

Votes and Proceedings

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

March 6, 2025

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:31 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 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: Member for Mackenzie Delta.

Ministers' Statements

- 112-20(1) The Minister responsible for the Status of Women made a statement regarding International Women's Day 2025.
- 113-20(1) The Minister of Education, Culture and Employment made a statement about improving employment standards legislation.

Members' Statements

- 573-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding Arctic sovereignty.
- 574-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding International Women's Day 2025.
- 575-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding the Income Assistance Program.

- 576-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding an environmental assessment of Norman Wells Imperial Oil operations.
- 577-20(1) The Honourable Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes made a statement regarding International Women's Day 2025.
- 578-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh made a statement regarding winter road infrastructure planning.
- 579-20(1) The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South made a statement regarding Dr. Ryan Connon, Government of Canada Recognition Award recipient.
- 580-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding Electricity Canada Lifesaving Award recipient Derwin Clille.
- 581-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding community learning centres.
- 582-20(1) The Member for Dehcho made a statement regarding young people and the effects of the Income Support Program.
- 583-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake delivered a eulogy for Ian Legaree.

Motions

- 50-20(1) Appointment of Person to Investigate the Critical Incident of Avery Burke, Wesley Marcellias and Hilary Norwegian.

Moved by the Member for Great Slave:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Member for Dehcho, that the Minister of Health and Social Services appoints a person to investigate the incident of the treatment of Avery Burke, Wesley Marcellais and Hilary Norwegian;

AND FURTHER, that the Minister of Health and Social Services table before the Assembly at the earliest opportunity any recommendations that the investigator includes in their investigation report alongside a plan to advance such recommendations;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Government of the Northwest Territories provide a response to this motion within 120 days.

The Member for Great Slave requested a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh, Member for Dehcho, Member for Sahtu, Member for Range Lake, Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, Member for Monfwi, Member for Frame Lake, Member for Great Slave, Member for Yellowknife North. (9)

Members against: None. (0)

Members abstaining: Honourable Member for Thebacha, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, Honourable Member for Kam Lake, Honourable Member for Hay River North, Honourable Member for Hay River South, Honourable Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, Honourable Member for Nunakput. (7)

The motion was CARRIED.

49-20(1) Compassionate Medical Evacuation Policy.

Moved by the Member for Range Lake:

NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE, seconded by the Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, that this Legislative Assembly calls upon the Government of the Northwest Territories to develop and implement a compassionate medical evacuation policy for emergency ground, air ambulance and highway rescue allowing for patients in critical conditions to be accompanied by non-medical escorts.

AND FURTHER, that the Government of the Northwest Territories provide a response to this motion within 120 days.

The Member for Range Lake requested a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh, Member for Dehcho, Member for Sahtu, Member for Range Lake, Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, Member for Frame Lake, Member for Great Slave, Member for Yellowknife North. (8)

Members against: None. (0)

Members abstaining: Honourable Member for Thebacha, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, Honourable Member for Kam Lake, Honourable Member for Hay River North, Honourable Member for Hay River South, Honourable Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, Honourable Member for Nunakput. (7)

The motion was CARRIED.

Written Questions

14-20(1) The Member for Range Lake asked a question of the Minister of Health and Social Services regarding operating rooms at Stanton Territorial Hospital.

Tabling of Documents

302-20(1) Aurora College Annual Report 2023-2024. Tabled by the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment.

303-20(1) Aurora College Corporate Plan 2024-2025. Tabled by the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment.

Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills

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

Notice given by the Minister of Justice.

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

Notice given by the Minister of Justice.

Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

The Deputy 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.

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

The Speaker adjourned the House at 5:59 p.m..



Hon. Shane Thompson
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Glen Rutland
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly