Wednesday, June 5, 2019

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Members’ Statements

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, made a statement regarding the impacts of the United Conservative Government’s actions.

Mr. Rehn, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding efforts to contain the wildfires in the Lesser Slave Lake area.

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding the opioid crisis in Lethbridge.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding infrastructure fundraising for Irma School.

Mr. Walker, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding the Strathcona Christian Academy.

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding comments made by Mr. Bilous, Official Opposition House Leader, in the Assembly on June 4, 2019.
Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 8 Education Amendment Act, 2019 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

CBC News website article dated November 25, 2018, entitled “Oilpatch share buybacks drive record high totals on Toronto Stock Exchange,” relating to comments made by Mr. Schmidt during Second Reading debate on Bill 3, Job Creation Tax Cut (Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment) Act

The Chronicle Herald website article dated May 14, 2019, entitled “Cash-rich Canadian oil firms favor buybacks as other options narrow,” relating to comments made by Mr. Schmidt during Second Reading debate on Bill 3, Job Creation Tax Cut (Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment) Act

Hon. Mr. Nicolaides, Minister of Advanced Education:


Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall:

Letter dated June 2, 2019, from Bhajan Singh Gill, General Secretary, Progressive Cultural Association of Calgary, and Harcharan Parhar, Editor in Chief, Sikh Virsa International Inc., to Mark Neufeld, Calgary Police Service, requesting support to combat youth gang violence and illegal drug use

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 4 Red Tape Reduction Act — Hon. Mr. Hunter

A debate followed.
The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 31

Amery McIver Rutherford
Ellis Milliken Sawhney
Glasgo Neudorf Schow
Hanson Nicolaides Schulz
Horner Orr Sigurdson (Highwood)
Hunter Panda Singh
Jones Rehn Stephan
Loewen Reid Walker
Long Rosin Williams
Lovely Rowswell Wilson
Madu

Against the motion: 13

Bilous Goehring Phillips
Dach Gray Sabir
Dang Hoffman Schmidt
Deol Irwin Shepherd
Ganley

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 4 Red Tape Reduction Act — Hon. Mr. Hunter

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 2 An Act to Make Alberta Open for Business — Hon. Mr. Copping

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, the Assembly adjourned at 5:56 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2019 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 2 An Act to Make Alberta Open for Business — Hon. Mr. Copping
A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Nixon moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 3 Job Creation Tax Cut (Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment) Act — Hon. Mr. Toews

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

A. Section 2(b) is amended
   (a) by striking out the proposed section 21(t) and substituting the following:
      (t) beginning after December 31, 2019, is 10% of the amount taxable in Alberta for the years, or
   (b) by striking out the proposed section 21(v) to (y).

B. Section 3 is amended
   (a) in clause (b)
      (i) in the proposed section 22(2.1297)(c), by striking out “and before January 1, 2021”, and
      (ii) by striking out the proposed section 22(2.1298) and (2.1299);
   (b) in clause (c) by striking out “, (2.1295), (2.1296), (2.1297), (2.1298) and (2.1299)” and substituting “, (2.1295), (2.1296) and (2.1297)”.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 12

Bilous Deol Pancholi
Carson Eggen Renaud
Dach Irwin Sabir
Dang Loyola Shepherd
Against the amendment: 31

Aheer LaGrange Reid
Allard Loewen Rowswell
Amery Long Rutherford
Armstrong-Homeniuk Milliken Schow
Copping Nally Schulz
Getson Neudorf Shandro
Goodridge Nicolaides Sigurdson (Highwood)
Gotfried Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Toor
Guthrie Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Turton
Issik Panda Williams
Jones

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 3 Job Creation Tax Cut (Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment) Act — Hon. Mr. Toews

Mr. Milliken, Deputy Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 3 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre) — Defeated on division

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Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 2 An Act to Make Alberta Open for Business — Hon. Mr. Copping

A debate followed.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, raised a question of quorum pursuant to Standing Order 5(2). The division bells were sounded for one minute, following which the Acting Speaker confirmed a quorum was present.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, on behalf of Mr. Bilous, Official Opposition House Leader, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 2, An Act to Make Alberta Open for Business, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that the Bill will not draw investment to Alberta or stimulate the economy and that further input from the public is necessary.
A debate followed on the amendment.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, raised a question of quorum pursuant to Standing Order 5(2). The Speaker confirmed a quorum was present.

Debate resumed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Milliken in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 18

Carson           Goehring           Pancholi
Ceci             Gray              Phillips
Dang             Hoffman           Renaud
Eggen            Loyola            Sabir
Feehan           Nielsen           Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ganley           Notley            Sweet

Against the amendment: 48

Aheer            Long              Sawhney
Allard           Lovely            Schow
Amery            Madu              Schulz
Barnes           Milliken          Schweitzer
Copping          Nally             Shandro
Dreeshen         Neudorf           Sigurdson (Highwood)
Ellis            Nicolaides        Singh
Getson           Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Smith
Glasgo           Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Stephan
Guthrie          Orr               Toews
Hanson           Panda             Toor
Horner           Pitt              Turton
Hunter           Rehn              van Dijken
Issik            Reid              Walker
LaGrange         Rosin             Wilson
Loewen           Savage            Yaseen

Debate continued on the main motion.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 2, An Act to Make Alberta Open for Business, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

A debate followed on the amendment.
Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Ministerial Statements.

**Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, made a statement recognizing June 6, 2019, as the 75th anniversary of D-Day, and regarding the contributions and sacrifices of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, commented on the statement.

Debate resumed on the amendment.

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for any votes on the amendment and Second Reading of the Bill.

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Orders 3(1), 7(1), and 7(1.1) to allow the Assembly to meet on Monday, June 10, 2019, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in addition to the normal sitting hours and to commence ordinary Daily Routine business at 11:00 a.m. on that Monday, with Oral Question Period to commence at 11:10 a.m.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 13

Bilous  
Dach  
Deol  
Eggen  
Feehan  
Goehring  
Gray  
Hoffman  
Irwin
Loyola  
Nielsen  
Schmidt  
Shepherd
Against the amendment: 48

Aheer LaGrange Rowswell
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Copping Lovely Schow
Dreeshen Luan Schulz
Ellis Madu Schweitzer
Glasgo Milliken Sigurdson (Highwood)
Glubish Nally Singh
Goodridge Neudorf Smith
Gottfried Nicolaides Stephan
Guthrie Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Toews
Hanson Nixon (Imbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Toor
Horner Orr Turton
Issik Pitt van Dijken
Jones Reid Wilson
Kenney Rosin Yaseen

The question for Second Reading of Bill 2, An Act to Make Alberta Open for Business, being immediately put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 49

Aheer Loewen Rowswell
Allard Long Savage
Armstrong-Homeniuk Lovely Sawhney
Copping Luan Schow
Dreeshen Madu Schulz
Ellis Milliken Schweitzer
Glasgo Nally Sigurdson (Highwood)
Glubish Neudorf Singh
Goodridge Nicolaides Smith
Gottfried Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Stephan
Guthrie Orr Turton
Issik Pitt van Dijken
Jones Reid Wilson
Kenney Rosin Yaseen
LaGrange

Against the motion: 13

Bilous Goehring Loyola
Dach Gray Nielsen
Deol Hoffman Schmidt
Eggen Irwin Shepherd
Feehan

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The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:
Bill 2 An Act to Make Alberta Open for Business

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 7:43 p.m. Thursday, June 6, 2019, until Monday, June 10, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker