

No. 48

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

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*

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Wednesday, April 30

19 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* to move—

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*.

20 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* to move—

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.

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
9	Health Care Costs Recovery Amendment Act, 2025	Hon. Josie Osborne	Apr. 8							
10	Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act, 2025	Hon. Niki Sharma	Apr. 14							
11	Employment Standards Amendment Act, 2025	Hon. Jennifer Whiteside	Apr. 15							
12	Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2025	Hon. Garry Begg	Apr. 16							

MEMBERS' BILLS
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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							

PROGRESS OF BILLS — Continued

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M 208	Emergency and Disaster Management Amendment Act, 2025	Macklin McCall	Apr. 3							
†M 209	Tax Relief and Tariff Defence Act	Dallas Brodie	Apr. 10							
M 210	Korean Heritage Month Act.....	Paul Choi.....	Apr. 10							
*M 211	Zero-Emission Vehicles Repeal Act.....	Hon Chan	Apr. 10							
M 212	Income Tax (Grocery Rebate Guarantee) Amendment Act, 2025	John Rustad.....	Apr. 16							

* Title changed.
† Ruled out of order.

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

(Listing printed for convenience only)

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
Environment and Parks	April 9, 2025
Forests	April 10, 2025
Health	April 10, 2025
Infrastructure.....	April 1, 2025
Mining and Critical Minerals.....	April 14, 2025
Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills	April 8, 2025
Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport	March 31, 2025