

## Votes and Proceedings

### FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

#### March 12, 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

- 117-20(1) The Minister of Justice made a statement regarding the Bobbi Hamilton Award.
- 118-20(1) The Minister of Education, Culture and Employment made a statement about celebrating Rendez-vous de la Francophonie.

#### Members' Statements

- 595-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding an adult day program for seniors with dementia.
- 596-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding Jordan's Principle funding for education.
- 597-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding the Government of the Northwest Territories' federal engagement strategy.

- 598-20(1) The Member for Dehcho made a statement regarding elder abuse in our communities.
- 599-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement regarding the 2025 Marine Transportation Services season.
- 600-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding delivery of healthcare in Tłıchq communities.
- 601-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding the Northwest Territories Literacy Council programs, challenges and opportunities.
- 602-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding James Williams, the regional 2024 Tom Longboat Award recipient.
- 603-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh made a statement regarding recreation and skills programming in Tu Nedhé-Willideh communities.
- 604-20(1) The Member for Mackenzie Delta delivered a eulogy for Evelyn Parry.

#### Tabling of Documents

- 307-20(1) *Plain Language Summary of Bill 22: Legislation Act.* Tabled by the Minister of Justice.
- 308-20(1) *Statement of Consistency for Bill 22: Legislation Act.* Tabled by the Minister of Justice.
- 309-20(1) Northwest Territories Public Utilities Board 2024 Annual Report. Tabled by the Minister responsible for the Public Utilities Board.
- 310-20(1) Inter-Activity Transfers Exceeding \$250,000 (April 1 to December 31, 2024). Tabled by the Minister of Finance.

#### First Reading of Bills

Bill 23: *An Act to Amend the Children's Law Act*

Introduced by the Minister of Justice.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Children's Law Act* read for the first time and ready for second reading.

Bill 24: *An Act to Amend the Family Law Act*

Introduced by the Minister of Justice.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 24, *An Act to Amend the Family Law Act* read for the first time and ready for second reading.

### Second Reading of Bills

Bill 22: *Legislation Act*

Introduced by the Minister of Justice.

The Honourable Member for Hay River North, seconded by the Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, moved that Bill 22, *Legislation Act*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 22 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 Tabled Document 275-20(1): 2025-2026 Main Estimates and reported progress with one motion carried.

#### **Committee Motion 76-20(1)**

The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that consideration of Tabled Document 275-20(1), 2025-2026 Main Estimates, be now concluded, and that Tabled Document 275-20(1) be reported and recommended as ready for further consideration in formal Session through the form of an appropriation bill.

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

The Speaker adjourned the House at 3:41 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