Tuesday, November 19, 2019

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

Members’ Statements

Mr. Bilous, Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement regarding Holodomor.

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding Holodomor.

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, made a statement regarding the Chops and Crops agricultural event.

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding Barbara Scriver.

Ms Issik, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding interprovincial trade barriers.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding Alberta farmers.

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding urban crime.

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, made a statement regarding federal equalization payments.
Speaker’s Ruling – Unparliamentary Language

The Speaker ruled that comments made by Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, during Oral Question Period were unparliamentary, and he invited Ms Notley to withdraw her remarks.

Naming a Member

Ms Notley stated that she did not wish to withdraw her remarks.

Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, was named by the Speaker for the remainder of the day. Ms Notley then left the Chamber.

Members’ Statements

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding Medicine Hat.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Bilous, Official Opposition House Leader, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly consider, pursuant to Standing Order 42, the urgent and pressing matter of the preservation of the public interest with respect to the management and stewardship of records or correspondence pertaining to ongoing investigations currently being undertaken by the Election Commissioner.

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(8), Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, provided notice to the Assembly that the Daily Routine shall continue beyond 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Dreeshen, Hon. Minister for Agriculture and Forestry, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of Canada to take all steps necessary to convene the Parliament of Canada as soon as possible to introduce emergency legislation to compel Canadian National Railway employees to return to work in order to prevent the potentially devastating impact of a strike on Alberta’s energy and agriculture sectors.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given November 18, 2019:

Bill 27 Trespass Statutes (Protecting Law-abiding Property Owners) Amendment Act, 2019 — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer
Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

   Edmonton Journal website article dated November 19, 2019, entitled “Opinion: Bill removes checks on doctors who put conscience over patients’ well-being”
   Sessional Paper 395/2019

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre:

   7 recent email messages to Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, expressing opposition to the Government’s proposal to have AIMCo administer the pension fund for Alberta’s teachers
   Sessional Paper 396/2019

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

   24 recent letters to Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, regarding teachers’ classroom concerns
   Sessional Paper 397/2019

   12 recent email messages to Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, and Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Education, expressing concern regarding the proposed Budget 2019 and the education budget
   Sessional Paper 398/2019

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View:

   Media Release dated November 19, 2019, prepared by Lorne Gibson, Election Commissioner
   Sessional Paper 399/2019

   34 recent email messages to various Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing opposition to the Government’s proposal to have AIMCo administer the pension fund for Alberta’s teachers
   Sessional Paper 400/2019

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

   Letter dated October 30, 2019, from Craig Lukinuk, Reeve, Smoky Lake County, supporting the nomination of the North Saskatchewan River for the Canadian Heritage River System on an interprovincial basis
   Sessional Paper 401/2019

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

   53 recent email messages to Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing concern regarding the Government’s proposal to de-index AISH payments
   Sessional Paper 402/2019
Government of Alberta website page entitled “Climate Change in Alberta,” relating to comments made by Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, during Main Estimates consideration on November 19, 2019

Sessional Paper 403/2019

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung:

7 recent email messages to Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, expressing concern regarding the recent cancellation of Rapattack

Sessional Paper 404/2019

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:


Sessional Paper 405/2019

Pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s46(2), Annual Report of the Office of the Ethics Commissioner, April 1, 2018, to March 31, 2019

Sessional Paper 406/2019

**Motions Under Standing Order 42**

Mr. Bilous, Official Opposition House Leader, requested unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly consider, pursuant to Standing Order 42, the urgent and pressing matter of the preservation of the public interest with respect to the management and stewardship of records or correspondence pertaining to ongoing investigations currently being undertaken by the Election Commissioner.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

Mr. Dreeshen, Hon. Minister for Agriculture and Forestry, requested unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

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Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

**Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(5)(b) and the Budget 2019 Main Estimates Schedule, the Assembly adjourned at 3:02 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.
Committee of Supply (Main Supply Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Mr. van Dijken, Chair, Standing Committee on Alberta’s Economic Future, presented the following report:

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(10), the Standing Committee on Alberta’s Economic Future has reviewed the 2019-20 proposed estimates and business plans for the Ministries of Advanced Education, Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women, Economic Development, Trade and Tourism, Labour and Immigration, and Infrastructure.

Ms Sigurdson, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Families and Communities, presented the following report:

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(10), the Standing Committee on Families and Communities has reviewed the 2019-20 proposed estimates and business plans for the Ministries of Children’s Services, Community and Social Services, Education, Health, Justice and Solicitor General, Seniors and Housing, and Service Alberta.

Mr. Hanson, Chair, Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, presented the following report:

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(10), the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship has reviewed the 2019-20 proposed estimates and business plans for the Ministries of Agriculture and Forestry, Energy, Environment and Parks, Indigenous Relations, Municipal Affairs, Transportation, and Treasury Board and Finance.

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Milliken reported as follows:

Madam Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2019-20 Offices of the Legislative Assembly, General Revenue Fund, and the 2019-20 Government Estimates, General Revenue Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020, for the Ministries and purposes indicated:
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  Financial Transactions $48,887,000

Seniors and Housing
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Service Alberta
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  Capital Investment $104,720,000
  Financial Transactions $10,150,000

Transportation
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  Capital Investment $1,013,507,000
  Financial Transactions $99,939,000

Treasury Board and Finance
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  Capital Investment $25,000
  Financial Transactions $1,362,000
  Contingency and Disaster and Emergency Assistance $680,000,000

On the motion to concur in the report of Committee of Supply, the question being put, the report and request for leave to sit again were agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:
For the motion: 36

Aheer  Loewen  Savage
Allard  Long  Sawhney
Amery  Luan  Schow
Armstrong-Homeniuk  Madu  Schulz
Copping  Milliken  Schweitzer
Dreeshen  Neudorf  Shandro
Glubish  Nicolaides  Stephan
Guthrie  Nixon (Calgary-Klein)  Toews
Hanson  Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn House-Sundre)  Toor
Hunter  Pon  van Dijken
Jones  Reid  Wilson
LaGrange  Rosin  Yaseen

Against the motion: 10

Dach  Gray  Sabir
Dang  Nielsen  Shepherd
Deol  Phillips  Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ganley

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 24 Appropriation Act, 2019 ($) — Hon. Mr. Toews

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 22 Reform of Agencies, Boards and Commissions and Government Enterprises Act, 2019 ($) — Hon. Mr. Toews

A debate followed.

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 22, Reform of Agencies, Boards and Commissions and Government Enterprises Act, 2019, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that dissolving the independent Office of the Election Commissioner could have negative impacts on the independence of election administration and the real and perceived integrity of the election process in Alberta.
A debate followed on the amendment.

Ms Gray moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 23 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2019 — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 20 Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act, 2019 ($) — Hon. Mr. Toews

Mr. van Dijken, Acting 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 20 (A2) (Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 407/2019

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:21 a.m. Wednesday, November 21, 2019, until 9:00 a.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker