

Nos. 52 and 53

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Legislative Assembly of British Columbia
Fifth Session of the Forty-second Parliament

Monday, May 6, 2024

TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by the Hon. *J. Brar*.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Order called for "Private Members' Statements."

6 By leave, Ms. *Routledge* moved—

Be it resolved that this House agrees that instead of working for those at the top, governments must always work to deliver results for all British Columbians and put people first.

A debate arose.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Starchuk*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 12.01 p.m.

Monday, May 6, 2024

ONE-THIRTY O'CLOCK P.M.

On the motion of Ms. *Furstenau*, Bill (No. M 217) intituled *Non-Disclosure Agreements 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 A of Committee of the Whole.

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

The House resumed the adjourned debate on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 21) intituled *Legal Professions Act*.

The debate continued.

The House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—49

<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Elmore</i>
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>A. Singh</i>	<i>Mercier</i>	<i>Conroy</i>	<i>Routley</i>
<i>Babchuk</i>	<i>Brar</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Donnelly</i>
<i>Coulter</i>	<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Greene</i>
<i>Lore</i>	<i>Starchuk</i>	<i>Fleming</i>	<i>Anderson</i>
<i>Chow</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Dean</i>	<i>Chant</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Yao</i>	<i>Rankin</i>	<i>Dykeman</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Leonard</i>	<i>Ralston</i>	<i>Paddon</i>
<i>Heyman</i>	<i>R. Singh</i>	<i>Alexis</i>	<i>Begg</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Sims</i>	<i>Chen</i>
<i>Cullen</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Simons</i>	<i>Walker</i>
<i>Bains</i>			

NAYS—24

<i>de Jong</i>	<i>Ross</i>	<i>Shypitka</i>	<i>Stewart</i>
<i>Doerkson</i>	<i>Oakes</i>	<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Ashton</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Bernier</i>	<i>Merrifield</i>	<i>Sturdy</i>
<i>Stone</i>	<i>Davies</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Letnick</i>
<i>Bond</i>	<i>Morris</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Furstenau</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Kyllo</i>	<i>Kirkpatrick</i>	<i>Banman</i>

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.

Bill (No. 24) intituled *Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, 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.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION C)

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$413,107,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Ministry Operations, to 31st March, 2025.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$31,660,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, Government Communications and Public Engagement, to 31st March, 2025.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$69,815,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ministry of Finance, BC Public Service Agency, to 31st March, 2025.

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, 2025.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$1,976,474,000 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, 2025.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,885,000,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Contingencies, to 31st March, 2025.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$6,665,197,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Capital Funding, to 31st March, 2025.

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, 2025.

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, 2025.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding \$3,492,000,000 be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Other Appropriations, Tax Transfers, to 31st March, 2025.

Section C of Committee of Supply reported the Resolutions and completion of the estimates of the Ministry of Finance and further 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.

By agreement, summary of debate of estimates passed in Section C (Ministry of Finance) to be considered at the next sitting.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Clauses 1 through 11 of Bill (No. 14) passed.

Mr. *Olsen* moved a proposed amendment to clause 12 of Bill (No. 14) which was defeated on the following division:

NAYS—8

Coulter
Beare

Starchuk
A. Singh

Farnworth
Kahlon

Anderson
Chant

YEAS—5

Bond
Halford

Kirkpatrick

Olsen

Walker

Clauses 12 through 28 of Bill (No. 14) passed.

Mr. *Olsen* moved a proposed amendment to clause 29 of Bill (No. 14) which was defeated, on division.

Clauses 29 through 45 and the title of Bill (No. 14) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 14) intituled *Tenancy Statutes Amendment Act, 2024*, complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 14) the House divided.

Motion agreed to on the following division:

YEAS—68

Chandra Herbert
Parmar
A. Singh
Babchuk
Coulter
Lore
Chow
Beare
Kang
Heyman
Osborne
Bains
Malcolmson
Bailey
Mercier
Brar
Routledge

Starchuk
Yao
Leonard
R. Singh
Whiteside
Farnworth
Kahlon
Conroy
Sharma
Dix
Fleming
Dean
Rankin
Ralston
Alexis
Sims
Simons

Elmore
Glumac
Routley
Donnelly
Greene
Anderson
Chant
Dykeman
Paddon
Begg
Chen
Doerkson
Milobar
Bond
Halford
Ross
Oakes

Bernier
Davies
Morris
Kyllo
Shypitka
Sturko
Merrifield
Wat
Lee
Kirkpatrick
Stewart
Ashton
Sturdy
Letnick
Tegart
Olsen
Walker

NAYS—1

Banman

Bill (No. 14) read a third time and passed.

And then the House adjourned at 6.35 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Tuesday, May 7

29 The Hon. *R. Kahlon* to move—

That, effective September 9, 2024, the *Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia* be amended:

1. By deleting the text shown as struck out and adding the underlined text under the heading “Monday 10 a.m. to 12 noon (*Private Members’ Time*)” in Standing Order 25 to give Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members and Private Members’ motions equal precedence in the order of business on Monday mornings:

Monday
10 a.m. to 12 noon
(*Private Members' Time*)

Private Members' Statements (10 a.m.)

Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members and Private Members' Motions

~~Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members~~

Private Bills

Public Bills and Orders and Government Motions on Notice

No division, on Orders of the Day, will be taken in the House or in Committee of the Whole during Private Members' Time, but where a division is requested, it will be deferred until thirty minutes prior to the ordinary time fixed for adjournment of the House on the Monday, unless otherwise ordered.

2. By replacing Standing Order 25A with the following:

Private Members' Statements.

- 25A.** (1) The time allocated for Private Members' statements shall not exceed 30 minutes, and the time for each statement shall be limited to 5 minutes.
- (2) Party Whips shall confer to settle the names of the Private Members who will be recognized for "Private Members' Statements" for the following Monday and shall advise the Speaker by noon on the Thursday prior as to who has been selected, together with the topic of the statement.
- (3) Private Members' statements shall not be subject to amendment, adjournment or vote.
- (4) Statements under this Standing Order:
- (a) shall be confined to one matter;
 - (b) shall not revive discussion on a matter which has been discussed in the same Session;
 - (c) shall not anticipate a matter which has been previously appointed for consideration by the House, in respect to which a notice of motion has been previously given and not withdrawn;
 - (d) shall not raise a question of privilege.

3. By adding the underlined text to Standing Order 27:

Precedence.

- 27.** (1) All items standing on the Orders of the Day, other than Government orders and Second Reading of Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members and Private Members' motions, shall be taken up according to the precedence assigned to each on the Order Paper.

Government orders.

- (2) Whenever Government business has precedence, Government orders may be called in such sequence as the Government thinks fit, and the Government may place Government orders at the head of the list on every sitting except Monday morning.

Urgent Government business.

- (3) Notwithstanding Standing Orders 25, 25A and 27 (2), urgent Government business may, with the consent of the Speaker, be considered on Monday morning, and given priority over any other business.

Private Members' business.

- (4) During Private Members' Time, Private Members' business shall be taken up according to the precedence assigned on the Order Paper. Second Reading of Public Bills in the Hands

of Private Members and Private Members' motions shall be taken up according to the precedence established by a draw of Private Members.

4. By adding a new Standing Order 27A as follows:

Placement for Private Members' Business

Draw for assigned placements for Private Members' business.

- 27A.** (1) At the earliest opportunity in a new Parliament, the Clerk of the House shall conduct a draw to establish the assigned placement of Private Members to propose business for the duration of that Parliament.

Exchanging or withdrawing place.

- (2) A Member may exchange their placement with another Member or withdraw their place by providing the Clerk of the House with written notice of their intention to this effect.

List to be appended to the Order Paper.

- (3) A list of assigned placements of Members to present Private Members' business shall be appended to the Order Paper.

New Private Members.

- (4) A new Private Member shall be assigned to the bottom of the list for the order of placement for Private Members' business. If more than one Private Member is to be added at the same time, the Clerk of the House shall conduct a draw.

Public Bill or motion ruled out of order.

- (5) A Private Member who has a Public Bill or motion standing in their name ruled out of order by the Speaker shall be added to the bottom of the placement list for Private Members' business.

5. By adding a new Standing Order 27B as follows:

Reinstatement of Private Members' business.

- 27B.** At the beginning of the second or subsequent Session of a Parliament, all items of Private Members' business that were listed on the Order Paper during the previous Session shall be reinstated on the Order Paper to their last stage of consideration at the time of prorogation, maintaining their order of precedence.

6. In Standing Order 45A,

- a. by striking the phrase "Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members" in the heading of Schedule 3,**
- b. by renumbering Schedule 4 as Schedule 8 and adding the following text as new Schedule 4:**

**SCHEDULE 4
IN THE HOUSE
PRIVATE MEMBERS' TIME
*Private Members' Motions***

- (i) Mover5 minutes
- (ii) Any other Member5 minutes
- (iii) Mover in reply to close debate5 minutes

Time limit for Private Members' motions debate.

- (1) Debate on a Private Member's motion shall not exceed 75 minutes.

Question to be put.

- (2) At 75 minutes, the Speaker shall interrupt the proceedings and forthwith put any question necessary to dispose of the main question.

- c. by renumbering Schedule 5 as Schedule 9 and adding the following text as new Schedule 5:

SCHEDULE 5
IN THE HOUSE
PRIVATE MEMBERS' TIME
Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members
(Second Reading and Amendments)

- (i) Mover 10 minutes
(ii) Any other Member 10 minutes
(iii) Mover in reply to close debate 5 minutes

Time limit for Second Reading debate.

- (1) Second Reading debate on a Public Bill in the Hands of a Private Member shall not exceed 75 minutes. A Second Reading debate may be adjourned and hold precedence for continuation of Second Reading debate at the next Private Members' Time.

Question to be put.

- (2) At 75 minutes, the Speaker shall interrupt the proceedings and forthwith put any question necessary to dispose of the main question.

- d. by renumbering Schedule 6 as Schedule 10 and adding the following text as Schedule 6:

SCHEDULE 6
IN THE HOUSE
PRIVATE MEMBERS' TIME
Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members
(Report)

- (i) Each Member 3 minutes

Time limit for Report Stage debate.

- (1) Report Stage debate on a Public Bill in the Hands of a Private Member shall not exceed 15 minutes.

Question to be put.

- (2) At 15 minutes, the Speaker shall interrupt the proceedings and forthwith put any question necessary to dispose of the main question.

- e. by adding the following text as new Schedule 7:

SCHEDULE 7
IN THE HOUSE
PRIVATE MEMBERS' TIME
Public Bills in the Hands of Private Members
(Third Reading and Amendments)

- (i) Mover 5 minutes
(ii) Any other Member 5 minutes
(iii) Mover in reply to close debate 2 minutes

Time limit for Third Reading debate.

- (1) Third Reading debate on a Public Bill in the Hands of a Private Member shall not exceed 20 minutes.

Question to be put.

- (2) At 20 minutes, the Speaker shall interrupt the proceedings and forthwith put any question necessary to dispose of the main question.

7. In Standing Order 68 (1),

- a. by adding to the list of Select Standing Committees a new Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills,
- b. by renaming the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills to the Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct and Standing Orders, and
- c. reordering the list of Select Standing Committees in alphabetical order.

8. By adding a new Standing Order 84A as follows:**Private Members' Bills to be committed to Select Standing Committee.**

- 84A.** (1) When a Public Bill in the Hands of a Private Member has received Second Reading, it shall stand committed to the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills.
- (2) The Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills shall, within 30 sitting days of the Bill's committal to the Committee, report the Bill back to the House with or without amendment.
- (3) The Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills shall be appointed for the life of a Parliament and may continue consideration of any committed Bill, without interruption following prorogation.

9. In Standing Order 71, by striking the words "Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills" and replacing them with "Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills".**10. In Standing Order 105, by striking the words "Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, Private Bills and Members' Services" and replacing them with "Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills".****11. In Appendix B—Private Bills, by striking the words "Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills" and replacing them with "Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Bills".**

PROGRESS OF BILLS
GOVERNMENT BILLS
(Listing printed for convenience only)

Bill No.	Title	Member	First Reading	Second Reading	Committee	Report	Amended	Third Reading	Royal Assent	S.B.C. Chap. No.
1	An Act to Ensure the Supremacy of Parliament	Hon. N. Sharma.....	Feb. 20							
2	Employment Standards Amendment Act, 2024	Hon. H. Bains.....	Feb. 26	Mar. 5	Mar. 7	Mar. 7		Mar. 7	Mar. 14	2
3	Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2024.....	Hon. K. Conroy	Feb. 22	Mar. 5	Apr. 9	Apr. 9	Apr. 9	Apr. 23	Apr. 25	13
4	Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024	Hon. A. Kang	Feb. 27	Mar. 6	Mar. 7	Mar. 7		Mar. 7	Mar. 14	3
5	Child, Family and Community Service Amendment Act, 2024	Hon. G. Lore	Feb. 28	Mar. 6	Mar. 12	Mar. 12		Mar. 12	Mar. 14	5
6	Supply Act (No. 1), 2024.....	Hon. K. Conroy	Mar. 4	Mar. 5	Mar. 6	Mar. 6		Mar. 6	Mar. 14	1
7	Social Development and Poverty Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2024	Hon. S. Malcolmson	Mar. 5	Mar. 6	Mar. 12	Mar. 12		Mar. 12	Mar. 14	4
8	Athlii Gwaii Legacy Trust (Winding Up) Act	Hon. B. Ralston.....	Mar. 7	Mar. 12	Mar. 13	Mar. 13		Mar. 13	Mar. 14	6
9	Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2024.....	Hon. N. Sharma.....	Mar. 11	Mar. 13	Apr. 8	Apr. 8		Apr. 8	Apr. 25	10
10	Commercial Transport Amendment Act, 2024	Hon. R. Fleming	Mar. 12	Mar. 13	Mar. 14	Mar. 14		Mar. 14	Mar. 14	7
11	Vancouver Charter Amendment Act, 2024	Hon. A. Kang	Mar. 13	Apr. 2	Apr. 4	Apr. 4		Apr. 4	Apr. 25	8
12	Public Health Accountability and Cost Recovery Act	Hon. N. Sharma.....	Mar. 14							
13	Land Title and Property Law Amendment Act, 2024	Hon. M. Rankin.....	Apr. 2	Apr. 3	Apr. 4	Apr. 4		Apr. 4	Apr. 25	9
14	Tenancy Statutes Amendment Act, 2024	Hon. R. Kahlon	Apr. 2	Apr. 9	May 6	May 6		May 6		
15	Budget Measures Implementation (Residential Property (Short-Term Holding) Profit Tax) Act, 2024.....	Hon. K. Conroy	Apr. 3	Apr. 10	Apr. 24	Apr. 24		Apr. 24	Apr. 25	14
16	Housing Statutes Amendment Act, 2024	Hon. R. Kahlon	Apr. 3	Apr. 9	Apr. 10	Apr. 10		Apr. 10	Apr. 25	11
17	Police Amendment Act, 2024	Hon. M. Farnworth	Apr. 4	Apr. 8	Apr. 25	Apr. 25		Apr. 25	Apr. 25	16
18	Vancouver Charter Amendment Act (No. 2), 2024.....	Hon. A. Kang	Apr. 8	Apr. 9	Apr. 10	Apr. 10		Apr. 10	Apr. 25	12
19	Children and Family Development Statutes Amendment Act, 2024	Hon. G. Lore	Apr. 8	Apr. 10	Apr. 23	Apr. 23	Apr. 23	Apr. 25	Apr. 25	15
20	First Nations Mandated Post-Secondary Institutes Act	Hon. L. Beare	Apr. 9	Apr. 10	Apr. 30	Apr. 30		Apr. 30		
21	Legal Professions Act	Hon. N. Sharma.....	Apr. 10	May 6						
22	Safe Access to Schools Act.....	Hon. N. Sharma.....	Apr. 10	Apr. 24	Apr. 30	Apr. 30		Apr. 30		
23	Anti-Racism Act.....	Hon. N. Sharma.....	Apr. 11	May 1						
24	Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2024	Hon. J. Osborne.....	Apr. 11	Apr. 24						
25	Haida Nation Recognition Amendment Act, 2024	Hon. M. Rankin.....	Apr. 22	Apr. 29						

PROGRESS OF BILLS — Continued

MEMBERS' BILLS

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Bill No.	Title	Member	First Reading	Second Reading	Committee	Report	Amended	Third Reading	Royal Assent	S.B.C. Chap. No.
M 201	Residential Tenancy Amendment Act, 2024.....	Ms. Furstenuau.....	Feb. 29							
M 202	Safe Care Act.....	Mr. Sturdy.....	Mar. 5							
M 203	Short-Term Rental Accommodations Amendment Act, 2024.....	Ms. Kirkpatrick.....	Mar. 6							
M 204	Wildlife Amendment Act, 2024.....	Mr. Olsen.....	Mar. 6							
M 205	North Island-Coast Development Initiative Trust Amendment Act, 2024.....	Mr. Olsen.....	Mar. 7							
M 206	Firefighter Protection Act.....	Mr. Olsen.....	Mar. 14							
M 207	Preserving Brunswick Point for Agriculture and Migrating Waterfowl Habitat Act.....	Mr. Paton.....	Apr. 8							
M 208	Mental Health Amendment Act, 2024.....	Ms. Sturko.....	Apr. 9							
M 209	Business Practices and Consumer Protection (Greenwashing Prevention) Amendment Act, 2024.....	Ms. Furstenuau.....	Apr. 9							
M 210	Correction Statutes Amendment Act, 2024.....	Mr. Olsen.....	Apr. 11							
M 211	Clean Air Act.....	Ms. Furstenuau.....	Apr. 24							
M 212	Name Amendment Act, 2024.....	Mr. Falcon.....	Apr. 25							
M 213	Clean Energy Amendment Act, 2024.....	Ms. Furstenuau.....	Apr. 30							
M 215	Ending Decriminalization Act.....	Mr. Falcon.....	May 1							
M 216	Wildlife Amendment Act (No. 2), 2024.....	Mr. Shypitka.....	May 2							
M 217	Non-Disclosure Agreements Act.....	Ms. Furstenuau.....	May 6							

PRIVATE BILLS

(Listing printed for convenience only)

Bill No.	Title	Member	First Reading	Second Reading	Committee	Report	Amended	Third Reading	Royal Assent	S.B.C. Chap. No.
Pr 401	Vancouver Foundation Act.....	Ms. Dykeman.....	May 1							

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

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ESTIMATES, 2024–25

Ministry	Estimates Completed
Agriculture and Food	April 3, 2024
Attorney General.....	March 6, 2024
Children and Family Development.....	April 9, 2024
Citizens' Services.....	March 7, 2024
Education and Child Care	April 23, 2024
Emergency Management and Climate Readiness.....	April 2, 2024
Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation	April 30, 2024
Environment and Climate Change Strategy	April 2, 2024
Finance.....	May 6, 2024
Forests	March 14, 2024
Health	April 23, 2024
Housing.....	April 30, 2024
Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation.....	March 6, 2024
Labour.....	April 10, 2024
Mental Health and Addictions	March 12, 2024
Municipal Affairs	March 13, 2024
Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills	April 24, 2024
Social Development and Poverty Reduction	April 11, 2024
Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport	March 6, 2024
Transportation and Infrastructure.....	March 12, 2024
Water, Land and Resource Stewardship.....	April 9, 2024