Wednesday, November 20, 2019

The Acting Speaker took the Chair at 9:00 a.m.

**Government Bills and Orders**

**Committee of the Whole**

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

*(Assembly in Committee)*

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

**Bill 21 Ensuring Fiscal Sustainability Act, 2019 ($) — Hon. Mr. Toews**

Mr. Hanson, 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 21 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 408/2019
Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:
Bill 23 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2019 — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:
Bill 24 Appropriation Act, 2019 ($) — Hon. Mr. Toews

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:17 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2019 — 1:30 PM

ROUTINE

Members’ Statements

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding the Stollery Children’s Hospital and Stollery Day.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding Holger Petersen.

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, made a statement regarding the Holodomor.

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding lead in drinking water.

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding National Child Day.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the impact of Budget 2019 on Albertans.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding red tape reduction for Alberta’s farmers.
MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding gender equality.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding the fentanyl crisis.

**Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees**

Mr. Ellis, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members’ Public Bills, presented the following report:


Sessional Paper 409/2019

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to the report that the Bill proceed.

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

**Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Oral notice having been given on November 18, 2019:

Bill 26 Farm Freedom and Safety Act, 2019 — Hon. Mr. Dreeshen

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

10 recent email messages to Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, and Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, expressing opposition to the Government’s proposal to have AIMCo administer the pension fund for Alberta’s teachers

Sessional Paper 410/2019

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

3 recent news reports expressing concern regarding Bill 22, Reform of Agencies, Boards and Commissions and Government Enterprises Act, 2019, relating to comments made by Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, during Oral Question Period on November 20, 2019

Sessional Paper 411/2019
Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland:

Report, undated, entitled “Ten Myths About Gun Control,” prepared by the Canadian Shooting Sports Association

Sessional Paper 412/2019

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

27 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 413/2019

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

National Observer website article dated November 2, 2019, entitled “Here’s how climate pollution in provinces Greta marched in compares to Sweden’s”

Sessional Paper 414/2019

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood:

44 recent email messages to various Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding Bill 207, Conscience Rights (Health Care Providers) Protection Act

Sessional Paper 415/2019

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

Mr. Dach moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.
Government Motions

28. Moved by Hon. Mr. McIver on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly express its support for Alberta’s oil and gas industry, for the continued responsible development of best-in-class energy resources in accordance with the highest ethical and environmental standards, and for individuals who show their support by wearing their pro-Canadian oil and gas apparel, including when visiting the Alberta Legislature, and urge the Government to continue its efforts to advocate for the reversal of federal and provincial policies that have negatively impacted workers in Alberta’s oil and gas industry.

A debate followed.

Mr. Bilous, Official Opposition House Leader, moved that Government Motion 28 be amended as follows:

(a) by adding “agricultural industry, forestry industry, renewable energy industry and technology sector” after “express its support for Alberta’s oil and gas industry,”; and

(b) by adding “and other clothing supporting Alberta’s industries” after “pro-Canadian oil and gas apparel”.

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

A debate followed on the motion as amended.

The question being put, the motion as amended was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(4), the Committee recessed at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.
Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Mr. Hanson, 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) (introduced by the Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women on November 19, 2019) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 407/2019

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, on November 19, 2019, 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.

Hon. Mr. Nixon moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:
For the motion: 31
Aheer            Luan            Sawhney
Amery            Madu            Schow
Barnes           Neudorf         Schulz
Dreeshen         Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Schweitzer
Ellis            Orr             Sigurdson (Highwood)
Glasgo           Pitt            Smith
Hanson           Rehn            Toews
Horner           Rosin           Toor
Hunter           Rowswell        Walker
Long             Rutherford      Wilson
Lovely

Against the motion: 10
Bilous           Feehan          Loyola
Carson           Gray            Nielsen
Dach             Irwin           Renaud
Deol

Government Motions

35. Oral notice having been given on November 18, 2019, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 22, Reform of Agencies, Boards and Commissions and Government Enterprises Act, 2019, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Second Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Nixon and Mr. Bilous commented on the time allocation motion.

The question being 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: 27
Aheer            Lovely          Rowswell
Amery            Luan            Rutherford
Barnes           Madu            Sawhney
Dreeshen         Neudorf         Schulz
Ellis            Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Sigurdson (Highwood)
Hanson           Orr             Toews
Horner           Pitt            Toor
Hunter           Rehn            Walker
Long             Rosin           Wilson

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Against the motion: 10

Bilous       Feehan       Loyola  
Carson       Gray         Nielsen 
Dach         Irwin        Renaud 
Deol

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, on November 19, 2019, 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.

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 the remainder of the evening, including for the duration of Committee of the Whole.

Pursuant to Government Motion 35, agreed to on November 20, 2019, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:04 p.m., the question was immediately put on the amendment to the motion for Second Reading of Bill 22, Reform of Agencies, Boards and Commissions and Government Enterprises Act, 2019, which was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 10

Bilous       Feehan       Loyola 
Carson       Gray         Nielsen 
Dach         Irwin        Renaud 
Deol
Against the amendment:  29

Aheer Lovely Rowswell
Amery Luan Rutherford
Barnes Madu Sawhney
Dreeshen McIver Schulz
Ellis Neudorf Sigurdson (Highwood)
Glasgo Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Toews
Hanson Orr Toor
Horner Pitt Walker
Hunter Rehn Wilson
Long Rosin

Pursuant to Government Motion 35, agreed to on November 20, 2019, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:09 p.m., the question was immediately put on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 22, Reform of Agencies, Boards and Commissions and Government Enterprises Act, 2019, which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion:  29

Aheer Lovely Rowswell
Amery Luan Rutherford
Barnes Madu Sawhney
Dreeshen McIver Schulz
Ellis Neudorf Sigurdson (Highwood)
Glasgo Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Toews
Hanson Orr Toor
Horner Pitt Walker
Hunter Rehn Wilson
Long Rosin

Against the motion:  10

Bilous Feehan Loyola
Carson Gray Nielsen
Dach Irwin Renaud
Deol

Pursuant to Standing Order 64(3), at 10:15 p.m., the Speaker interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper for Second Reading.

The question being 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:  31
Aheer          Luan          Rutherford
Amery          Madu          Sawhney
Barnes         McIver        Schulz
Dreeshen       Neudorf       Sigurdson (Highwood)
Ellis          Nixon (Kimber-Mt. Hous-Sunde) Singh
Glasgo         Orr           Smith
Hanson         Pitt          Toews
Horner         Rehn          Toor
Hunter         Rosin         Walker
Long           Rowswell      Wilson
Lovely

Against the motion:  10
Bilous         Feehan        Loyola
Carson         Gray          Nielsen
Dach           Irwin         Renaud
Deol

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

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

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

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)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Mr. Hanson, 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 22 (A1) (Government House Leader) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 416/2019
Government Motions

36. Oral notice having been given on November 18, 2019, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

   Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 22, Reform of Agencies, 
   Boards and Commissions and Government Enterprises Act, 2019, is resumed, not 
   more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in 
   Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal 
   of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Nixon and Mr. Feehan commented on the 

time allocation motion.

The question being 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: 27

Aheer                          Long                          Rosin
Amery                          Lovely                         Rowswell
Barnes                         Luan                          Rutherford
Dreeshen                       Madu                          Sawhney
Ellis                          Neudorf                       Schulz
Glasgo                         Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)  Sigurdson (Highwood)
Hanson                         Orr                           Toor
Horner                         Pitt                          Walker
Hunter                         Rehn                          Wilson

Against the motion: 8

Bilous                          Feehan                         Nielsen
Dach                            Gray                          Renaud
Deol                            Irwin

Government Bills and Orders

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 22 Reform of Agencies, Boards and Commissions and Government Enterprises 

Act, 2019 ($) — Hon. Mr. Toews
Pursuant to Government Motion 36, agreed to on November 20, 2019, and Standing Order 21(1), at 1:18 a.m., the question was immediately put on the amendment to Bill 22 (A2) introduced by the Hon. Member for St. Albert on November 20, 2019, which was defeated.

Pursuant to Government Motion 36, agreed to on November 20, 2019, and Standing Order 21(1), at 1:18 a.m., the question was immediately put on the remaining clauses of Bill 22, Reform of Agencies, Boards and Commissions and Government Enterprises Act, 2019, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 36, agreed to on November 20, 2019, and Standing Order 21(1), at 1:19 a.m., the question was immediately put on the title and preamble of Bill 22, Reform of Agencies, Boards and Commissions and Government Enterprises Act, 2019, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 36, agreed to on November 20, 2019, and Standing Order 21(1), at 1:19 a.m., the question was immediately put that Bill 22, Reform of Agencies, Boards and Commissions and Government Enterprises Act, 2019, be reported, which was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion:  27

Aheer
Amery
Barnes
Dreeshen
Ellis
Glasgo
Hanson
Horner
Hunter

Long
Lovely
Luan
Madu
Neudorf
Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)
Orr
Rehn
Rosin

Rowswell
Rutherford
Sawhney
Schulz
Sigurdson (Highwood)
Smith
Toor
Walker
Wilson

Against the motion:  8

Bilous
Dach
Deol

Feehan
Irwin
Loyola

Nielsen
Renaud

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

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

Mr. Hanson, 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 22 (A2) (Hon. Member for St. Albert) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 417/2019
Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:23 a.m. Thursday, November 21, 2019, until 9:00 a.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker