

## Votes and Proceedings

### FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

**February 26, 2025**

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:30 p.m. with the Honourable Shane Thompson, Speaker, presiding.

#### Members' Attendance

Present: Member for Dehcho, Member for Frame Lake, Member for Great Slave, Honourable Member for Hay River North, Honourable Member for Hay River South, Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, Honourable Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, Honourable Member for Kam Lake, Member for Mackenzie Delta, Member for Monfwi, Honourable Member for Nunakput, Member for Range Lake, Member for Sahtu, Honourable Member for Thebacha, Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Absent: None.

#### Ministers' Statements

- 97-20(1) The Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment made a statement regarding Tourism 2030.
- 98-20(1) The Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories made a statement providing a February-March 2025 capital delivery status update.

#### Members' Statements

- 511-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding Pink Shirt Day.
- 512-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding the Youth Employment and Skills Strategy.
- 513-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding the Northwest Territories Nominee Program.

- 514-20(1)      The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding trades and capacity building in the regions.
- 515-20(1)      The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding immigration and marriage fraud.
- 516-20(1)      The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement regarding childcare and daycare investment and implementation.
- 517-20(1)      The Member for Dehcho made a statement regarding drug and money seizures in the Dehcho region.
- 518-20(1)      The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh made a statement regarding Nutrition North subsidy fraud.
- 519-20(1)      The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding workforce development Business Plan and Mandate targets.
- 520-20(1)      The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding Alzheimer Society of Alberta and Northwest Territories.
- 521-20(1)      The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement celebrating the life of Wesley Marcellais.

#### Returns to Oral Questions

- 475-20(1)      The Minister of Health and Social Services provided a return to Oral Question 475-20(1) asked by the Member for Yellowknife Centre regarding the budgeting process for the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority.

#### Acknowledgements

- 12-20(1)      The Member for Mackenzie Delta acknowledged the scholastic accomplishments of Deeron Vittrekwa.

#### Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills

- Bill 11 -20(1)      The Member for Yellowknife Centre reported that the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment had reviewed Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicles Act*, and that Bill 11 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole.

## Tabling of Documents

- 296-20(1) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 16-20(1): Report on the Statutory Review of the *Mental Health Act*. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 297-20(1) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 19-20(1): Report on the Statutory Review of the *Cannabis Legalization and Regulation Implementation Act*. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.

## Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

The Deputy Chair, the Member for Dehcho, reported that the Committee of the Whole considered Bill 12: *Business Day Statute Law Amendment Act* and Tabled Document 275-10(1): 2025-2026 Main Estimates and reported progress with one motion carried and that Bill 12 is ready for third reading.

### **Committee Motion 74-20(1)**

Moved by the Member for Yellowknife Centre:

I MOVE that five million, two-hundred and fifty thousand dollars be deleted from the 2025-2026 Main Estimates for the Department of Education, Culture and Employment.

The Member for Yellowknife Centre requested a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Sahtu, Yellowknife Centre, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Monfwi, Great Slave, Mackenzie Delta. (8)

Members against: Frame Lake, Yellowknife North, Thebacha, Yellowknife South, Kam Lake, Hay River North, Hay River South, Inuvik Twin Lakes, Nunakput. (9)

Members abstaining: (0)

The motion was DEFEATED.

### **Committee Motion 75-20(1)**

Moved by the Member for Inuvik Boot Lake:

I MOVE that this committee defer further consideration of the Main Estimates for the Department of Education, Culture and Employment at this time.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Dehcho, seconded by the Member for Mackenzie Delta, moved concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 5:50 p.m.

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Hon. Shane Thompson  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

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Glen Rutland  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly