

Votes and Proceedings

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

October 31, 2025

The Assembly commenced sitting at 10:01 p.m. with the Honourable Shane Thompson, Speaker, presiding.

Members' Attendance

Present: 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 Dehcho, Member for Mackenzie Delta.

Ministers' Statements

- 165-20(1) The Premier made a statement regarding the First Poppy Ceremony.
- 166-20(1) The Minister of Education, Culture and Employment made a statement regarding the Government of the Northwest Territories Literacy Council Agreement.
- 167-20(1) The Premier provided an update on the Non-Government Organizations Sector Support Initiative.

Members' Statements

- 797-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement regarding Dehcho self-government negotiations.

- 798-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding French-language education in the Northwest Territories.
- 799-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding the Premier's Awards for Excellence winners from Yellowknife North.
- 800-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding the economic impacts of the federal budget.
- 801-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement about observing Remembrance Day.
- 802-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding education in the Tłıchǝ Region.
- 803-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement about ending daylight saving time.
- 804-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre delivered a Hallowe'en message.
- 805-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement celebrating the life of Rolande Norwegian.

Written Questions

- 23-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre asked a question of the Minister of Health and Social Services regarding health care professionals returning as locums.
- 24-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre asked a question of the Minister of Health and Social Services regarding Northwest Territories medical students rejected for residencies.
- 25-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre asked a question of the Premier regarding the Senior Envoy.

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

- 34-20(1) Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges Report on the Review of Motion 56-20(1): Code of Conduct Referral to the Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges
- The Member for Great Slave, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River South, moved that Committee Report 34-20(1), Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges Report on the Review of Motion 56-20(1): Code of Conduct Referral to the Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges, be received and adopted by the Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

Tabling of Documents

- 431-20(1) Plain Language Summary for Bill 34: *Trespass to Property Act*. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.
- 432-20(1) Statement of Consistency for Bill 34: *Trespass to Property Act*. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.
- 433-20(1) 71st Annual Report 2024-2025 Northwest Territories Liquor Licensing Board. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 434-20(1) Northwest Territories Liquor and Cannabis Commission 71st Annual Report. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 435-20(1) Northwest Territories Hydro and Northwest Territories Power Corporation 2024-2025 Annual Report. Tabled by the Minister responsible for the Northwest Territories Power Corporation.
- 436-20(1) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Motion 61-20(1): Remuneration of Essential Staff During an Evacuation. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 437-20(1) 2024-2025 Annual Report: Action Plan in Response to Calls for Justice on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People. Tabled by the Minister responsible for the Status of Women.
- 438-20(1) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Motion 63-20(1): Creation of an Emergency Management Agency for the Northwest Territories. Tabled by the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs.
- 439-20(1) Northwest Territories Legal Fees Policy. Tabled by the Speaker.

Motions

- 65-20(1) Extended Adjournment of the House to February 4, 2026

Moved by the Member for Yellowknife North:

NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Thebacha, that notwithstanding Rule 2.1, when the House adjourns on Friday, October 31, 2025, it shall be adjourned until Wednesday, February 4, 2026;

AND FURTHER, that any time prior to February 4, 2026, if the Speaker is satisfied after consultation with the Executive Council and Members of the Legislative Assembly that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier or later time during the adjournment, the Speaker may give notice;

AND THEREUPON, the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice and shall transact its business as it has been duly adjourned to that time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Second Reading of Bills

Bill 34: *Trespass to Property Act*

Introduced by the Minister of Justice.

The Honourable Member for Thebacha, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nunakput, moved that Bill 34, *Trespass to Property Act*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 34 was referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment.

Bill 35: *Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act, 2026*

Introduced by the Minister of Justice.

The Honourable Member for Thebacha, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River North, moved that Bill 35, *Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act, 2026*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 35 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 Committee Report 33-20(1): Report on the Review of Motion 56-20(1): Code of Conduct Referral to the Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges, and reported progress with four motions carried.

Committee Motion 132-20(1)

The Member for Great Slave moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the following be added to Rule 7.3:

(3.1) written questions must be provided in writing to the Speaker at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the sitting day.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 133-20(1)

The Member for Great Slave moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Office of the Clerk develop and distribute to all Members of the Legislative Assembly a document providing guidelines for written questions and including a template that can be used by Members.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 134-20(1)

The Member for Great Slave moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that 4.1 (5) be amended to read:

The daily orders of business in the Assembly on Thursdays shall be:

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
5. Notices of Motion
6. Motions
7. Returns to Oral Questions
8. Acknowledgements
9. Oral Questions
10. Written Questions
11. Returns to Written Questions
12. Replies to Commissioner's Address
13. Petitions
14. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills
15. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
16. Tabling of Documents
17. Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills
18. First Reading of Bills

19. Second Reading of Bills
20. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
21. Report of Committee of the Whole
22. Third Reading of Bills
23. Orders of the Day

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 135-20(1)

The Member for Great Slave moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that Rule 2.1(1)(c) be amended to read:

A sitting beginning on the second Tuesday after Thanksgiving.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh, seconded by the Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, moved concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

Assent

The Commissioner of the Northwest Territories assented to the following Bills:

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| Bill 21: | <i>An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act</i> |
| Bill 22: | <i>Legislation Act</i> |
| Bill 28: | <i>An Act to Amend the Children's Law Act</i> |
| Bill 23: | <i>An Act to Amend the Family Law Act</i> |
| Bill 24: | <i>An Act to Amend the Protection Against Family Law Act</i> |
| Bill 27: | <i>An Act to Amend the Student Financial Assistance Act, No. 2</i> |
| Bill 36: | <i>Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), 2026-2027</i> |
| Bill 37: | <i>Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 3, 2024-2025</i> |
| Bill 38: | <i>Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 2, 2025-2026</i> |

Bill 39: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 2,
2025-2026*

The Speaker adjourned the House at 12:56 p.m.



Hon. Shane Thompson
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Glen Rutland
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly