No. 86

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Legislative Assembly of British Columbia

First Session of the Forty-third Parliament

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).

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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*

NOTICE OF BILLS

Thursday, October 23

Dallas Brodie to introduce a Bill intituled *Land Acknowledgement Prohibition Act*.

Ward Stamer to introduce a Bill intituled *Dash Camera Requirement for Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Act, 2025*.

Monday, October 27

Rob Botterell to introduce a Bill intituled *Residential Tenancy Amendment Act, 2025*.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Thursday, October 23

67 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* to move—

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.

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	May 28	May 29	10
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	May 28	May 29	11
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	Oct. 6	Oct. 7	Oct. 7		Oct. 7		
10	Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act, 2025	Hon. Niki Sharma	Apr. 14	Oct. 6	Oct. 7	Oct. 7		Oct. 7		
11	Employment Standards Amendment Act, 2025	Hon. Jennifer Whiteside	Apr. 15	May 7	May 12	May 12		May 12	May 29	6
12	Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2025	Hon. Garry Begg	Apr. 16	Oct. 9	Oct. 21	Oct. 21		Oct. 21		
13	Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2025	Hon. Niki Sharma	Apr. 29	May 7	May 13	May 13		May 13	May 29	7
14	Renewable Energy Projects (Streamlined Permitting) Act	Hon. Adrian Dix	Apr. 30	May 15	May 28	May 28		May 28	May 29	12
15	Infrastructure Projects Act	Hon. Bowinn Ma	May 1	May 13	May 28	May 28		May 28	May 29	13
16	Supply Act, 2025–2026	Hon. Brenda Bailey	May 29	May 29	May 29	May 29		May 29	May 29	14
17	Intimate Images Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2025	Hon. Niki Sharma	Oct. 6	Oct. 9						
18	Sexual Violence Policy Act	Hon. Jessie Sunner	Oct. 6	Oct. 21						
19	School Amendment Act, 2025	Hon. Lisa Beare	Oct. 7	Oct. 22						
20	Construction Prompt Payment Act	Hon. Niki Sharma	Oct. 7	Oct. 21						
21	Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025	Hon. Niki Sharma	Oct. 7	Oct. 20						
22	Statutes Act	Hon. Niki Sharma	Oct. 7	Oct. 9						
23	Regulations Act	Hon. Niki Sharma	Oct. 7	Oct. 22						
24	Vaping Product Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act	Hon. Niki Sharma	Oct. 8	Oct. 22						

PROGRESS OF BILLS — *Continued*

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Bill No.	Title	Member	First Reading	Second Reading	Committee	Report	Amended	Third Reading	Royal Assent	S.B.C. Chap. No.
25	Housing and Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025	Hon. Christine Boyle	Oct. 9							
26	Vancouver Charter Amendment Act, 2025	Hon. Christine Boyle	Oct. 9							
27	Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025	Hon. Mike Farnworth	Oct. 9	Oct. 20	Oct. 21	Oct. 21		Oct. 21		
28	Business Practices and Consumer Protection Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025	Hon. Niki Sharma	Oct. 9							
29	Child, Family and Community Service Amendment Act, 2025	Hon. Jodie Wickens	Oct. 9	Oct. 21						
30	Employment Standards (Serious Illness or Injury Leave) Amendment Act, 2025	Hon. Jennifer Whiteside	Oct. 20							
31	Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025	Hon. Adrian Dix	Oct. 20							

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 26	May 27	May 26	May 27	May 29	9
*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 26	May 12	May 26	May 29	8
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							
†M 209	Tax Relief and Tariff Defence Act	Dallas Brodie	Apr. 10							
M 210	Korean Heritage Month Act	Paul Choi	Apr. 10	May 26	Oct. 9	Oct. 20		Oct. 20		
*M 211	Zero-Emission Vehicles Repeal Act	Hon Chan	Apr. 10							

PROGRESS OF BILLS — *Continued*

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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 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	Oct. 6						
*M 215	Parental Transparency and Age-Appropriate Education Act	Mandeep Dhaliwal	May 29							
M 216	Professional Reliance Act	George Anderson	Oct. 21							

* Title changed.
† Ruled out of order.

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

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ESTIMATES, 2025 – 26

Legislative Assembly	May 27, 2025
Officers of the Legislature	May 27, 2025

Ministry	Estimates Completed
Agriculture and Food	March 13, 2025
Attorney General	May 28, 2025
Children and Family Development	May 13, 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
Finance	May 27, 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
Premier	May 29, 2025
Public Safety and Solicitor General	May 6, 2025
Social Development and Poverty Reduction	May 6, 2025

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ESTIMATES, 2025–26

Ministry	Estimates Completed
Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport	March 31, 2025
Transportation and Transit	May 8, 2025
Water, Land and Resource Stewardship	May 5, 2025

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