

Nos. 87 and 88

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

Thursday, October 23, 2025

TEN O’CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by the Hon. *Kelly Greene*.

On the motion of *Dallas Brodie* that a bill intituled *Land Acknowledgement Prohibition Act* be introduced and read a first time, the House divided.

Motion negatived on the following division:

NAYS — 85

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Shah</i>	<i>Toor</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>Hepner</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Dhir</i>	<i>Giddens</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Davis</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Kindy</i>	<i>McInnis</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Bird</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Warbus</i>	<i>McCall</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Rustad</i>	<i>Stamer</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Banman</i>	<i>Day</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Wat</i>	<i>Tepper</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Kooner</i>	<i>Mok</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Halford</i>	<i>Williams</i>
<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Beare</i>	<i>Boyle</i>	<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Ma</i>	<i>Dew</i>	<i>Luck</i>
<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Yung</i>	<i>Clare</i>	<i>Block</i>
<i>Kang</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>Valeriotte</i>
<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>Botterell</i>
<i>Begg</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Sturko</i>
<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Arora</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Boulton</i>
<i>Phillip</i>			

YEAS — 5

<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>Brodie</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>Maahs</i>			

On the motion of *Ward Stamer*, Bill (No. M 217) intituled *Dashboard Camera Requirement for Commercial Vehicle Enforcement 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.”

48 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* and *Dallas Brodie* be added as members of the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth, for the First Session of the Forty-third Parliament.

Motion agreed to.

67 The Hon. *Mike Farnworth* moved—

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.

Motion agreed to.

Pursuant to Sessional Order, order called for Section A of Committee of the Whole.

On the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled *Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, a debate arose.

On the motion of the Hon. *Adrian Dix*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 17) intituled *Intimate Images Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, was again committed.

On a proposed amendment by *Misty Van Popta* 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.

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Thursday, October 23, 2025

ONE O'CLOCK P.M.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

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. 31) intituled *Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*.

The debate continued.

On the motion of *Stephanie Higginson*, 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.

A proposed amendment by *Misty Van Popta* to clause 7 of Bill (No. 17) was defeated.

Clauses 7 through 9 of Bill (No. 17) passed.

A proposed amendment by *Steve Kooner* to add clause 9.1 to Bill (No. 17) was defeated.

Clause 10 of Bill (No. 17) passed.

A proposed amendment by *Misty Van Popta* to clause 11 of Bill (No. 17) was moved, and by leave, withdrawn.

A proposed amendment by *Misty Van Popta* to clause 11 of Bill (No. 17) passed.

Clause 11, as amended, of Bill (No. 17) passed.

Clause 12, clause 13 and the title of Bill (No. 17) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 17) intituled *Intimate Images Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, complete with amendment.

Bill (No. 17) as reported to be considered at the next sitting after today.

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. 31) intituled *Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*.

On the motion of *Kiel Giddens*, the debate was adjourned to later today.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 18) intituled *Sexual Violence Policy Act* was again committed.

A proposed amendment by *Bryan Tepper* to add clause 10.1 to Bill (No. 18) was ruled out of order.

Clauses 11 through 17 and the title of Bill (No. 18) passed.

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported Bill (No. 18) intituled *Sexual Violence Policy Act* complete without amendment.

On the motion for third reading of Bill (No. 18), the House divided.

Motion agreed to *nemine contradicente* on the following division:

YEAS—87

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Chow</i>	<i>McInnis</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Dhir</i>	<i>Bird</i>
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<i>Begg</i>	<i>Glumac</i>	<i>Giddens</i>	<i>Sturko</i>
<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Arora</i>	<i>Rattée</i>	<i>Boulton</i>
<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Shah</i>	<i>Davis</i>	

Bill (No. 18) read a third time and passed.

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. 31) intituled *Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*.

On the motion of *Scott McInnis*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 21) intituled *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*, was committed.

Clauses 1 through 5 of Bill (No. 21) passed.

On clause 6 of Bill (No. 21).

Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 21) intituled *Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2025*, 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 5.21 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

NOTICE OF BILLS

Monday, October 27

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

Tuesday, October 28

Hon Chan to introduce a Bill intituled *Mobility Affordability Act, 2025*.

NOTICE OF QUESTIONS

Tuesday, October 28

7 *Heather Maahs* to ask the Hon. Minister of Education and Child Care the following questions:—

1. What is the Ministry's estimate of the number of additional child care spaces expected to be created through the expansion of child care on school grounds beyond the changes made under the *Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2020*?

2. How many new child care spaces were created through the New Spaces Fund and the Start-Up Grant program using Government of Canada Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CW-ELCC) funding during the 2022/23 fiscal year?

3. How many new child care spaces were created through the New Spaces Fund and the Start-Up Grant program using Government of Canada Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CW-ELCC) funding during the 2023/24 fiscal year?

4. How many new child care spaces were created through the New Spaces Fund and the Start-Up Grant program using Government of Canada Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CW-ELCC) funding during the 2024/25 fiscal year?

5. Since the signing of the Canada-British Columbia Early Learning and Child Care Agreement in 2021, how many Action Plans—including all formal, draft, interim, amended, supplemental or otherwise unplanned or ad hoc submissions—have been submitted by the province to the government of Canada; and of these, how many were approved, how many were rejected and how many were amended at the request of either party?

6. What were the dates of submission, approval, amendment or rejection for each Action Plan or related submission described in question 5?

7. Section 5.1 of the Canada-British Columbia Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement requires the province to publicly release its Action Plans. Why have the Action Plans for fiscal years 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26 not been publicly released, and when will each be made public?

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	Oct. 23	Oct. 23	Oct. 23			
18	Sexual Violence Policy Act	Hon. Jessie Sunner	Oct. 6	Oct. 21	Oct. 23	Oct. 23				
19	School Amendment Act, 2025	Hon. Lisa Beare	Oct. 7	Oct. 22				Oct. 23		
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						

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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							

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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							
M 217	Dashboard Camera Requirement for Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Act	Ward Stamer	Oct. 23							

* Title changed.

† Ruled out of order.

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

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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
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