

Votes and Proceedings

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

February 28, 2025

The Assembly commenced sitting at 10:01 a.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, 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: Honourable Member for Kam Lake, Member for Mackenzie Delta.

Ministers' Statements

- 102-20(1) The Minister of Finance made a statement regarding Government of the Northwest Territories success with Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission advocacy.
- 103-20(1) The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs provided an update on community government funding policy implementation.

Members' Statements

- 531-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding the grand opening of the Snowking's Winter Festival castle.
- 532-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding Workers' Safety and Compensation policies and coverage for first responders.
- 533-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding food security and Food Banks Canada.

- 534-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding new housing in Monfwi through a Housing Northwest Territories partnership with Tłıchq Investment Corporation.
- 535-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement regarding security screening at Inuvik Airport.
- 536-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement regarding the need for culturally appropriate addictions treatment and aftercare.
- 537-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding the 30th annual Snowking's Winter Festival.
- 538-20(1) The Member for Dehcho made a statement regarding the lack of cellular coverage on Northwest Territories highways.
- 539-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding extended health benefits coverage gaps regarding optometry.
- 540-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding Gilbert and Mary Jane Cazon, Northwest Territories Tourism 2024 Operator of the Year Award recipients.
- 541-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement recognizing Northwest Territories volunteers.

Point of Order

During Item 7 on the Orders of the Day, Oral Questions, the Member for Yellowknife North rose on a point of order against the Member for Yellowknife Centre. The Speaker took the matter under advisement.

Tabling of Documents

- 298-20(1) Plain Language Summary for Bill 21: *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*. Tabled by the Minister responsible for the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission.
- 299-20(1) Statement of Consistency for Bill 21: *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*. Tabled by the Minister responsible for the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission.

Second Reading of Bills

Bill 21: *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*

Introduced by the Minister responsible for the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission.

The Honourable Member for Hay River South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River North, moved that Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Workers; Compensation Act*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 21 was referred to the Standing Committee on Government Operations.

Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

The Chair, the Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh reported that the Committee of the Whole considered Bill 11: *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicles Act* and Tabled Document 275-20(1): 2025-2026 Main Estimates and reported progress, and that Bill 11 is ready for third reading.

The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, seconded by the Honourable Member for Thebacha, moved concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 1:36 p.m.


Hon. Shane Thompson
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Glen Rutland
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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