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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Legislative Assembly of British Columbia
First Session of the Forty-third Parliament

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*

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Wednesday, April 9

13 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* to move—

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

14 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* to move—

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*.

15 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* to move—

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

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. Niki Sharma	Feb. 18							
2	Acting Conflict of Interest Commissioner Continuation Act	Hon. Niki Sharma	Feb. 19	Feb. 24	Feb. 26	Feb. 26		Feb. 26	Mar. 31	1
3	Protected Areas of British Columbia Amendment Act, 2025	Hon. Laanas / Tamara Davidson	Feb. 19	Feb. 25	Feb. 26	Feb. 26	Feb. 26	Mar. 12	Mar. 31	2
4	Business Practices and Consumer Protection Amendment Act, 2025	Hon. Niki Sharma	Feb. 25	Mar. 3	Mar. 13	Mar. 13		Mar. 13	Mar. 31	3
5	Budget Measures Implementation Act, 2025	Hon. Brenda Bailey	Mar. 4							
6	Supply Act (No. 1), 2025	Hon. Brenda Bailey	Mar. 6	Mar. 12	Mar. 31	Mar. 31		Mar. 31	Mar. 31	4
7	Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act.....	Hon. Niki Sharma	Mar. 13	Apr. 3						
8	Carbon Tax Amendment Act, 2025	Hon. Brenda Bailey	Mar. 31	Mar. 31	Mar. 31	Mar. 31		Mar. 31	Mar. 31	5

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	Low Carbon Fuels Amendment Act, 2025.....	Kiel Giddens	Feb. 26							
M 202	Eligibility to Hold Public Office Act.....	Darlene Rotchford.....	Feb. 26	Mar. 3						
*M 203	Free Trade and Mobility Within Canada Act.....	John Rustad	Mar. 4							
M 204	Perinatal and Postnatal Mental Health Strategy Act.....	Jody Toor.....	Mar. 4	Mar. 10						
M 205	Mental Health Amendment Act, 2025	Elenore Sturko	Mar. 12	Apr. 7						
M 206	Interpretation (Pacific Daylight Time) Amendment Act, 2025	John Rustad	Mar. 13							
*M 207	Greenhouse Gas Industrial Reporting and Control Repeal Act.....	Peter Milobar	Apr. 1							
M 208	Emergency and Disaster Management Amendment Act, 2025	Macklin McCall.....	Apr. 3							

* Title changed.

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY
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ESTIMATES, 2025–26

Ministry	Estimates Completed
Agriculture and Food	March 31, 2025
Citizens' Services.....	April 3, 2025
Education and Child Care.....	April 7, 2025
Emergency Management and Climate Readiness	April 2, 2025
Infrastructure.....	April 1, 2025
Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport	March 31, 2025