program. The Ministry will be implementing an expanded role for BC Timber Sales in wildfire risk reduction in 2025, including identifying opportunities to integrate BCTS into WRR program delivery and leveraging BCTS' expertise and management systems to strengthen program efficiency and performance.

9. After the catastrophic 2023 fire season, many communities have millions of dollars in unmet wildfire prevention needs. How is the Ministry addressing the funding shortfall, for local mitigation projects (e.g., fuel removal, prescribed burns)? Will Budget 2025 increase Community Resiliency Investment grants, given one fire chief's comment that current funding covers only "one-fifth" of needed work?

Response:

The Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) Program continues to fund priority activities identified in these local plans. Budget 2025 does not increase CRI funding.

10. Cultural burns are a proven tool to reduce wildfire risk and involve Indigenous expertise. What progress will Budget 2025 enable for the Cultural and Prescribed Fire Program, and how many hectares are expected to be treated through cultural burns in 2025? Are any First Nations partnerships or training programs expanding to integrate these traditional practices more broadly?

Response:

The BC Wildfire Service has established a dedicated Cultural and Prescribed Fire program that is specifically focused on expanding the safe use of planned fire on the landscape. The Ministry is actively building partnerships with First Nations in every fire centre across the Province. The Ministry is currently actively engaged in over 130 burn projects across all fire centres.

Timber Loss and Supply

11. As major wildfires sterilize soils and increase erosion, reforestation becomes more urgent and complex. What earmarked funding or programs in Budget 2025 will tackle post-wildfire replanting, land rehabilitation, and erosion control in severely burned areas? Please detail any specific allocations (or the lack thereof) for such recovery work in response to the 2023 wildfires in places like the Okanagan (Westside complex).

Response:

The Wildfire Land-Based Recovery program was launched in 2023 and utilizes statutory spending, on authority of the *Wildfire Act*, to do whatever is necessary and required to rehabilitate the land base from wildfire suppression related activities. The Forest Investment and Reporting Branch (FIRB) of the Office of the Chief Forester oversees and coordinates the delivery of government silviculture and other investments on publicly managed lands including post wildfire reforestation.

Water Quality in Wildfire Zones

12. Experts warn that burned watersheds lead to debris torrents and sediment in drinking water. In Budget 2025, what resources are allocated to protect water quality after wildfires? Is there funding for catchment rehabilitation (e.g., reseeding ground cover, installing silt traps) in areas like the Shuswap or Cariboo where community water systems were affected by 2023 fires?

Response:

The Ministry of Forests conducts Post Wildfire Natural Hazard Assessments on many wildfires to determine post-wildfire risk to life, property and or infrastructure. This information is shared with EMCR who disseminates it to local governments and communities. Local governments can seek funding from various sources including provincial and federal.

13. Given that smaller communities and First Nations without big filtration plants are “starting to see boil water advisories” post-fires, how will the Ministry work with Emergency Management and Health to address these risks? Are there inter-ministerial funds or programs in 2025 to assist in upgrading water infrastructure or providing interim clean water supplies in wildfire-affected areas?

Response:

This question should be directed to the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness.

14. The Forests Ministry’s mandate includes land-based recovery. Does Budget 2025 fund any wildfire land-based recovery program pilots aimed at maintaining or restoring water quality (for instance, replanting stream buffers, stabilizing slopes to prevent ash runoff)? If yes, please detail; if not, why was this critical aspect overlooked despite known wildfire impacts on fisheries and drinking water?

Response:

The Wildfire Land Based Recovery program (WLBR) within the BC Wildfire Service is responsible for provincial coordination of Wildfire Suppression Rehabilitation and Post-Wildfire Natural Hazard Risk Assessments. Funding for these activities are authorized under the *Wildfire Act*. WLBR is not directly responsible for water quality monitoring, managing or recovery for consumption as this falls under the Ministry of Environment and Parks.

15. In 2024, a one-time recovery uplift of \$100,000 was offered to six local governments for post-wildfire debris clearing and rebuilding. Will this Recovery Uplift Program continue or expand in 2025, and will its scope include measures to specifically safeguard water sources (like removing charred debris around reservoirs or repairing damaged water intakes)?

Response:

This question should be directed to the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness.

Staffing, Permitting and Bureaucracy

16. With extensive staff demands from wildfire seasons (hundreds of BC Wildfire Service personnel and support staff in emergency operations) and simultaneous needs to advance policy (old-growth deferrals, landscape planning), is the Ministry properly resourced in terms of staffing levels? Did Budget 2025 authorize any increase in full-time equivalents (FTEs) for the Ministry of Forests or the BC Wildfire Service to manage these dual pressures? If not, how will the Ministry avoid burnout and ensure both emergency response and strategic planning mandates are met?

Response:

Budget 2025 provides the Ministry of Forests with \$891 million for 2025/26 for programs.

17. In summary, does the Minister believe the 2025 NDP Budget failed the forestry portfolio? Please address how this budget “shortchanges” the Ministry’s ability to prepare for climate impacts (wildfires, floods) and to support an industry in crisis. What commitments can the Ministry of Forests make to British Columbians that, despite the limited new funding, it will innovatively leverage every tool available to protect communities, sustain our forests, and preserve jobs in the year ahead?

Response:

No.

And then the House adjourned at 6.27 p.m.

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by the Hon. *Sheila Malcolmson*.

On the motion of *Gavin Dew*, Bill (No. M 221) intituled *Short-Term Rental Accommodations Amendment Act, 2025*, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of *Gavin Dew*, Bill (No. M 222) intituled *Short-Term Rental Accommodations Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of *Elenore Sturko*, Bill (No. M 223) intituled *Interpretation Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of *Jordan Kealy* that a bill intituled *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Statute Repeal Act* be introduced and read a first time, the House divided.

Motion negatived on the following division:

NAYS—48

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Boyle</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Ma</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Beare</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Yung</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Arora</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Shah</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Chow</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Dhir</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Botterell</i>

YEAS—43

<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Rattée</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Clare</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Warbus</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>Bird</i>	<i>Luck</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>McCall</i>	<i>Block</i>
<i>Banman</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Stamer</i>	<i>Brodie</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Tepper</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Sturko</i>
<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>Boultee</i>
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Giddens</i>	<i>Williams</i>	

On the motion of *Tara Armstrong* that a bill intituled *Post-Secondary Institutions Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Prohibition Act* be introduced and read a first time, the House divided.

Motion negatived on the following division:

NAYS—50

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Yung</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Beare</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Arora</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Shah</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Chow</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Dhir</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Boyle</i>	<i>Sturko</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>Boulton</i>
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Elmore</i>		

YEAS—41

<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Giddens</i>	<i>Maahs</i>
<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>Rattée</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Clare</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Warbus</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>Bird</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Banman</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>McCall</i>	<i>Luck</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Stamer</i>	<i>Block</i>
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Brodie</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Tepper</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>L. Neufeld</i>			

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section C of Committee of the Whole.

Bill (No. 20) intituled *Construction Prompt Payment Act* was again committed.

Clause 41 of Bill (No. 20) passed.

On clause 42 of Bill (No. 20).

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered later today.

By leave, *Larry Neufeld* presented a petition regarding emergency health care services in Tumbler Ridge.

Bill (No. 20) intituled *Construction Prompt Payment Act* was again committed.

Clause 42 of Bill (No. 20) passed *nemine contradicente* on the following division:

YEAS—87

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Dhir</i>	<i>McInnis</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Bird</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Kindy</i>	<i>McCall</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Stamer</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Tepper</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Banman</i>	<i>Mok</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Chapman</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Halford</i>	<i>Maahs</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Clare</i>	<i>Luck</i>
<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>Block</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Boyle</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Yung</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Brodie</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>Begg</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Sturko</i>
<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Arora</i>	<i>Giddens</i>	<i>Boulton</i>
<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Shah</i>	<i>Rattée</i>	

On clause 43 of Bill (No. 20).

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered later today.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 31) intituled *Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, was again committed.

Jeremy Valeriote moved a proposed amendment to clause 2 of Bill (No. 31) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—5

<i>Brar</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Shah</i>
<i>Chandra Herbert</i>			

YEAS—4

<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
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Clause 2 of Bill (No. 31) passed on the following division:

YEAS—5

<i>Popham</i>	<i>Yung</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Shah</i>
<i>Dix</i>			

NAYS—4

<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
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Clauses 3 through 5 and the title of Bill (No. 31) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 31) intituled *Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 31) the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—46

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Boyle</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Beare</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Ma</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Yung</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Arora</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Shah</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Chow</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Dhir</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Choi</i>		

NAYS—46

<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Clare</i>	<i>Bird</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>McCall</i>	<i>Luck</i>
<i>Warbus</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>Stamer</i>	<i>Block</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Banman</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Tepper</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Brodie</i>
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Chapman</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Giddens</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Sturko</i>
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Rattée</i>	<i>Loewen</i>	<i>Boulton</i>
<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Davis</i>		

The Speaker announced that the votes being equal, and given that Bill (No. 31) had passed earlier stages of consideration by the House with a majority of votes, he cast his vote in favour of the motion.

Bill (No. 31) read a third time and passed.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Bill (No. 25) intituled *Housing and Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, was committed.

Clause 1 of Bill (No. 25) passed on the following division:

YEAS—6

<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Boyle</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Choi</i>		

NAYS—3

<i>McCall</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>Luck</i>
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Clause 2 of Bill (No. 25) passed on the following division:

		YEAS—6	
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Boyle</i>		
		NAYS—3	
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>McCall</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	

Clause 3 of Bill (No. 25) passed.

Tony Luck moved a proposed amendment to clause 4 of Bill (No. 25) which was defeated, on division.

On clause 4 of Bill (No. 25).

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 25) intituled *Housing and Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered later today.
Committee to sit again later today.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

Bill (No. 20) intituled *Construction Prompt Payment Act* was again committed.

On clause 43 of Bill (No. 20).

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.
Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 25) intituled *Housing and Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, was again committed.

Clause 4 of Bill (No. 25) passed on the following division:

		YEAS—6	
<i>Popham</i>	<i>Yung</i>	<i>Shah</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Boyle</i>	<i>Gibson</i>		
		NAYS—3	
<i>Mok</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Luck</i>	

Clauses 5 through 8 of Bill (No. 25) passed.

On clause 9 of Bill (No. 25).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 25) intituled *Housing and Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.49 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, November 20, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Jeremy Valeriote*.

On the motion of *Dallas Brodie* that a bill intituled *National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Statute Repeal Act* be introduced and read a first time, the House divided.

Motion negatived on the following division:

NAYS—86

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Hepner</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Dhir</i>	<i>Giddens</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Rattée</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>McInnis</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Warbus</i>	<i>Bird</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Rustad</i>	<i>McCall</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Banman</i>	<i>Stamer</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Day</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Tepper</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Halford</i>	<i>Mok</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Boyle</i>	<i>Clare</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>Luck</i>
<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Yung</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>Block</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Begg</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Sturko</i>
<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Arora</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Boulton</i>
<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Shah</i>		

YEAS—3

<i>Brodie</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
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Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Speaker made a statement noting that supplementary questions in Oral Question Period must not introduce a new line of enquiry.

The Speaker made a statement regarding Practice Recommendation 5 with respect to limitations on statements made upon introduction of a bill.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

Bill (No. 20) intituled *Construction Prompt Payment Act* was again committed.

Clause 43 of Bill (No. 20) passed.

On clause 44 of Bill (No. 20).

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.
Bill to be considered at the next sitting .

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 25) intituled *Housing and Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, was again committed.

On clause 9 of Bill (No. 25).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 25) intituled *Housing and Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.52 a.m.

Thursday, November 20, 2025

ONE O’CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

Bill (No. 20) intituled *Construction Prompt Payment Act* was again committed.

Clauses 44 through 59 and the title of Bill (No. 20) passed.

Bill (No. 20) reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 21) intituled *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*, was again committed.

Clauses 6 through 9 of Bill (No. 21) passed.

On clause 10 of Bill (No. 21).

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.
Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE — SECTION A)

Bill (No. 25) intituled *Housing and Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, was again committed.

Clause 9 of Bill (No. 25) passed on the following division:

		YEAS — 5	
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Boyle</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>
<i>Bailey</i>			
		NAYS — 3	
<i>Mok</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Luck</i>	

Clause 10 of Bill (No. 25) passed on the following division:

		YEAS — 5	
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Boyle</i>
<i>Kang</i>			
		NAYS — 3	
<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Williams</i>	

Clauses 11 through 21 of Bill (No. 25) passed.

Clause 22 of Bill (No. 25) passed on the following division:

		YEAS — 5	
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Boyle</i>
<i>Kang</i>			
		NAYS — 3	
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Williams</i>	

Clause 23 and clause 24 of Bill (No. 25) passed.

Clause 25 of Bill (No. 25) passed on the following division:

		YEAS — 5	
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Boyle</i>
<i>Kang</i>			
		NAYS — 3	
<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Williams</i>	

On clause 26 of Bill (No. 25).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 25) intituled *Housing and Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 5.18 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Monday, November 24, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Lawrence Mok*.

Rosalyn Bird reserved her right to raise a question of privilege regarding correspondence from the Minister of Children and Family Development.

The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* rose on a point of order regarding the admissibility of Bill (No. M 219) intituled *Health Authorities Amendment Act, 2025*, with respect to Standing Orders 66 and 67.

Peter Milobar made representations.

The Speaker stated that he would take the matter under advisement and permit second reading of Bill (No. M 219) on a provisional basis.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 217) intituled *Dashboard Cameras in Commercial Vehicles Act*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, division on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 217) was deferred until 30 minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 219) intituled *Health Authorities Amendment Act, 2025*, a debate arose.

On the motion of *Rohini Arora*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.53 a.m.

Monday, November 24, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *Josie Osborne* (Minister of Health) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

WENDY COCCHIA
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 32) intituled *Mental Health Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
November 21, 2025.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of *Sheldon Clare*, Bill (No. M 224) intituled *Insurance (Vehicle) Amendment Act, 2025*, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

Tony Luck presented a petition regarding Harrison Lake seasonal Crown land leaseholders.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

72 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That a Special Committee on Police Complaints be appointed to conduct an audit respecting the outcome or resolution of randomly selected complaints and investigations, pursuant to section 51.2 of the *Police Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 367).

That the Special Committee have the powers of a Select Standing Committee and in addition be empowered to:

- a. appoint of its number one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Special Committee and to delegate to the subcommittees all or any of its powers except the power to report directly to the House;
- b. sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
- c. conduct consultations by any means the Special Committee considers appropriate;
- d. adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and,
- e. retain personnel as required to assist the Special Committee.

That the Special Committee report to the House within one year of its appointment, and that during a period of adjournment, the Special Committee deposit its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, or in the next following Session, as the case may be, the Chair present all reports to the House.

That the Special Committee be composed of the following Members: *Elenore Sturko* (Convener), *Garry Begg*, *Steve Kooner*, *Macklin McCall* and *Darlene Rotchford*.

Motion agreed to.

73 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That *Elenore Sturko* and *Jennifer Blatherwick* be removed as members of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

Motion agreed to.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

Bill (No. 21) intituled *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*, was again committed.

Clauses 10 through 25 and the title of Bill (No. 21) passed.

Bill (No. 21) reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 24) intituled *Vaping Product Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act* was committed.

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 24).

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, in consideration of second reading of Bill (No. M 217) intituled *Dashboard Cameras in Commercial Vehicles Act*, the House divided.

Motion agreed to *nemine contradicente* on the following division:

YEAS—91

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Kindy</i>	<i>McInnis</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Bird</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Warbus</i>	<i>McCall</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Stamer</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Banman</i>	<i>Day</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Tepper</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Mok</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Halford</i>	<i>Chapman</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Maahs</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Boyle</i>	<i>Clare</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>Luck</i>
<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Yung</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>Block</i>
<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Brodie</i>
<i>Begg</i>	<i>Arora</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Shah</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Giddens</i>	<i>Boulton</i>
<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Dhir</i>	<i>Rattée</i>	

Bill (No. M 217) read a second time and *Ordered* committed to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 25) intituled *Housing and Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, was again committed.

Clauses 26 through 32 of Bill (No. 25) passed.

Clause 33 of Bill (No. 25) passed on the following division:

		YEAS—6	
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Valeriotte</i>
<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Boyle</i>		
		NAYS—3	
<i>Mok</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>Williams</i>	

Clauses 34 through 49 of Bill (No. 25) passed.

A proposed amendment by *Gavin Dew* on the Order Paper to add clause 49.1 to Bill (No. 25) was ruled out of order.

Clause 50 and clause 51 of Bill (No. 25) passed.

A proposed amendment by *Gavin Dew* on the Order Paper to add clause 51.1 to Bill (No. 25) was ruled out of order.

Clause 52, clause 53 and the title of Bill (No. 25) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 25) intituled *Housing and Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, complete without amendment.

Bill (No. 25) read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 6.17 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Pete Davis*.

On the motion of *Dallas Brodie* that a bill intituled *Public Flags Display Act* be introduced and read a first time, the House divided.

Motion negatived on the following division:

NAYS—73

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>L. Neufeld</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Yung</i>	<i>Dew</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Paton</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Gasper</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Chan</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Arora</i>	<i>Toor</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Shah</i>	<i>Hepner</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Giddens</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Dhir</i>	<i>McInnis</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Wilson</i>	<i>McCall</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Warbus</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Luck</i>
<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Banman</i>	<i>Block</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Valeriot</i>
<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Halford</i>	<i>Sturko</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Boyle</i>	<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Boulton</i>
<i>Sandhu</i>			

YEAS—15

<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Brodie</i>
<i>Clare</i>	<i>Bird</i>	<i>Chapman</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>Stamer</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>Tepper</i>	<i>Williams</i>	

Rob Botterell rose on a point of order regarding the content of statements made upon introduction of a bill with respect to Practice Recommendation 5.

Dallas Brodie made representations.

The Speaker stated that he would take the matter under advisement.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

The Hon. *Brenda Bailey* rose on a point of order regarding unparliamentary remarks made by Members of the Fourth Party.

Dallas Brodie made representations.

The Speaker stated that he would take the matter under advisement.

Janet Routledge presented the Report of the Special Committee to Appoint Statutory Officers: Appointment of Ombudsperson for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament (Fourth), November 2025.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, *Janet Routledge* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, *Janet Routledge* moved—

That the Legislative Assembly recommend to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor that Sandra Hermiston be appointed as Ombudsperson, pursuant to section 2 of the *Ombudsperson Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 340), for a term of six years commencing on January 31, 2026.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section C of Committee of the Whole.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled *Mental Health Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*, a debate arose.

On the motion of *Claire Rattée*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 30) intituled *Employment Standards (Serious Illness or Injury Leave) Amendment Act, 2025*, was committed.

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 30).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 30) intituled *Employment Standards (Serious Illness or Injury Leave) Amendment Act, 2025*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Bill (No. 24) intituled *Vaping Product Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act* was again committed.

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 24).

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 24) intituled *Vaping Product Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.52 a.m.

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section C of Committee of the Whole.

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 32) intituled *Mental Health Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—46			
<i>Lore</i>	<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Boyle</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Beare</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Ma</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Yung</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Arora</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Shah</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Chow</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Dhir</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Choi</i>		
NAYS—46			
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Clare</i>	<i>Bird</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>McCall</i>	<i>Luck</i>
<i>Warbus</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>Stamer</i>	<i>Block</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Banman</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Tepper</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Brodie</i>
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Chapman</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Giddens</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Sturko</i>
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Rattée</i>	<i>Loewen</i>	<i>Boulton</i>
<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Davis</i>		

The Speaker announced that the votes being equal, and in accordance with established practice to allow further debate, he cast his vote in favour of the motion.

Bill (No. 32) read a second time and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for committal at the next sitting after today.

Bill (No. 29) intituled *Child, Family and Community Service Amendment Act, 2025*, was committed.

Rosalyn Bird moved a proposed amendment to clause 1 of Bill (No. 29).

On the proposed amendment to clause 1 of Bill (No. 29).

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 24) intituled *Vaping Product Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act* was again committed.

Brennan Day moved a proposed amendment to clause 1 of Bill (No. 24) which was defeated on the following division:

		NAYS—5	
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>Krieger</i>			
		YEAS—3	
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Williams</i>	

Anna Kindy moved a proposed amendment to clause 1 of Bill (No. 24) which was defeated on the following division:

		NAYS—5	
<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Shah</i>	<i>Chow</i>
<i>Higginson</i>			
		YEAS—3	
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Williams</i>	

Brennan Day moved a proposed amendment to clause 1 of Bill (No. 24) which was defeated on the following division:

		NAYS—5	
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Chow</i>
<i>Chandra Herbert</i>			
		YEAS—3	
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Williams</i>	

Clause 1 of Bill (No. 24) passed.

On clause 2 of Bill (No. 24).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 24) intituled *Vaping Product Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Bill (No. 30) intituled *Employment Standards (Serious Illness or Injury Leave) Amendment Act, 2025*, was again committed.

Kiel Giddens moved a proposed amendment to clause 1 of Bill (No. 30) which was defeated, on division.

Kiel Giddens moved a proposed amendment to clause 1 of Bill (No. 30) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—5

*Routledge
Neill*

Kahlon

Whiteside

Glumac

YEAS—3

L. Neufeld

Giddens

Maahs

Clauses 1 through 5 and the title of Bill (No. 30) passed.

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 30) intituled *Employment Standards (Serious Illness or Injury Leave) Amendment Act, 2025*, complete without amendment.

Bill (No. 30) read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 6.23 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, November 26, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Reann Gasper*.

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

On Tuesday, November 25, the Third Party House Leader raised a point of order regarding the introduction of a bill by the Leader of the Fourth Party. Specifically, the Third Party House Leader took issue with the scope of the introductory remarks offered by the Leader of the Fourth Party. The Chair thanks the Third Party House Leader and the Leader of the Fourth Party for their submissions and is now prepared to rule on the point of order.

The House may benefit from a historical perspective on the proceeding known as the introduction and first reading of a bill. As Members know, British Columbia adopted the Westminster parliamentary system, which is still adhered to in the U.K. House of Commons. In that institution, the practice remains that a bill is introduced by the reading of the short title of a bill and by an order for the bill to be printed. This is as succinct and focused as parliamentary procedure gets.

For over a century, this House followed the same practice, in accordance with Standing Order 74, which provides, “Every Bill shall be introduced upon motion specifying the title of the bill.”

In 1985, that practice changed upon the adoption of recommendations presented by a parliamentary committee. One of the evolutions in parliamentary procedure stemming from that came in the form of Practice Recommendation No. 5, which states, “Permit a statement not to exceed 2 minutes by the Member in charge of introduction of a Bill to explain its purpose. No further debate shall be permitted at this stage.”

As noted in *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 5th edition, at page 239, at introduction and first reading, a Member is expected to introduce the bill by stating its title and briefly outlining its purpose. This expectation is reflected in other parliamentary authorities that the Chair consulted.

For example, Beauchesne, 6th edition, at paragraph 645 states, “At this stage it is not permissible to argue the bill. Discussion on the bill’s merits may take place on the motion for the second reading. The Member is only permitted to explain the provisions of the bill in order that the House will understand its purport.”

As the Chair noted in guidance to the House on Thursday, November 20, the provisions of Practice Recommendation No. 5 are not to be abused to allow for the introduction of arguments that should otherwise be presented by Members in subsequent stages of debate on a bill.

As is the case with all Members of the House, the Chair does not have the benefit of viewing the contents of a bill upon introduction and first reading. So a Member’s remarks in relation to the bill’s contents may not always be clear. But it appears to the Chair that any Member is perfectly capable of providing a brief, objective overview of the contents of their bill without offering arguments or opinions—which, as noted, can be canvassed in subsequent stages of debate.

While the Chair tends to provide leniency, the Chair again wishes to assure the House that the Chair is prepared to intervene should a Member stray from these expectations at introduction and first reading of a bill.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

On the motion of *Tara Armstrong* that Bill (No. M 225) intituled *Secure Procurement in Respect of China Act* be introduced and read a first time, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—84

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Arora</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Shah</i>	<i>McInnis</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Bird</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Dhir</i>	<i>McCall</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Stamer</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Tepper</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Mok</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Maahs</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Banman</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Halford</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>Luck</i>
<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Clare</i>	<i>Block</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Boyle</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Brodie</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Yung</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>Begg</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Giddens</i>	<i>Sturko</i>
<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Rattée</i>	<i>Boulton</i>

NAYS—4

<i>Warbus</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Chan</i>
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Bill (No. M 225) introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of *Dana Lajeunesse*, Bill (No. M 226) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act (No. 2)*, 2025, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

On Tuesday, November 25, the Minister of Finance raised a point of order regarding remarks by the Fourth Party House Leader that she viewed to be unparliamentary. The Chair thanks the Minister of Finance and the Leader of the Fourth Party for their submissions and is now prepared to rule on the point of order.

Words spoken in this Chamber no doubt garner much attention and can shape broader dialogue about the issues of the day. This is a place of debate, where Members must be able to exchange views and ideas passionately and fiercely, and the Chair firmly believes that can be done in a respectful manner.

As noted in *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 5th edition, at page 151, “The codification of unparliamentary language is impractical, as the Speaker must consider the context in which the words were spoken—i.e., the person to whom the words were directed, the degree of provocation and whether or not the remarks created disorder in the House.”

If a Member believes that unparliamentary language was used, I invite them to rise on a point of order at the appropriate time to bring the infraction to the attention of the Chair so that it may be assessed on these criteria.

In the case of the submissions by the Minister of Finance and the Leader of the Fourth Party on the point of order raised yesterday, arguments offered amounted to debate, as they introduced various opinions unrelated to a breach of decorum. The perceived infractions could have been simply stated with a request that the Chair determine whether language used was unparliamentary.

As the Chair has stated many times before, the role of the Chair is limited to upholding the rules that govern the conduct of parliamentary proceedings, and to assessing whether they have been breached. To preserve the impartiality of the office the Chair holds, it is inappropriate to intervene in disputes between Members that, to put in simple terms, amount to tit for tat submissions to the Chair.

The Chair implores all Members to conduct and hold themselves to a standard that befits the high public office that they hold.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Á’a:liya Warbus rose on a point of order regarding the application of Standing Order 47A. (b) during Oral Question Period.

The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* made representations.

The Speaker stated that he would take the matter under advisement.

Steve Kooner presented a petition regarding the Queensborough school bus service.

The Hon. *Christine Boyle* (Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs) tabled the Islands Trust Annual Report, 2024/25.

Jennifer Blatherwick presented the Report of the Special Committee on Democratic and Electoral Reform, Toward a Stronger Democracy in BC, for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament (First), November 2025.

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, *Jennifer Blatherwick* moved that the Report be adopted.

A debate arose.

Motion agreed to.

The Hon. *Kelly Greene* (Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness) tabled the British Columbia Disaster and Climate Risk and Resilience Assessment Provincial Report, October 2025.

The Hon. *Adrian Dix* (Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions) tabled the Final Report of the CleanBC Independent Review Panel, Rising to the Moment, November 2025.

The Hon. *Niki Sharma* (Attorney General and Deputy Premier) tabled the Public Guardian and Trustee of British Columbia Annual Report, 2024-2025.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

Bill (No. 29) intituled *Child, Family and Community Service Amendment Act, 2025*, was again committed.

A proposed amendment by *Rosalyn Bird* to clause 1 of Bill (No. 29) was defeated.

Clause 1 and clause 2 of Bill (No. 29) passed.

Rosalyn Bird moved a proposed amendment to clause 3 of Bill (No. 29) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—48

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Boyle</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Ma</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Beare</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Yung</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Arora</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Shah</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Chow</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Dhir</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Valeriotte</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Botterell</i>

YEAS—40

<i>Wilson</i>	<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Rattée</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Warbus</i>	<i>Clare</i>	<i>Bird</i>	<i>Luck</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>McCall</i>	<i>Block</i>
<i>Banman</i>	<i>Gaspar</i>	<i>Stamer</i>	<i>Brodie</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Tepper</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Sturko</i>
<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Giddens</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>Boulton</i>

A proposed amendment by *Rosalyn Bird* to clause 3 of Bill (No. 29) was ruled out of order.

A proposed amendment by *Rosalyn Bird* to clause 3 of Bill (No. 29) was moved, and by leave, withdrawn.

On clause 3 of Bill (No. 29).

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.
Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 32) intituled *Mental Health Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*, was committed.

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 32).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 32) intituled *Mental Health Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.51 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, November 27, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Korky Neufeld*.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *Raj Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the Legislative Assembly Management Committee Report, 2024–25.

The Hon. *Brenda Bailey* (Minister of Finance) tabled the Budget 2025 Second Quarterly Report, November 2025.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

Bill (No. 29) intituled *Child, Family and Community Service Amendment Act, 2025*, was again committed.

Rosalyn Bird moved a proposed amendment to clause 3 of Bill (No. 29) which was defeated, on division.

On clause 3 of Bill (No. 29).

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.
Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 32) intituled *Mental Health Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*, was again committed.

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 32).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 32) intituled *Mental Health Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Thursday, November 27, 2025

ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

On Monday, November 24, the Government House Leader raised a point of order regarding the admissibility of Bill (No. M 219) intituled *Health Authorities Amendment Act, 2025*, standing in the name of the Member for North Island. The Chair thanks the Government House Leader and Member for Kamloops Centre for their submissions. The Chair has examined the submissions and the bill and is now prepared to rule on the point of order.

With respect to the direction being sought on the application of Standing Order 66, which pertains to the consideration of motions by the House, the Chair will not provide a ruling as Standing Order 66 is not applicable to the matter at hand, being Bill (No. M 219). Generally, Standing Order 66 applies to motions in the way that Standing Order 67 applies to bills.

Standing Order 67 provides, “It shall not be lawful for the House to adopt or pass any vote, resolution, address, or Bill for the appropriation of any part of the public revenue, or of any tax or impost, to any purpose that has not been first recommended to the House by Message of the Lieutenant-Governor in the Session in which such vote, resolution, address, or Bill is proposed.” As previously noted by the Chair, this stems from constitutional provisions that the House is bound by.

The Chair must decide whether Bill (No. M 219) is a money bill, thereby offending Standing Order 67 without an accompanying message of the Lieutenant Governor, or Royal Recommendation. As the Chair noted in previous guidance to the House, a Royal Recommendation is required if any provision in a Private Member’s bill would authorize a new and distinct charge to be effectively imposed on the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

In examining the contents of Bill (No. M 219), the Chair's read is that the bill requires health authority boards to determine time periods for a patient to receive certain forms of medical care, provide notice to patients when that time period cannot be met, and mandates related public reporting. The Chair must assess whether these requirements infringe on Standing Order 67.

The matter before the Chair is not clear-cut. Members will appreciate that the Chair took an unusually extended time to return to the House with a ruling, as the Chair wanted to become better acquainted with the existing statutory framework that Bill (No. M 219) seeks to amend.

On an annual basis, this House approves an appropriation for the withdrawal of funds from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the Ministry of Health, which provides funding to the health authorities. The funds a health authority receives fall under the control of its board, which has discretion on how those funds are used, subject to the statutory and regulatory regimes those boards are bound by. Bill (No. M 219) prescribes actions that the board must mandate within its health authority and obligations for the responsible Minister to report to the House on data transmitted by each board.

In the Chair's view, Bill (No. M 219) does not prescribe or impose in any specific terms required spending that would clearly constitute a new and distinct charge. The bill appears to mandate health authority boards with functions that align with those already permitted in the *Health Authorities Act*.

In consideration of the above, and based on available information and submissions presented to the Chair at this time, it is the ruling of the Chair that Bill (No. M 219) does not appear to offend Standing Order 67. As such, the bill will be permitted to proceed.

However, as a bill advances through the legislative stages of consideration, the Chair may again receive submissions on the admissibility of a bill reported from committee—specifically, in its reported form.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

Bill (No. 29) intituled *Child, Family and Community Service Amendment Act, 2025*, was again committed.

Rosalyn Bird moved a proposed amendment to clause 3 of Bill (No. 29) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—47

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Ma</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Yung</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Beare</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Arora</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Shah</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Chow</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Dhir</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Boyle</i>	

YEAS—37

<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Clare</i>	<i>Rattée</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Banman</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Bird</i>	<i>Luck</i>
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>McCall</i>	<i>Block</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Stamer</i>	<i>Brodie</i>
<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Giddens</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Boulton</i>
<i>Dew</i>			

Rosalyn Bird moved a proposed amendment to clause 3 of Bill (No. 29) which was defeated, on division.

On clause 3 of Bill (No. 29).

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.
Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 32) intituled *Mental Health Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*, was again committed.

A proposed amendment by *Claire Rattée* to add clause .01 to Bill (No. 32) was ruled out of order.

Claire Rattée moved a proposed amendment to clause 1 of Bill (No. 32) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—5

<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>
<i>Osborne</i>			

YEAS—4

<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
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On clause 1 of Bill (No. 32).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 32) intituled *Mental Health Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.
Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

His Honour the Administrator having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair—

Kate Ryan-Lloyd, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 20) *Construction Prompt Payment Act*.

Bill (No. 21) *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*.

Bill (No. 25) *Housing and Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*.

Bill (No. 30) *Employment Standards (Serious Illness or Injury Leave) Amendment Act, 2025*.

Bill (No. 31) *Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*.

His Honour was pleased in His Majesty's name to give assent to the said Acts.

The said assent was announced by *Kate Ryan-Lloyd*, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, in the following words:

"In His Majesty's name, His Honour the Administrator doth assent to these Acts."

His Honour the Administrator was then pleased to retire.

By notice from *Tara Armstrong* to the Table, notice to introduce a Bill intituled *Freedom Convoy Recognition Day Act* was withdrawn from the Order Paper.

And then the House adjourned at 5.09 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Monday, December 1, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Susie Chant*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 219) intituled *Health Authorities Amendment Act, 2025*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 25, division on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 219) was deferred until 30 minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 226) intituled *Motor Vehicle Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*, a debate arose.

On the motion of *Korky Neufeld*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Monday, December 1, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

By leave, *Á'a:liya Warbus* tabled documents regarding the point of order raised on November 26, 2025, with respect to the application of Standing Order 47A (b) during Oral Question Period.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That, pursuant to Standing Order 16 (4),

a. the deferred division for the motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 219) intituled *Health Authorities Amendment Act, 2025*, be further deferred until the start of Orders of the Day for the afternoon sitting on Tuesday, December 2, 2025; and,

b. any division called in Section B during the afternoon sitting on Monday, December 1, 2025, and the morning sitting on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, be deferred until the start of Orders of the Day for the afternoon sitting on Tuesday, December 2, 2025.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—48

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Boyle</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Ma</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Beare</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Yung</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Arora</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Shah</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Chow</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Dhir</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Botterell</i>

NAYS—40

<i>Wilson</i>	<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Giddens</i>	<i>Maahs</i>
<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Rattée</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Warbus</i>	<i>Clare</i>	<i>Bird</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>McCall</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Banman</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>Stamer</i>	<i>Luck</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Block</i>
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Tepper</i>	<i>Brodie</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Chapman</i>	<i>Kealy</i>

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

Bill (No. 29) intituled *Child, Family and Community Service Amendment Act, 2025*, was again committed.

Rosalyn Bird moved a proposed amendment to clause 3 of Bill (No. 29) which was defeated, on division.

A proposed amendment by *Rosalyn Bird* to clause 3 of Bill (No. 29) was defeated.

Pursuant to the motion adopted earlier today with respect to Standing Order 16 (4), division on a proposed amendment by *Rosalyn Bird* to clause 3 of Bill (No. 29) was deferred to the afternoon sitting on Tuesday, December 2, 2025.

Clause 3 of Bill (No. 29) stood down.

Clause 4 and clause 5 of Bill (No. 29) passed.

Rosalyn Bird moved a proposed amendment to clause 6 of Bill (No. 29) which was defeated, on division.

Pursuant to the motion adopted earlier today with respect to Standing Order 16 (4), division on a proposed amendment by *Rosalyn Bird* to clause 6 of Bill (No. 29) was deferred to the afternoon sitting on Tuesday, December 2, 2025.

Clause 6 of Bill (No. 29) stood down.

Clause 7 of Bill (No. 29) passed.

On clause 3 and clause 6 of Bill (No. 29) as stood down.

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Bill (No. 24) intituled *Vaping Product Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act* was again committed.

Brennan Day moved a proposed amendment to clause 2 of Bill (No. 24) which was defeated, on division.

On clause 2 of Bill (No. 24).

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 32) intituled *Mental Health Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*, was again committed.

Clause 1 of Bill (No. 32) passed.

A proposed amendment by *Claire Rattée* to add clause 2.01 to Bill (No. 32) was defeated.

Claire Rattée moved a proposed amendment to add clause 2.01 to Bill (No. 32) which was defeated, on division.

Claire Rattée moved a proposed amendment to clause 2 of Bill (No. 32) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—6

*Routledge
Osborne*

*Kang
Choi*

Greene

Valeriote

YEAS—3

Kooner

Mok

Williams

Claire Rattée moved a proposed amendment to clause 2 of Bill (No. 32) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—5			
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Greene</i>
<i>Osborne</i>			
YEAS—4			
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>

Clause 2 of Bill (No. 32) passed.

A proposed amendment by *Claire Rattée* to add clause 2.2 to Bill (No. 32) was ruled out of order.

A proposed amendment by *Claire Rattée* to add clause 2.3 to Bill (No. 32) was ruled out of order.

A proposed amendment by *Claire Rattée* to add clause 2.4 to Bill (No. 32) was ruled out of order.

A proposed amendment by *Claire Rattée* to add clause 3.01 to Bill (No. 32) was ruled out of order.

A proposed amendment by *Claire Rattée* to add clause 3.03 to Bill (No. 32) was ruled out of order.

Jeremy Valeriote moved a proposed amendment to clause 3 of Bill (No. 32) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—5			
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Greene</i>
<i>Osborne</i>			
YEAS—4			
<i>Mok</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>

On clause 3 of Bill (No. 32).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 32) intituled *Mental Health Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.26 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by the Hon. *Christine Boyle*.

On the motion of *Jeremy Valeriote*, Bill (No. M 227) intituled *Business Practices and Consumer Protection (Greenwashing Prevention) Amendment Act, 2025*, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

On the motion of *Tara Armstrong*, that Bill (No. M 228) intituled *Freedom Convoy Recognition Day Act* be introduced and read a first time, the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—87			
<i>Lore</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Rattée</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Dhir</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Wilson</i>	<i>McInnis</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Bird</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>McCall</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Warbus</i>	<i>Stamer</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Tepper</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Banman</i>	<i>Mok</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Chapman</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Maahs</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Halford</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Clare</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Boyle</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>Luck</i>
<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>Block</i>
<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Yung</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Brodie</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>Begg</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Sturko</i>
<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Arora</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Boulton</i>
<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Shah</i>	<i>Giddens</i>	
NAYS—2			
<i>Valeriote</i>	<i>Botterell</i>		

Bill (No. M 228) introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Á'a:liya Warbus raised a question of privilege regarding the effective use of time during House proceedings.

Dallas Brodie made representations.

The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* made representations.

The Speaker stated that he would take the matter under advisement.

On the motion of *Peter Milobar*, Bill (No. M 229) intituled *Low Carbon Fuels Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for “Members’ Statements.”

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

On Wednesday, November 26, the Official Opposition House Leader raised a point of order regarding the use of time for answers during Oral Question Period, specifically, in relation to Standing Order 47A (b), which provides, in part, “questions and answers shall be brief and precise.” The Chair thanks the Official Opposition House Leader and the Government House Leader for their submissions,

including the additional written submission provided by the Official Opposition House Leader on Monday, December 1. The Chair is now prepared to rule on the point of order.

Ideally, a 30-minute Oral Question Period attains a balance of 15 minutes of questions and 15 minutes of answers, though the Standing Orders do not prescribe a time limit for questions or answers. The Chair has observed that questions and answers often vary in length and detail, and the Chair appreciates that there may be a natural inclination to provide context to a question or an answer.

The Chair has examined the use of time during Oral Question Period during the fall sitting period, and the data indeed reveals an incommensurate amount of time taken up by answers provided by some Ministers. The point of order by the Official Opposition House Leader is therefore well taken.

The Chair expects Ministers to take note of the length of a question they are responding to and to strive to provide a proportional answer whenever possible. The Chair will continue to monitor the use of time during Oral Question Period and will aim to ensure a better balance.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

Tony Luck sought leave to move Motion 75.

Leave not granted.

Sheldon Clare sought leave to move a motion.

Leave not granted.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

Bill (No. 24) intituled *Vaping Product Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act* was again committed.

Clause 2 of Bill (No. 24) passed.

Anna Kindy moved a proposed amendment to clause 3 of Bill (No. 24) which was defeated, on division.

Clause 3 of Bill (No. 24) passed.

On clause 4 of Bill (No. 24).

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.
Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 32) intituled *Mental Health Amendment Act (No. 2)*, 2025, was again committed.

Claire Rattée moved a proposed amendment to clause 3 of Bill (No. 32).

On the proposed amendment to clause 3 of Bill (No. 32.)

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 32) intituled *Mental Health Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 11.51 a.m.

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to the motion adopted on December 1, 2025, with respect to Standing Order 16 (4), the House proceeded to deferred divisions.

The motion for second reading of Bill (No. M 219) intituled *Health Authorities Amendment Act, 2025*, was negatived on the following deferred division:

NAYS—48

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Boyle</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Ma</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Beare</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Yung</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Arora</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Shah</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Chow</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Dhir</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Botterell</i>

YEAS—43

<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Rattée</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Clare</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Warbus</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>Bird</i>	<i>Luck</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>McCall</i>	<i>Block</i>
<i>Banman</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Stamer</i>	<i>Brodie</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Tepper</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Sturko</i>
<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>Boultebe</i>
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Giddens</i>	<i>Williams</i>	

Bill (No. 29) intituled *Child, Family and Community Service Amendment Act, 2025*, was again committed.

The proposed amendment moved by *Rosalyn Bird* to clause 3 of Bill (No. 29) was defeated on the following deferred division:

NAYS—48

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Boyle</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Ma</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Beare</i>	<i>Morisette</i>	<i>Yung</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Arora</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Shah</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Chow</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Dhir</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Sturko</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Boulton</i>

YEAS—42

<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Rattée</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Clare</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Warbus</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>Bird</i>	<i>Luck</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>McCall</i>	<i>Block</i>
<i>Banman</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Stamer</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Tepper</i>	<i>Brodie</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Giddens</i>		

The proposed amendment moved by *Rosalyn Bird* to clause 6 of Bill (No. 29) was defeated on the following deferred division:

NAYS—50

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Morisette</i>	<i>Yung</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Beare</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Arora</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Shah</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Chow</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Dhir</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Boyle</i>	<i>Sturko</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>Boulton</i>
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Elmore</i>		

YEAS—39

<i>Wilson</i>	<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Giddens</i>	<i>Maahs</i>
<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Rattée</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Warbus</i>	<i>Clare</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>Bird</i>	<i>Luck</i>
<i>Banman</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>McCall</i>	<i>Block</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Stamer</i>	<i>Brodie</i>
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Tepper</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Mok</i>	

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered later today.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A and Section C of Committee of the Whole.

Bill (No. 24) intituled *Vaping Product Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act* was again committed.

Anna Kindy moved a proposed amendment to clause 4 of Bill (No. 24).

On the proposed amendment to clause 4 of Bill (No. 24).

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered later today.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 32) intituled *Mental Health Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*, was again committed.

The proposed amendment moved by *Claire Rattée* to clause 3 of Bill (No. 32) was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—5			
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>Osborne</i>			
YEAS—4			
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Botterell</i>

Clause 3 and the title of Bill (No. 32) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 32) intituled *Mental Health Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*, complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 32) the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—45			
<i>Lore</i>	<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Boyle</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Beare</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Ma</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Yung</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Arora</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Shah</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Chow</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Dhir</i>
<i>Davidson</i>			

NAYS—41

Wilson
Kindy
Milobar
Warbus
Banman
Wat
Kooner
Halford
Hartwell
L. Neufeld
Van Popta

Dew
Clare
K. Neufeld
Bhangu
Paton
Gasper
Chan
Toor
Hepner
Giddens

Rattée
Davis
McInnis
Bird
McCall
Stamer
Day
Tepper
Mok
Maahs

Williams
Loewen
Dhaliwal
Doerkson
Luck
Block
Botterell
Brodie
Armstrong
Kealy

Bill (No. 32) read a third time and passed.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

Bill (No. 29) intituled *Child, Family and Community Service Amendment Act, 2025*, was again committed.

A proposed amendment by *Rosalyn Bird* to clause 3 of Bill (No. 29) was defeated.

On clause 3 of Bill (No. 29).

Section C of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 29) intituled *Child, Family and Community Service Amendment Act, 2025*, and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered later today.

Committee to sit again later today.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

Bill (No. 24) intituled *Vaping Product Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act* was again committed.

The proposed amendment moved by *Anna Kindy* to clause 4 of Bill (No. 24) was ruled out of order.

Clauses 4 through 9 of Bill (No. 24) passed.

A proposed amendment by *Anna Kindy* to clause 10 of Bill (No. 24) was defeated.

Clauses 10 through 16 of Bill (No. 24) passed.

A proposed amendment by *Brennan Day* to clause 17 of Bill (No. 24) was defeated.

Clause 17, clause 18 and the title of Bill (No. 24) passed.

Bill (No. 24) reported complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 24) the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—49

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Ma</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Beare</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Yung</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Arora</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Shah</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Chow</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Dhir</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Kindy</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Valeriote</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Boyle</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Parmar</i>			

NAYS—42

<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Clare</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Warbus</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>Bird</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>McCall</i>	<i>Luck</i>
<i>Banman</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Stamer</i>	<i>Block</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Brodie</i>
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Tepper</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>Sturko</i>
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Giddens</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Boulton</i>
<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Rattée</i>		

Bill (No. 24) read a third time and passed.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 29) intituled *Child, Family and Community Service Amendment Act, 2025*, was again committed.

Rosalyn Bird moved a proposed amendment to clause 3 of Bill (No. 29) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—5

<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>Sunner</i>			

YEAS—3

<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Williams</i>
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Clause 3, clause 6 and the title of Bill (No. 29) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 29) intituled *Child, Family and Community Service Amendment Act, 2025*, complete without amendment.

Bill (No. 29) read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 28) intituled *Business Practices and Consumer Protection Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*, was committed.

Clauses 1 through 4 of Bill (No. 28) passed.

On clause 5 of Bill (No. 28).

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

And then the House adjourned at 6.26 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Darlene Rotchford*.

On the motion of *Amelia Boulton*, Bill (No. M 230) intituled *Recall and Initiative Amendment Act, 2025*, was introduced, read a first time, and *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *Jagrup Brar* (Minister of Mining and Critical Minerals), on behalf of the Hon. *Randene Neill* (Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship), tabled the Provincial Health Officer Annual Report of Activities Under the *Drinking Water Protection Act* in BC for the Fiscal Year 2023/24.

The Hon. *Niki Sharma* (Attorney General and Deputy Premier) tabled the following documents:
Report on Multiculturalism, 2023/24; and,
Civil Resolution Tribunal Annual Report, 2024/2025.

The Hon. *Adrian Dix* (Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions) tabled the Climate Change Accountability Report, 2025.

Jordan Kealy sought leave to move Motion 77.

Leave not granted.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Bill (No. 28) intituled *Business Practices and Consumer Protection Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*, was again committed.

A proposed amendment by *Steve Kooner* to clause 5 of Bill (No. 28) was defeated.

Clause 5 of Bill (No. 28) passed.

A proposed amendment by *Steve Kooner* to clause 6 of Bill (No. 28) was defeated.

Steve Kooner moved a proposed amendment to clause 6 of Bill (No. 28) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—46

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Boyle</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Beare</i>	<i>Morisette</i>	<i>Ma</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Yung</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Arora</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Shah</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Chow</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Dhir</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Choi</i>		

YEAS—38

<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Clare</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>Bird</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Warbus</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>McCall</i>	<i>Luck</i>
<i>Banman</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Stamer</i>	<i>Block</i>
<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Brodie</i>
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<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Giddens</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>Boulton</i>
<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Rattée</i>		

Clauses 6 through 21 of Bill (No. 28) passed.

A proposed amendment by the Hon. *Niki Sharma* (Attorney General and Deputy Premier) to clause 22 of Bill (No. 28) passed.

Clause 22, as amended, of Bill (No. 28) passed.

Clauses 23 through 27 and the title of Bill (No. 28) passed.

Bill (No. 28) reported complete with amendment, and by leave, read a third time and passed.

Bill (No. 22) intituled *Statutes Act* was committed.

Clauses 1 through 38 and the title of Bill (No. 22) passed.

Bill (No. 22) reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

Honourable Members:

On Tuesday, December 2, the Official Opposition House Leader raised a question of privilege regarding the use of parliamentary time. In essence, the Official Opposition House Leader took objection

to the use of certain procedural tools that she believes impede the good use of time and therefore constitute a breach of privilege. The Chair thanks the Official Opposition House Leader, the Leader of the Fourth Party, and the Government House Leader for their submissions. The Chair is now prepared to rule on the question of privilege.

Once a question of privilege has been raised by a Member, it is the duty of the Chair to determine whether a *prima facie* breach of the individual privileges of a Member, or the collective privileges of the House, has occurred.

The Chair recognizes that the fall sitting period has cast new light on the procedures that govern the conduct of parliamentary proceedings. It is not the role of the Chair to determine whether the use of the gardening tools within this garden of democracy, as it was once described by a long-serving Member, constitute a good use of the House's time.

The rules that govern how this House undertakes its work are in the hands of the House itself. It seems to the Chair that, in their submissions, the Official Opposition House Leader, the Leader of the Fourth Party, and the Government House Leader offered suggestions on possible refinements to our parliamentary practices. If the rules of procedure no longer serve the needs of Members, that is a determination for the House itself to make by way of a substantive motion, and for the Chair to thereafter uphold.

With respect to the question of privilege raised by the Official Opposition House Leader, it is the ruling of the Chair that a *prima facie* breach of privilege has not occurred.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Bill (No. 23) intituled *Regulations Act* was committed.

Clauses 1 through 82, the schedules and the title of Bill (No. 23) passed.

Bill (No. 23) reported complete without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The Hon. *Jodie Wickens* (Minister of Children and Family Development) made a statement clarifying comments made earlier today in Oral Question Period.

By leave, the Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That *Garry Begg* replace *Amshen / Joan Phillip* as a member of the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth.

Motion agreed to.

The Speaker declared a short recess.

His Honour the Administrator having entered the House, and being seated in the Chair—

Kate Ryan-Lloyd, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, read the titles to the following Acts:

Bill (No. 22) *Statutes Act*.

Bill (No. 23) *Regulations Act*.

Bill (No. 24) *Vaping Product Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act*.

Bill (No. 28) *Business Practices and Consumer Protection Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*.

Bill (No. 29) *Child, Family and Community Service Amendment Act, 2025*.

Bill (No. 32) *Mental Health Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*.

His Honour was pleased in His Majesty's name to give assent to the said Acts.

The said assent was announced by *Kate Ryan-Lloyd*, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, in the following words:

“In His Majesty’s name, His Honour the Administrator doth assent to these Acts.”

His Honour the Administrator was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved —

1. That the House, at its rising, do stand adjourned until it appears to the satisfaction of the Speaker, after consultation with the government, that the public interest requires that the House shall meet, or until the Speaker may be advised by the government that it is desired to prorogue the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament of the Province of British Columbia. The Speaker shall give notice to all Members that he is so satisfied or has been so advised, and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice, and, as the case may be, may transact its business as if it has been duly adjourned to that time and date.

2. That, by agreement of the Speaker and the House Leaders of each recognized caucus, the location of sittings and means of conducting sittings of this House may be altered if required due to an emergency situation or public health measures, and that such agreement constitute the authorization of the House to proceed in the manner agreed to. The Speaker shall give notice to all Members of the agreement and shall table it for it to be printed in the Votes and Proceedings of the House at the next sitting.

3. That, in the event of the Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, the Deputy Speaker shall act in their stead for the purpose of this order; in the event that the Deputy Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, the Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole shall act in their stead for the purpose of this order; and in the event that the Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, another Member designated collectively by the House Leaders of each recognized caucus shall act in their stead for the purpose of this order.

Motion agreed to.

4 Reply to *Lynne Block* from the Hon. Minister of Education and Child Care to written questions on notice: —

1. Transfers: Could you please provide a written breakdown of the \$63,527 million in transfers, specifying each partner organization and the initiatives or services they are funding?

Response:

Transfers to Other Partners / Initiatives	Recipients	Amounts (000)
First Nations Reciprocal Tuition	Band Schools	\$ 24,813
Public Education Benefit Trust	Public Education Benefits Trust Fund	\$ 19,428
School Food Program	FNESC	\$ 75
Provincial Scholarship Program	Award Recipients	\$ 15,600
Future Ready Action Plan	Post-secondary schools, FNESC, BCSSA, Métis Nation BC, Education and Employers Taskforce, BCPSEA	\$ 2,075
Work in Trades Awards	Award Recipients	\$ 150
BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils	THE B.C. CONFEDERATION OF PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS	\$ 100

Transfers to Other Partners / Initiatives	Recipients	Amounts (000)
First Nations Education Steering Committee	FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION STEERING COMMITTEE SOCIETY	\$ 115
Early Learning Development Instrument	UBC HELP	\$ 400
School Based Child Care	School Districts	\$ 771
		Total: \$ 63,527

2. B.C. training and education savings program special account: Regarding the \$30,001,000 allocated to the B.C. training and education savings program special account, can you please provide a detailed breakdown of what this funding covers and how it impacts training and education?

Response:

a. B.C. training and education savings program special account helps families get a head start towards saving for their child's post-secondary education.

b. The program offers families a one-time grant of \$1,200 to start putting money aside for their child's future education.

3. *Teachers Act* special account: Could you please confirm the accurate net amount for the *Teachers Act* special account and clarify the reason for the difference between the figures presented on page 63 and the financial overview?

Response:

The *Teachers Act* special account estimate amounts are \$8.6 million for 2024–25 and \$9.082 million for 2025–26. These numbers in the Financial Summary section of the “2025–26 – 2027–28 Service Plan, March 2025” (page 18) align with the figures presented on page 63 of the “Estimates Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2026.”

4. EAs for K to 3: Of the \$370 million allocated to support K-to-12 education, could you specify the amount earmarked for the commitment of an education assistant in every kindergarten-to-grade-3 classroom, and can you please provide a projected timeline for full implementation across the province?

Response:

a. Government is committed to supporting districts to increase the number of EAs in schools.

b. 80% of K-3 classes throughout B.C. currently have education assistant support; we're working closely with B.C.'s education partners to explore ways to support hiring more EAs.

5. Early intervention and literacy screening: Could you please provide data on the number of children screened to date under the \$30 million early intervention program, the number still awaiting screening, and details regarding the government's commitment to ongoing funding for this program beyond the initial three years? What metrics will be used to evaluate the program's success over the three-year period to inform decisions about future funding?

Response:

a. It is mandatory for all kindergarten students in B.C. public schools to be screened for literacy to determine where they are in their development of reading skills.

b. There is no waitlist for literacy screening.

6. SOGI resources age-appropriateness: Could you please provide specific details regarding the criteria being developed within the provincial framework to ensure SOGI resources in schools are age-appropriate and focused solely on anti-bullying, and what is the anticipated timeline for the implementation of this SOGI-specific guidance? What will be the consultation process involved in developing this framework and which stakeholders will be involved?

Response:

a. School districts across the province are already required to have clear resource selection policies in place.

b. We've heard there is some confusion around existing policy, and the Ministry is working extensively with K-12 education partners to refine the guidance to better reflect the complexities of the various resources that are available today.

7. The allocation of the \$9 billion between Education and Child Care: Could you please provide specific breakdowns of the \$9 billion (both for operating expenses and ministry operations) between the Education and Child Care branches in the current budget? How "fluid" is this allocation process and what is the specific criteria used to determine the amounts for different categories?

Response:

The \$9.828 billion includes:

- a. over \$8.2 billion (8,216) for public schools;
- b. almost \$64 million for other partners;
- c. \$54 million for ministry administration;
- d. \$30 million for B.C. training and education savings program;
- e. approximately \$589 million for independent schools;
- f. over \$9 million (9,082) for *Teachers Act* special account; and,
- g. over \$866 million for child care.

8. School districts' budget cuts: As the Minister stated that the budget remained the same, please outline projected impacts the Education Ministry anticipates with the removal of the carbon tax revenue and school districts' future financial stability.

Response:

a. Since day one, our government has been committed to public education, making record investments in the K-12 system year over year.

b. Questions about the removal of the carbon tax are best directed to the Ministry of Finance.

9. Shift away from letter grades: Has the Ministry collected any data or feedback from parents, teachers, and/or students regarding their understanding and perception of the proficiency scale compared to traditional letter grades? Are there any plans to re-evaluate the effectiveness of the current grading policy?

Response:

a. B.C.'s reporting policy is in line with other provinces across the country who have adopted this modern approach to student reporting.

b. To ensure seamless transitions to post-secondary institutions and career programs following graduation, letter grades and percentages continue to be used on report cards for students in grades 10-12.

10. PISA and FSA results: The PISA and FSA results show dips in numeracy and literacy. As the Minister acknowledged these concerns, is the Ministry looking at any specific strategies or interventions that the Ministry may plan to implement to address these declining scores, beyond the existing literacy and numeracy funding?

Response:

a. B.C. students continue to perform among the best in the world in math, science and reading.

b. We have prioritized developing resources like the BC Learning Pathways, which help teachers develop students' important literacy and numeracy skills.

c. BC Learning Pathways is a series of resources that emphasize foundational skills in reading, writing, oral language and math as well as critical thinking and communication skills from K-12.

11. Mental health of children and youth: As the government has committed to a counsellor in every school, please provide a more concrete timeline or targets for achieving this goal. How will the Ministry measure the impact of increased mental health supports on student well-being?

Response:

The Ministry is working hard to deliver on important mandate priorities including expanding counseling resources in schools. There has been significant progress to improve access to mental health supports for students, educators and families through our government's annual \$3 million Mental Health in Schools Grant.

12. Mental health of teachers: Could the Ministry provide specific data regarding teacher burnout and retention, and how the effectiveness of any initiatives in addressing these issues, will be evaluated?

Response:

As the employers, questions around data and retention rates should be directed to individual school districts.

13. MyEdBC: Does the Ministry have any plans for upgrades or improvements to the system to address the ongoing frustrations reported by teachers?

Response:

MyEdBC is highly customized based on sector feedback. The Ministry implements weekly upgrades through an agile change request process.

14. Select Standing Committee on Education: Will the Minister support the reinstatement of the standing education committee, which has not met since 2006? If so, what steps would need to be taken to make this happen?

Response:

This is not currently part of the mandate for the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

7 Reply to *Heather Maahs* from the Hon. Minister of Education and Child Care to written questions on notice: —

1. What is the Ministry's estimate of the number of additional child care spaces expected to be created through the expansion of child care on school grounds beyond the changes made under the *Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2020*?

Response:

Since 2018, our government has funded more than 14,700 new spaces on school grounds. Boards know their communities best and it's up to them to choose to expand their offer of child care on school grounds. We know many districts are excited to dive into this work with their communities—some school districts are already far ahead in planning and execution, while other districts will need a bit more time to determine what their needs are.

2. How many new child care spaces were created through the New Spaces Fund and the Start-Up Grant program using Government of Canada Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CW-ELCC) funding during the 2022/23 fiscal year?

Response:

Throughout the province, there are now 169,900 licensed child care spaces, which is 48%—or 56,000 spaces—more than when our government introduced the ChildCareBC plan and made child care a priority. In 2022/23 fiscal year, 3,922 New Spaces Fund spaces and 829 Start-Up Grant spaces were created for a total of 4,751 spaces, of which 2,701 spaces were funded through CW-ELCC. Of note, Start-Up Grant spaces are provincially funded and did not utilize funding received through the CW-ELCC.3. How many new child care spaces were created through the New Spaces Fund and the Start-Up Grant program using Government of Canada Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CW-ELCC) funding during the 2023/24 fiscal year?

Response:

Throughout the province, there are now 169,900 licensed child care spaces, which is 48%—or 56,000 spaces—more than when our government introduced the ChildCareBC plan and made child care a priority. In 2023/24 fiscal year, 5,315 New Spaces Fund spaces and 1,312 Start-Up Grant spaces were created for a total of 6,627 spaces, of which 3,325 were funded through CW-ELCC. Of note, Start-Up Grant spaces are provincially funded and did not utilize funding received through the CW-ELCC.

4. How many new child care spaces were created through the New Spaces Fund and the Start-Up Grant program using Government of Canada Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CW-ELCC) funding during the 2024/25 fiscal year?

Response:

Throughout the province, there are now 169,900 licensed child care spaces, which is 48%—or 56,000 spaces—more than when our government introduced the ChildCareBC plan and made child care a priority. In 2024/25 fiscal year, 2,001 New Spaces Fund spaces and 1,735 Start-Up Grant spaces were created for a total of 3,736 spaces, of which 1,342 were funded through CW-ELCC. Of note, Start-Up Grant spaces are provincially funded and did not utilize funding received through the CW-ELCC.

5. Since the signing of the Canada-British Columbia Early Learning and Child Care Agreement in 2021, how many Action Plans—including all formal, draft, interim, amended, supplemental or otherwise unplanned or ad hoc submissions—have been submitted by the province to the government of Canada; and of these, how many were approved, how many were rejected and how many were amended at the request of either party?

Response:

B.C. submitted a 2021/22 – 2022/23 Action Plan and a 2023/24 – 2025/26 Action Plan to Canada under the Canada-British Columbia Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CW-ELCC) Agreement. No Action Plan submission has been rejected by Canada, and neither has an Action Plan been amended.

6. What were the dates of submission, approval, amendment or rejection for each Action Plan or related submission described in question 5?

Response:

The 2021/22 – 2022/23 Action Plan was included as an annex to the CW-ELCC Agreement, which was signed in July 2021. B.C. received Canada's approval of the 2023/24 – 2025/26 CW-ELCC Action Plan on Nov. 29, 2023.

7. Section 5.1 of the Canada-British Columbia Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement requires the province to publicly release its Action Plans. Why have the Action Plans for fiscal years 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26 not been publicly released, and when will each be made public?

Response:

The Action Plan for 2022/23 forms part of the 2021/22 – 2022/23 Action Plan and was included as an annex to the CW-ELCC Agreement that was signed in July 2021. This Action Plan is already publicly available.

The 2023/24 – 2025/26 Action Plan will be annexed to the CW-ELCC Agreement. B.C. has been informed by government of Canada that the Action Plan is in queue for translation by federal authorities, which needs to be completed before the Action Plan can be publicly released. Furthermore, annual reports on progress and results achieved under the Canada-B.C. ELCC Agreement can be found easily available online for fiscal years 2021–2022, 2022–2023 and 2023–2024.

And then the House adjourned at 5.04 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Thursday, February 12, 2026

TWELVE O'CLOCK P.M.

Prayers and Reflections by the Hon. *Kelly Greene*.

The House observed a moment of silence in recognition of the tragic events in Tumbler Ridge.

The Hon. *Raj Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the following documents:

Human Rights Commissioner Report, Un(mediated): Report of the Inquiry into the Exclusion of Media from the April 2023 Hastings Decampment, February 2026;

Merit Commissioner Report, Merit Performance Audit Report, Upholding Fair Hiring in the BC Public Service, 2024/25, December 2025;

Ombudsperson Special Report No. 59, Stamp of Approval: Delivering Income and Assistance Cheques during a Postal Strike, December 2025;

Ombudsperson Special Report No. 60, Open Meetings: Best Practice Guide for Local Governments, Second Edition, January 2026;

Ombudsperson Special Report No. 61, Holding Pattern: Call Wait Times for Income and Disability Assistance, January 2026;

Ombudsperson Special Report No. 62, Committed to Change: Protecting the Rights of Involuntary Patients Under the *Mental Health Act*, January 2026; and,

Representative for Children and Youth Report, Putting Children and Youth at the Centre: Reforming and Modernizing the *Mental Health Act* for Children and Youth, December 2025.

By leave, the Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That the written agreement between the Government House Leader, the Official Opposition House Leader, and the Third Party House Leader, dated January 6, 2026, be ratified, confirming the following membership changes effective January 13, 2026:

That *Gavin Dew* replace *Trevor Halford* as a Member of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

That the written agreement between the Government House Leader, the Official Opposition House Leader, and the Third Party House Leader, dated January 6, 2026, be ratified, confirming the following membership changes effective January 13, 2026:

That *Bruce Banman* replace *Rosalyn Bird* as a Member of the Special Committee to Review the *Public Interest Disclosure Act* for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament.

Motion agreed to.

The Honourable WENDY COCCHIA, Lieutenant Governor of the Province, having entered the House, took her seat on the Throne and was pleased to deliver the following gracious speech:

Honourable Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

In closing this First Session of the Forty-third Parliament of British Columbia, on behalf of all British Columbians, I note that in this Session we enacted 33 bills covering areas of substance and importance to the people of this Province. I wish to express my appreciation for the care and attention you have given to your deliberations and the service you have provided to our great and beautiful Province. I now relieve you of your legislative duties. *Splendor sine occasu*.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to retire.

The Hon. *Niki Sharma* (Attorney General and Deputy Premier) then said:

Honourable Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislative Assembly be prorogued until 2 p.m. today, and this Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly.

The following reports were received by the Office of the Clerk during adjournment:

Ministry of Infrastructure, Major Capital Project Plan: Simon Fraser University–Permanent School of Medicine Project; and,

Summary of Ministerial Accountability for Operating Expenses (for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2026), Revised Schedule F, No. 2, October 1, 2025.

And then the House prorogued at 12.15 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

PROCLAMATION

[L.S.]

WENDY COCCHIA
*Lieutenant Governor*CANADA:
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIACHARLES THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, King of Canada and His other Realms and Territories,
Head of the Commonwealth*To all whom these presents shall come*—GREETING*To Our Faithful Members Elected to Serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia,
at Our City of Victoria*—GREETING

A PROCLAMATION

KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of
Our Loving subjects, We have thought fit to prorogue Our said Legislature or Parliament on the twelfth day
of February, two thousand twenty-six at 12 o'clock in the afternoon at Our City of Victoria.IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our
Province to be hereunto affixed.WITNESS, The Honourable WENDY COCCHIA, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in
Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this sixteenth day of January, two thousand twenty-six and in the
fourth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.