

Nos. 61 and 62

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

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>Valerioté</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 First Session of 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>Boultbee</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			
<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—42

<i>Sturko</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>Rattée</i>	<i>Wilson</i>
<i>Kindy</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Warbus</i>	<i>Block</i>	<i>Bird</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>Luck</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Banman</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Stamer</i>	<i>Chapman</i>
<i>Wat</i>	<i>Boultbee</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>McCall</i>
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<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Clare</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Giddens</i>		

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*

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Tuesday, May 13

29 The Hon. *Christine Boyle* (Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation) to move—

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.

[Schedules available for inspection at the Office of the Clerk.]

Wednesday, May 14

30 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* to move—

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*, *Scott McInnis*, *Steve Morissette* and *Teresa Wat*.

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	May 6	May 8	May 8	May 8			
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	May 7	May 7	May 7			
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	May 7	May 12	May 12		May 12		
12	Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2025	Hon. Garry Begg	Apr. 16							
13	Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2025	Hon. Niki Sharma	Apr. 29	May 7						
14	Renewable Energy Projects (Streamlined Permitting) Act	Hon. Adrian Dix	Apr. 30							
15	Infrastructure Projects Act	Hon. Bowinn Ma	May 1							

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	May 7	May 12				
*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	May 12	May 12	May 12			
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							

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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 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							
†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							
M 213	Drug Use Prevention Education in Schools Act	Steve Kooner.....	May 6							
M 214	Firefighters' Health Act.....	Misty Van Popta.....	May 12							

* 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
Energy and Climate Solutions.....	April 29, 2025
Environment and Parks	April 9, 2025
Forests.....	April 10, 2025
Health.....	April 10, 2025
Housing and Municipal Affairs.....	May 1, 2025
Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.....	April 30, 2025
Infrastructure.....	April 1, 2025
Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation.....	May 6, 2025
Labour	May 8, 2025
Mining and Critical Minerals.....	April 14, 2025
Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills.....	April 8, 2025
Public Safety and Solicitor General.....	May 6, 2025
Social Development and Poverty Reduction	May 6, 2025
Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport	March 31, 2025
Transportation and Transit	May 8, 2025
Water, Land and Resource Stewardship.....	May 5, 2025