



2011 Legislative Session: 4th Session, 39th Parliament

Government Announcements and News

- *B.C. deficit position worsens* – On the heels of B.C.'s [Second Quarterly Report](#), which shows the deficit rising to \$3.1 billion, Finance Minister Kevin Falcon softened the B.C. government's commitment to balance the provincial budget by 2013/2014. "If international events continue to deteriorate, and that hammers B. C., I am not going to be able to say we can balance at all costs," Falcon said. The Province's projected deficit for 2011/2012 deteriorated by \$313 million, mainly due to lower corporate income tax revenues. [Read more](#)
- *Municipal auditor general bill introduced* – The primary purpose of the Auditor General for Local Government is to help local governments find efficiencies in spending and improve program effectiveness by providing neutral, non-binding advice. Surrey, B.C. was chosen as the location for the Office of the Auditor General for Local Government. [Read more](#)
- *4th session of the 39th Parliament comes to a close* – The House had its final sitting on Thursday, November 24th. Notable legislation includes the passage of the Metal Dealers and Recyclers Act and the Family Law Act. Passage of the Auditor General for Local Government Act and the Workers Compensation Amendment Act will have to wait till the next session before becoming law.
- The new [Parliamentary Calendar](#) for 2012 is now published. The Throne Speech is scheduled for February 14, 2012 and the Provincial Budget will be tabled on February 21, 2012.

Question Period Topics

- Government action on poverty reduction and access to child care
- Student financial assistance
- Court system funding
- Community Living Services review
- Auditor General report on B.C. Hydro financial reporting
- Government settlement with Boss Power
- Public consultation process for coal mine proposal in Comox Valley

Status of Bills

BILLS INTRODUCED (first reading)

Government Bills

- [Bill 30 — Auditor General for Local Government Act](#)

Members' Bills

- [M209 — Poverty Reduction Act, 2011](#)
- [M210 — Workers' Dues Transparency and Rights Act](#)
- [M211 — Access to Prostate Cancer Screening Act, 2011](#)

BILLS PASSED (third reading)

Government Bills

- [Bill 5 — Personal Property Security Amendment Act, 2011](#)
- [Bill 7 — Regulatory Reporting Act, 2011](#)
- [Bill 10 — Nurse Practitioners Statutes Amendment Act, 2011](#)
- [Bill 16 — Family Law Act](#)
- [Bill 17 — Finance Statutes Amendment Act, 2011](#)
- [Bill 19 — Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act \(No. 3\), 2011](#)

Private Bills

- [PR 401 — Gospel Riders Motorcycle Ministries \(Corporate Restoration\) Act, 2011](#)

Reports Tabled

Select Standing Committee on Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills