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

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**Tuesday, October 28, 2025**

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TEN O'CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by *Lynne Block*.

On the motion of *Rob Botterell*, Bill (No. M 218) intituled *Residential Tenancy Amendment Act, 2025*, 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.”

The Speaker made the following statement:

*Honourable Members:*

Last week, the Chair made a commitment to return to the House with guidance on language, given the use of unparliamentary language by some Members in debate over the course of the current sessional period.

The rules of this House prevent Members from engaging in debate in a manner that leads to disorder. In the current circumstances, the most applicable rule is Standing Order 40, which provides guidance and states: “No Member shall use offensive words against any Member of this House.”

An allegation that a Member is racist clearly imputes what most Members would regard as an offensive personal characterization and as such, it is out of order.

For the Chair to permit allegations of racism to be directed at other Members would encourage what is already a regrettable reality of this place: an undue personalization of issues and debate.

As someone who has fought against racism for decades, the Chair does not address this topic—or this word—lightly.

The Chair understands the feelings of Members who believe that the policies or views of other Members are objectionable. But in the Chair’s view, personal name calling or labels are not a robust or effective debating tactic.

An allegation of being a racist, if it is levelled against a Member or group of Members, clearly leads to disorder and does not encourage productive debate and distracts us from discussion of issues critically important to those we represent.

That said, the use of strong language, in terms that relate solely to policy or positions taken by a Member or party, may be permitted in debate—at the discretion of the Chair.

But rather than directing personal insults at one another, Members are asked to focus their comments on the policies and issues that are the subjects before the House.

The Chair is reminded of the wise words of Speaker Gretchen Mann Brewin, who delivered the following guidance to the House on December 3, 1998:

“It is very important in this House that we not reflect badly on this institution by the language that we use. [...] It seems to the Chair that opinions can be expressed by Members without resorting to certain terminologies like implications of racism or personal attacks. The Chair wishes to encourage all Members to take that under advisement and to give more thought to the English language, which is indeed enormously rich and provides infinite scope for the expression of views in this Chamber.”

The Chair thanks all Members for heeding this direction and for always being mindful of the words they choose to use in the course of debate in this House.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

Order called for “Oral Questions by Members.”

*Dallas Brodie* rose on a point of order regarding the subject matter of questions in Oral Question Period.

The Speaker stated that he would take the matter under advisement.

The Speaker made a statement regarding the use of electronic devices during Oral Question Period.

The Hon. *Raj Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the Auditor General Report, *Beyond the Bottom Line: Navigating the Province of B.C.’s 2024/25 Audited Financial Statements*, October 2025.

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*.

On the motion of *Kristina Loewen*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 20) intituled *Construction Prompt Payment Act* was again committed.

On clause 1 of Bill (No. 20).

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Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 20) intituled *Construction Prompt Payment 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 11.53 a.m.

**Tuesday, October 28, 2025**

ONE-THIRTY 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*.

*Á'a:liya Warbus* moved the following amendment—

That the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 31) intituled *Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*, be amended by deleting the word “now” and substituting “six months hence.”

The debate on the amendment continued.

The amendment on the motion for second reading of Bill (No. 31) was negatived on the following division:

**NAYS—48**

<i>Lore</i>	<i>Parmar</i>	<i>Rotchford</i>	<i>Boyle</i>
<i>G. Anderson</i>	<i>Sunner</i>	<i>Elmore</i>	<i>Ma</i>
<i>Blatherwick</i>	<i>Beare</i>	<i>Morissette</i>	<i>Yung</i>
<i>Routledge</i>	<i>Chandra Herbert</i>	<i>Popham</i>	<i>Malcolmson</i>
<i>Chant</i>	<i>Wickens</i>	<i>Dix</i>	<i>Gibson</i>
<i>Toporowski</i>	<i>Kang</i>	<i>Sharma</i>	<i>Glumac</i>
<i>B. Anderson</i>	<i>Sandhu</i>	<i>Farnworth</i>	<i>Arora</i>
<i>Neill</i>	<i>Begg</i>	<i>Eby</i>	<i>Shah</i>
<i>Osborne</i>	<i>Higginson</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Chow</i>
<i>Brar</i>	<i>Phillip</i>	<i>Kahlon</i>	<i>Dhir</i>
<i>Krieger</i>	<i>Lajeunesse</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>Valeriotte</i>
<i>Davidson</i>	<i>Choi</i>	<i>Whiteside</i>	<i>Botterell</i>

**YEAS—40**

<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Clare</i>	<i>Davis</i>	<i>Loewen</i>
<i>Kindy</i>	<i>K. Neufeld</i>	<i>McInnis</i>	<i>Dhaliwal</i>
<i>Milobar</i>	<i>Bhangu</i>	<i>Bird</i>	<i>Doerkson</i>
<i>Warbus</i>	<i>Paton</i>	<i>McCall</i>	<i>Luck</i>
<i>Banman</i>	<i>Gasper</i>	<i>Stamer</i>	<i>Block</i>
<i>Halford</i>	<i>Chan</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Brodie</i>
<i>Hartwell</i>	<i>Toor</i>	<i>Tepper</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
<i>L. Neufeld</i>	<i>Hepner</i>	<i>Mok</i>	<i>Kealy</i>
<i>Van Popta</i>	<i>Giddens</i>	<i>Maahs</i>	<i>Sturko</i>
<i>Dew</i>	<i>Rattée</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Boulton</i>

The debate resumed on the main motion.

On the motion of the Hon. *Mike Farnworth*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

(IN COMMITTEE—SECTION A)

Bill (No. 20) intituled *Construction Prompt Payment Act* was again committed.

*Misty Van Popta* moved a proposed amendment to clause 1 of Bill (No. 20) which was defeated, on division.

Clauses 1 through 6 of Bill (No. 20) passed.

On clause 7 of Bill (No. 20).

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Section A of Committee of the Whole reported progress on Bill (No. 20) intituled *Construction Prompt Payment Act* and asked leave to sit again.

Bill to be considered at the next sitting.

Committee to sit again at the next sitting.

The Speaker delivered his reserved decision as follows:

*Honourable Members:*

Earlier today, following Oral Question Period, the Leader of the Fourth Party raised a point of order on the application of the rule of anticipation to debate in the House, including Oral Question Period. The Chair thanks the Leader of the Fourth Party for her submission and is now prepared to rule on the point of order.

The rule of anticipation is a parliamentary practice that is designed to prevent discussion or decisions on a topic that has or will be the subject of substantive debate in the House during a parliamentary session. Its aim is to not pre-empt a future debate and not to risk duplication or contradiction of decisions of this House through subsequent debate.

With respect to the application of this rule to questions pertaining to bills arising during Oral Question Period, *Parliamentary Practice in British Columbia*, 5th edition, notes at page 324: "Questions may be out of order if they deal with the details of a bill which stands on the Order Paper, or if they address proposed amendments. Such matters should be canvassed at committee stage consideration of the bill."

However, a question may be canvassed if it is of a general or high-level nature that may relate to the contents of a bill.

Furthermore, with respect to a bill that was introduced and subsequently defeated at first reading, the rule of anticipation is not relevant. Questions related to that bill, particularly in the context of its defeat, are not prohibited under this rule.

The Chair appreciates the opportunity to provide this guidance and clarity to the House and regrets any confusion that the application of this rule created during Oral Question Period earlier today.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

And then the House adjourned at 4.18 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

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## NOTICE OF BILLS

**Wednesday, October 29**

*Dallas Brodie* to introduce a Bill intituled *Property Rights Protection Act*.

**Thursday, October 30**

*Tara Armstrong* to introduce a Bill intituled *New Residents Cost Recovery Act*.

*Peter Milobar* to introduce a Bill intituled *Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025*.

*Anna Kindy* to introduce a Bill intituled *Health Authorities Amendment Act, 2025*.

# 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	Oct. 27		
18	Sexual Violence Policy Act .....	Hon. Jessie Sunner .....	Oct. 6	Oct. 21	Oct. 23	Oct. 23		Oct. 23		
19	School Amendment Act, 2025 .....	Hon. Lisa Beare .....	Oct. 7	Oct. 22	Oct. 27	Oct. 27		Oct. 27		
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 Cameras in Commercial Vehicles Act .....	Ward Stamer .....	Oct. 23							
M 218	Residential Tenancy Amendment Act, 2025 .....	Rob Botterell .....	Oct. 28							

\* 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
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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
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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
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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