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## Legislative Assembly of Alberta

1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 28, 2019

[The Speaker in the chair]

**The Speaker:** Hon. members, please be seated.

**Mr. Jack William Ady**

September 22, 1932, to November 26, 2019

**The Speaker:** Hon. members, before we begin this afternoon's proceedings, let us take a moment to pay tribute to a former member who passed away this week. Jack William Ady served three terms as a Progressive Conservative member, for Cardston from 1986 to 1993 and for Cardston-Chief Mountain from 1993 to 1997. He was also the father-in-law to Cindy Ady, Member for Calgary-Shaw from 2001 to 2012. Mr. Ady served as minister of advanced education and career development from 1992 to 1997. Mr. Ady passed away on November 26, 2019, at the age of 87. We will be paying further tribute to Mr. Ady in the spring sitting, when members of his family are able to join us.

In a moment of silent prayer or reflection I ask you to remember Mr. Ady as you may have known him. Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord, and let the light perpetual shine upon him. Amen.

Hon. members, for those of you who may be interested in attending the service, I believe that it is this Saturday. My office has further details with respect to the service for Mr. Ady. Feel free to reach out to the office for those details. [A cellphone rang]

It sounded distinctly like a cellphone tone over there in the back corner, perhaps from the hon. Member for Peace River. I'm not sure, but of course we want to ensure that all of our electronic devices are turned off.

### Introduction of Guests

**The Speaker:** Hon. members, we have two school groups in the galleries this afternoon. From Edmonton-Glenora please welcome students from MAC Islamic School, and from Strathcona-Sherwood Park welcome Wye elementary school students. Thank you all for coming to the gallery. Joining us a little bit later on are students from Edwin Parr senior school. Hon. members, please welcome our students.

Members, in the Speaker's gallery this afternoon, please welcome guests of the Minister of Indigenous Relations and the Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Tourism, representatives from the Paul band First Nation, accompanied by board members from Good Energy. Please rise and receive the warm welcome of the Assembly.

Hon. members, visiting guests of the Minister of Advanced Education: representatives from Alberta Students' Executive Council.

Also in the gallery today are guests of the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry: 4-H Hall of Fame inductees Sally Barkwell and Lee Carothers. As well, they have a number of guests joining them.

Also in the galleries – you may have noticed them in the lower rotunda this morning – we have some great folks visiting the Legislature as guests of the Member for Edmonton-Glenora: representatives of Alberta Policy Coalition for Chronic Disease Prevention.

Last but certainly not least are guests of the MLA for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland. Welcome the Elder family: Monique, Anne-Marie, and Philip.

Please rise and receive the warm welcome of the Assembly.

## Members' Statements

### Time Allocation on Government Bills

**Ms Gray:** Mr. Speaker, back on June 19 of this year I rose and gave a member's statement cautioning this government against its use of time allocation. At that time I spoke about how it is the debate that happens in this place, not just the holding of elections, that allows us to call Alberta a democracy, so I urged the government to show restraint in the future use of time allocation, because constraining debate in this place damages the democratic principles that we have all sworn an oath to uphold and protect.

Given the events of last week and this government's determined abuse of time allocation rules to stifle almost all debate on Bill 22, it is clear that this UCP government will continue to ignore democratic norms as they lunge from scandal to scandal, and it's a deeply tragic shame, Mr. Speaker. Last week we witnessed an unprecedented act of political cowardice. A government conveniently lacking in leadership obstructed justice by ramming through a bill that fired the Election Commissioner, an investigator who was looking into the UCP's own corrupt leadership race. Every time this government uses time allocation, especially when used presumptively, as it was last week, they reveal themselves to be unfit caretakers of Alberta's democracy.

Albertans watch and care about the debate that goes on in this building, their building. Albertans are watching, and they have developed a taste for frequently changing governments of late, Mr. Speaker. If the UCP continue to abuse their power in this place for their own convenience and self-dealing, I think Albertans will be wanting to continue that new electoral tradition in just a few years' time.

### Vulnerable Albertans and Budget 2019

**Mr. Sigurdson:** Mr. Speaker, after the budget address on October 24 I managed to get home in time to attend the Okotoks business awards gala. I would like to express my sincere congratulations to all of the incredible business nominees and award recipients.

Now, the highlight of the gala for me was the chance to meet Loree and her daughter Sydney. Sydney is an incredible young girl. She is a leukemia survivor, and she also has Down syndrome. Mr. Speaker, Loree told me about how her daughter overcame her fear of flying by writing a book to explain how fun the entire experience could be. From arriving at the terminal to boarding and the flight, they wrote a positive story that gave her the confidence to overcome her fear. This is an amazing story in itself, but to add to this, they have now published the story as a children's book illustrated by Karon Argue, an Alberta artist who is legally blind. I have to say that this story touched my heart in a profound way.

Our government has presented our first budget, a budget that ensures that we can continue to provide quality services to vulnerable Albertans like Sydney, a budget that establishes a prudent, thoughtful plan to stop the unsustainable increases to our debt.

Now, the opposition wants to criticize this budget by the misinformation of a \$4.7 billion tax cut that is actually only \$100 million, and that is a fact. Their hypocrisy is disappointing considering they are responsible for \$2.2 billion every year of taxpayers' money going to service the debt that they created, \$2.2 billion that no longer goes to help vulnerable Albertans, \$2.2 billion that goes to banks and bondholders overseas. We owe it to Albertans to make sure they have the support they deserve, now and in the future.

Sydney is an amazing young girl, and through her story she has reminded me that even though the previous government left this

place in a fiscal mess, this government can turn the page, overcome the fear, and write a new story, one of a positive future for Alberta.

**The Speaker:** I might remind all members of the House and, in particular today, the Government House Leader that it's the custom that we don't walk between the Speaker and the dais when entering the Chamber or exiting it.

The hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain has a statement.

### National Adoption Awareness Month

**Mr. Turton:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to mark National Adoption Awareness Month and offer my warm greetings to all adoptive families in Alberta and raise awareness of the children in need of adoptive homes. We all know how important family connections can be and how loving, supportive families create bonds that can last a lifetime. I think we all understand what those bonds mean to children who are adopted, to the parents who adopt them, and to the birth families who maintain ongoing contact through open adoptions. Providing a child in need with a permanent home is a remarkable act of caring and an expression of hope and faith in the future.

National Adoption Awareness Month presents the opportunity to celebrate adoption and to raise awareness about the children in need of adoptive homes here in Alberta, whether through licensed private adoption agencies, direct placement adoptions, international adoptions, which is the route that my family took, or children in government care who cannot be reunited with their immediate or extended families. Our government is working hard to find permanent, loving homes for children, teens, and sibling groups who otherwise wouldn't have one.

Postadoption services lend assistance to adoptive families here in Alberta. The supports for permanency program provides financial assistance to families who adopt or obtain private guardianship of children under the age of 18 in permanent government care, and the postadoption registry provides information and services related to adoptions dating back to the 1920s.

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Mr. Speaker, our government is working hard to cut through the red tape to make the adoption process more timely for children who are unable to be cared for by their birth families or by extended family. We want to ensure that we are finding the best possible fit for those waiting kids as quickly as possible.

This month of celebration is an important reminder that adoption is a wonderful option for any Albertan wishing to build a strong and loving family. On behalf of my colleagues in this House it is my great pleasure to recognize National Adoption Awareness Month and the many adoptive families in Alberta.

Thank you.

**The Speaker:** I do appreciate your statement today. It particularly hits close to home for the Speaker.

### Food Bank Use

**Ms Renaud:** In 1981 Edmonton's Food Bank, the first official food bank in Canada, was formed here in Alberta. Since that time, through boom times and bust, over 90 food banks have been created in communities across Alberta, proof that prosperity hasn't been for all.

Well before the election of Justin Trudeau in Ottawa, before the fall and complete collapse and assimilation of the PC dynasty in Alberta, food banks were seeing a growing recession at their doors in the increasing numbers of people in their communities needing

food assistance. These numbers grew through the collapse in the value of oil, a global commodity, and appear to be growing again as this government acts less like a shock absorber and more like the one delivering the blows to employment, sustainable funding, and the daily cost of living for Albertans.

In early November the Calgary Food Bank reported a spike in demand for their services, saying: what's needed now is government action. In a CBC news article, Calgary Food Bank CEO James McAra called for stronger employment legislation, more affordable housing, and social programs that don't claw back benefits when people start earning money. Edmonton's Food Bank reported record demand for help in October as over 23,000 Edmontonians accessed their food hamper program. Food assistance is once again growing, with no end in sight. Food Banks Canada released their HungerCount 2019 Report. The recommendations include supporting the creation of affordable early learning and child care across the country and increased supports for single adults living with low incomes.

A 2018 survey of food bank clients in Edmonton showed that just a few hundred dollars per month would make the difference between being food secure or not. As the cost of insurance, education, transportation, and user fees rises and as fewer supports are available due to funding cuts and the cost-of-living increases for everyday Albertans, the trend swings rapidly towards becoming food insecure, and as we've seen, food bank numbers will continue to grow.

Thank you. [An electronic device sounded]

**The Speaker:** Oh, my, that sounded a lot like a second electronic device in the Chamber today.

The hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland.

### Paul Band Energy Business Partnership

**Mr. Getson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the constituency of Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland we've had our challenges over the last four years. Between the federal Liberals and the previous NDP government it's been an uphill battle. Albertans spoke clearly this April. We took back our province. We're working together to get back to where we belong in this country, leading the charge for innovation and prosperity. The hardships we've faced together will make us stronger, and a common goal with a clear direction will unify us going forward.

However, the challenges we have faced over the last few years fall short of what the Paul band has been struggling with. Back in June I met their chief and council and discussed the challenges that they're having. On a tour I experienced first-hand some of the infrastructure challenges that they face every day, the main roads that require four-wheel drive for several days after a rain as an example. We also discussed crime, drug issues, and the need for reservation policing. We discussed the off-site low-income housing that they're trying to build to support their members living in Edmonton and how the new school under construction will help the next generation. We also spoke about the old arena, a building that was central to socializing in their community and the surrounding regions. Hockey is a common bond for all kids and parents, and unfortunately that arena has been in disrepair for the last 20 years due to lack of funds.

The leaders did not ask me once for money; they asked to be part of the solution, to help with the model of regional co-operation so that revenue could be generated to pay for their basic infrastructural needs. As their MLA I managed to connect a new company called Good Energy with their leadership. Together they will be purchasing and operating undervalued Albertan energy assets. The

Paul band will have seats on the board of the company and will have members of their community working on-site. In addition, the company will build a trades training centre on the reserve so that members can obtain and upgrade their skills as well. It's anticipated that there will be \$3 million per year generated for the band, plus wages for their members. This is the reason why the Alberta Indigenous Opportunities Corporation was created.

This UCP government has set the stage for true consultation and participation, and I look forward to all of the things that we can build together. Alberta is open for business. [some applause]

**The Speaker:** Order.

The hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud.

### Public Engagement in Alberta Politics

**Ms Pancholi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. One of the privileges of this job is the opportunity to meet so many Albertans who are doing fantastic work in their communities, Albertans who volunteer or work as part of their community league, their school council, charitable groups, and nonprofits. I've been particularly moved by the stakeholders who spoke out to fight against the regressive and discriminatory Bill 207; compassionate, compelling, and articulate advocates.

Most recently I've been inspired by the individual Albertans who have written their MLAs and the Premier, called our offices, and rallied on the steps of the Legislature and throughout the province, Albertans who are outraged by how quickly this government broke its campaign promises with this budget, how it seized their pensions without consultation, how entitled and arrogantly it spends their money on their buddies and cronies, but most outrageously, how corruptly and self-servingly it undermined our democracy itself by firing the Election Commissioner. The Premier didn't even have the courage to stick around and do it himself.

There's very real frustration, fear, and anger in Alberta towards this government. We're hearing it everywhere we go, in articles, on social media, at community meetings, in the grocery store. This government has broken faith with Albertans, and at a record speed.

What we hear most is: "What can we do? How can we fight back against this corrupt government?" Let me provide Albertans with some suggestions. E-mail, call, and ask for meetings with your MLA, particularly if they are government MLAs. Copy opposition members so we can hold government MLAs accountable for what they're hearing. If you live in my riding or anywhere in Edmonton, contact the Minister of Municipal Affairs. He is Edmonton's voice in cabinet and must answer for why he is failing us. Talk to your friends and families. This is not just politics. This is our future. Albertans must energize, organize, and mobilize.

Most of all, my message to Albertans is: don't forget. This government is doing this in the first year of their only term because they're counting on the fact that Albertans will forget what they've done by the next time the election comes around. Don't forget, because I can assure you that the Official Opposition won't.

### Fair Deal Panel Chair

**Mr. van Dijken:** Mr. Speaker, I'm so pleased to see our government taking decisive measures to assert Alberta's place in Confederation. Today the Premier announced Ms Oryssia Lennie as the chair of Alberta's Fair Deal Panel. Ms Lennie is the former Deputy Minister of Western Economic Diversification Canada and brings a wealth of knowledge about federal-provincial relations.

She'll be joining my colleagues, the hon. members for Banff-Kananaskis, Cypress-Medicine Hat, and Fort McMurray-Wood

Buffalo, along with other prominent Albertans to fight for our province's interests in Ottawa. Ms Lennie's distinguished career as a devoted civil servant who has worked on complex constitutional and intergovernmental negotiations will serve her well in this important role. She brings a wealth of experience from her time in both the federal and provincial governments.

Mr. Speaker, there has perhaps never been a time in history where Albertans have felt so alienated from the rest of the country. Legislation targeting our biggest industry, a broken and unfair equalization system, and Laurentian elites in Quebec and Ontario who sneer at the very industry that heats their homes and fuels their cars: it's not hard to understand Albertans' frustration. I'm so pleased that this panel has been tasked with listening to Albertans around the province and examining measures like withdrawing from the Canadian pension plan, creating a provincial police force, and establishing a provincial constitution.

Chairing this panel is a tall order and one for which Ms Lennie is well suited. Along with her colleagues she will be conducting town halls in community centres and church halls around the province. Albertans can also submit their feedback online, and let me tell you, Mr. Speaker, I know more than a few people in my constituency who will most certainly be sharing their ideas with the panel.

On behalf of the United Conservative caucus I'm pleased to extend our best wishes to Ms Lennie, because, Mr. Speaker, it's time Alberta got a fair deal.

**The Speaker:** Hon. members, the Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville.

### Holodomor Remembrance

**Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Albertans are shocked by the comments made by a University of Alberta instructor. In summary, this instructor believes that the Holodomor, the deliberate murder of millions of Ukrainians by starvation, is a myth. This instructor should be ashamed.

Everyone is entitled to their opinion, but facts are facts. Perhaps this part-time instructor could demonstrate some intellectual curiosity and learn the facts of Holodomor from the Holodomor research and education consortium at the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies. He would not have to go far. It's at the University of Alberta.

According to the University of Alberta's directory the instructor is not just a misinformed historian and political theorist holding on to rejected conspiracy theories, the instructor is a lecturer in the Faculty of Education, specializing in elementary education. The fact of the matter is that the Holodomor is a recognized mass genocide on the scale of the Holocaust and the Rwandan genocide.

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The U.S.S.R. deliberately targeted Ukrainians because they were farmers. They were stripped of their farms, food, possessions, and crops. Their village leaders were murdered. Millions of Ukrainians died as a result of the genocidal intentions of Stalin's Communist regime.

Mr. Speaker, the facts have to be stated over and over again because the Soviet Union tried to cover up the Holodomor. Only upon the fall of the Soviet Union did the facts become available, and the evil inflicted on Ukraine became more widely known. We cannot forget.

I am proud of my Ukrainian heritage. Ukrainians are here in Alberta and in Canada in part because of the genocidal war inflicted upon Ukraine. We have done so much to help build this province and country. The memories of millions that were lost should not be

forgotten. We study tragedy of the past so it will not happen again. All I can say is: shame.

### Oral Question Period

#### Justice Ministry Layoff of Civil Lawyers

**Ms Pancholi:** Mr. Speaker, today we've learned of this government's plans to fire 90 civil law lawyers from Alberta Justice as part of its continued run of cuts to the provincial budget. Some of these lawyers are tasked with child protection and make emergency applications to get kids out of dangerous situations. To the Premier: is keeping our kids safe no longer a priority as you scramble to pay off your failed \$4.7 billion corporate handout?

**Mr. Schweitzer:** Mr. Speaker, we are going to be downsizing the legal services division in the province of Alberta. We're going to make sure that we focus the priorities of that division and make sure that we continue to service the needs of Albertans. We'll continue to provide services for Children's Services. That will continue. Why are we here? We're here because of the fiscal train wreck that we inherited from the other side. We will get our budget back on track; we will balance our budget. It's the responsible thing to do.

**Ms Pancholi:** Maybe the minister just hasn't taken the time to learn what these lawyers do. These civil lawyers are tasked with enforcing environmental protection laws. They take on employers when unsafe conditions lead to the death of workers. They take violations of the building codes forward when people's homes are unsafe. Frankly, they keep Albertans safe. To the Premier: what's your plan? Are you just going to stop enforcing laws? Is this what you call red tape reduction?

**Mr. Schweitzer:** Mr. Speaker, from the other side over there what we have is simply an attitude of no lawyer left behind. We're going to focus the priorities of government and make sure that we focus the initiatives to make sure that the services of Albertans are met. We're here to make sure that those additional services, critical services, are met in a responsible way. The general public wants us to make sure we have prosecutors. I'm encouraging these civil lawyers, if they're interested to continue working for the province of Alberta, to apply for prosecutor jobs. We're hiring there.

**Ms Pancholi:** Well, Mr. Speaker, I think there's one lawyer that Albertans would like to leave behind.

Minister, you're putting people at risk, and that's not okay. These lawyers also advise the government when they're breaking their own laws. They help make sure the government complies with the rule of law and the Constitution. Frankly, we could use them now more than ever with this corrupt government in charge. To the Premier: are you firing these 90 civil lawyers because you're tired of having them tell you that you're breaking the law?

**The Speaker:** It would be unparliamentary to imply that a member of the House is breaking the law. I'm sure that's not what the member meant, because if it was, she would need to apologize and withdraw.

**Mr. Schweitzer:** Mr. Speaker, I think that that question speaks for itself. It's a ridiculous assertion. Here on this side of the House we are getting focused in the Justice department. We are downsizing, making sure we focus on the critical areas of government that Albertans elected us to focus on. That's what we're doing. We inherited a fiscal train wreck, sinking to over a hundred billion dollars in debt. My constituents sent me here to make sure we fight

for them, fight for every tax dollar to make sure it's used wisely. That's what our department is going to continue to do. [interjections]

**Mr. Ellis:** Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker:** A point of order is noted at 1:55.

The Member for Calgary-McCall has the next question.

#### Technology Industry Development

**Mr. Sabir:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Oil and gas workers were stunned when the Energy minister told the media that she wasn't concerned that her \$4.7 billion corporate handout had not created any jobs. Yesterday we also found out that the economic development minister is just as negligent with her file when she said the companies she took a crucial tax credit away from are, quote, doing fine. Premier, is the minister really that out of touch with the high-tech, IT, and interactive media industries?

**Mrs. Savage:** Mr. Speaker, the NDP just don't get it. They fail to understand that the root problem of all of this is the failure to build pipelines over the last four years. Now, the Minister of Justice has told me that he still has his bus that he offered to the NDP for their rural legacy tour. I'd like to put them on that bus and give them a tour to Bruderheim. Bruderheim: yes, that's where the Gateway pipeline would have started. Perhaps if they would see that, maybe they would realize their role in this was the failure to build pipelines.

**Mr. Sabir:** The CEO of Beamdog said that he feels betrayed. He has to pass on the plan to double his workforce in Alberta, and he is now looking at other places to create jobs. The CEO of New World Interactive said, and I quote, our process of bringing the right people in and growing the ecosystem here has slowed down substantially if not completely halted. Is betrayal and frustration what the minister meant when she said that these companies were doing fine?

**The Speaker:** The hon. the Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Tourism.

**Ms Fir:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The member opposite wants to speak about betrayal. Well, Albertans demonstrated how they felt about their betrayal of the carbon tax introduced by the previous government by putting them on that side of the bench.

Mr. Speaker, we're creating the best economic conditions for businesses to thrive. Prominent economists have said that our job-creation tax cut will create 55,000 jobs as compared to the 170,000 jobs lost under that government.

**Mr. Sabir:** Sandi Gilbert, chair of the National Angel Capital Organization, said, and I quote, this government campaigned on the fact that they wanted to increase investor confidence, and with this uncertainty they're doing the exact opposite. Adrian Camara, CEO of software company Athennian said: it's going to be impossible to raise a seed round into a technology company in Calgary. To the minister: if you were actually listening to the job creators in Calgary, wouldn't you know that they are not doing fine?

**The Speaker:** The hon. the Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Tourism.

**Ms Fir:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The member opposite talks about investor confidence. It takes time to build investor confidence and build relationships. It takes time to do that when you're starting from a neutral position. It takes twice as much time to do that when



you're starting from a mass deficit position in investor confidence, that the former government left us in, but rest assured, we're on path to fix their mess.

### **Bill 26 Insurance and Employment Standard Exemptions**

**Ms Gray:** Mr. Speaker, this government has not released any estimates for how many Albertans will be excluded from employment standards and injury insurance if Bill 26 is implemented. Looking at the exclusions this government is bringing in, some experts estimate that workers on 80 per cent of farms could be stripped of their basic employment rights, rights other Alberta workers have and other farm workers have across Canada. To the Premier: how many Albertans won't have rights to vacations, vacation pay, termination pay, or a guaranteed minimum wage after Bill 26 passes?

**The Speaker:** The hon. the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry.

**Mr. Dreeshen:** Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to actually bring this conversation back down to reality. The NDP yesterday was talking about this going back a hundred years in employment standards, but in reality it goes back four years. This actually aligns us with Saskatchewan, Ontario, and New Brunswick for employment standards. So the over-the-top rhetoric coming from the NDP on Bill 26 is really insulting when it comes to how they treat farmers and how they're saying farmers would actually treat their workers, because at the end of the day nobody cares more about farm workers than farmers. [interjections]

**The Speaker:** Order. Order.

**Ms Gray:** Mr. Speaker, does the minister know how many farm workers will not have employment standards or insurance coverage after Bill 26 passes?

While our government believed farm and ranch workers should have the right to basic rules around deduction of earnings, employment records, dispute resolution, this UCP government is moving to strip them away. Can the Premier explain to the hard-working farm and ranch employees on 80 per cent of farms in Alberta why their government doesn't feel they should be able to access these rights, rights that exist in other workplaces in Canada and on farms and ranches across Canada?

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**Mr. Dreeshen:** Again, Mr. Speaker, Bill 26 puts us in line with other provinces. There are actually a lot of different workers here in the province of Alberta, whether it be real estate brokers, securities salespeople, insurance salespeople, students in work experience, students in off-campus education programs, extras in film or video production, counsellors or instructors at nonprofit educational or recreational camps for children, municipal police service members, and postsecondary academic staff, that are all exempt from certain aspects of employment standards here in the province. Again, the over-the-top rhetoric from the NDP is just ridiculous.

**Ms Gray:** Mr. Speaker, the minister is talking about exemptions that hadn't been reviewed in decades, work that I hope the current minister of labour will continue, that we started. Under our government paid farm and ranch workers also had the right to things like unpaid, job-protected leave for things like maternity leave, compassionate care leave, bereavement leave, and long-term illness and injury leave, but this UCP government obviously does not

believe that paid farm and ranch workers should be able to access those rights. To the Premier: why do you feel that someone who works on a farm in Alberta should not be entitled to job-protected leave to care for a child or mourn a loss?

**Mr. Dreeshen:** Again, Mr. Speaker, we spent the entire summer consulting with farmers. We had 25 different consultation stops across the province, talking to farmers and ranchers and farm workers. The NDP's romanticized socialist class warfare is prevalent in the Leap Manifesto. But Albertans know better. They see through all this over-the-top rhetoric. [interjections]

**The Speaker:** Order. Order.

### **Calgary LRT Green Line Funding Affordable Housing**

**Member Ceci:** There's more and more concern about the critical green line LRT in Calgary, and it's all this government's fault. Now a city councillor is proposing pulling money from a new arena to put behind this project. I'm seeing mixed reaction to this proposal, but it was never on the table before this government shorted the funding for the green line. To the Premier. You love to say that you're the green line's biggest champion. Are you really going to let it die under your watch?

**Mr. McIver:** Well, Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member knows or certainly ought to know, the funding that we promised in the campaign for the green line will be available for the city of Calgary. We reprofiled the funding by a couple of years, but we've worked with them. We've had people from Transportation go down to talk to the city officials already, talk about how they can do that. There's only one party that can cancel the green line, the city of Calgary, and we sincerely hope that they don't do that because our government would love to see it built. I mean, we are putting \$1.53 billion behind that.

**Member Ceci:** Four years is not a couple of years, Mr. Speaker. That's how far they've pushed it out.

Mr. Speaker, the concern for the green line swirls around a clause in Bill 20 that allows the government to pull funding for the project within 90 days. While the Minister of Transportation has claimed that this clause is typical, neither the city of Calgary nor the Official Opposition has been able to find evidence of similar clauses in project agreements of this size. To the minister: will you provide a list of contracts with 90-day termination clauses, and if not, will you pull this clause out of your terrible piece of legislation?

**Mr. McIver:** Well, Mr. Speaker, as I've said in this House before – and if the hon. member was listening, he would know – there's a termination clause in the federal funding for the very same green line project. I'd just ask the hon. member to be a little more informed the next time he gets on his feet.

**Member Ceci:** You know, Mr. Speaker, there's also ongoing concern about affordable housing in Calgary, and there is talk of moving some of the money from the arena to affordable housing projects, and since this government cut \$44 million from rental assistance and another \$17 million from housing management bodies and made those cuts to help pay for the \$4.7 billion handout to big corporations, to the Premier. A housing crisis that you're making worse and no green line to get Calgarians to and from their jobs. I guess you have to be a CEO of a big company to get any traction from that side.

**Mr. McIver:** Well, Mr. Speaker, I spent nine years on Calgary city council with the hon. member asking the question, and the hon. member ought to know that when the province gives the city money, whether it's more or less, the city decides where that money goes. The hon. member didn't care about money then, he didn't care about money before he got fired as the Finance minister, and he hasn't taken the time to learn anything about how it all works up till today. [interjections]

**The Speaker:** Order. Order.

The hon. Member for Red Deer-South has a question.

### Infrastructure Project Prioritization and Management

**Mr. Stephan:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. During the election our Premier said that health care infrastructure priorities should be determined in a nonpolitical way based on local needs, the age of the hospital, and the pressure on that local hospital. The Premier is correct. The public interest is served when infrastructure priorities are determined in an objective, nonpolitical way based on merit and fairness. To the minister: how will our government's proposed infrastructure act support that priorities are based on merit and fairness?

**Mr. Panda:** Mr. Speaker, let me first thank the Member for Red Deer-South for asking that important question. The new infrastructure act, which I'm going to introduce next spring, will outline how the government will prioritize projects and report on capital spending. I hope to be consulting Albertans soon on the criteria that will be used to prioritize projects. The act will also mandate a 20-year strategic capital plan to help guide decision-making to keep politics out of infrastructure.

**The Speaker:** The hon. Member for Red Deer-South.

**Mr. Stephan:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Given that in the election the Premier requested the NDP to stop campaigning with our tax dollars and given that the NDP tried to buy votes with billions of taxpayer dollars in unfunded capital promises and given that when the public interest is subordinated to political vote-buying, there is a great disservice to the public interest, to the minister: how will the infrastructure act support that the public interest is not subordinated to political vote-buying?

**Mr. Panda:** Mr. Speaker, let me assure the member that protecting the public interest is top of mind. That's why in the following months we will be going through stakeholder consultation to test the prioritization criteria and seek input on what else could be included in the act to provide transparency, predictability, and accountability. The act will set a fiscal framework, but the act would not set any budget targets.

**Mr. Stephan:** Given that government projects cost far more than private-sector comparables and given that projects such as the Sturgeon refinery, with an initial budget of \$4 billion, is now several billions more and given that when government is an incompetent steward of taxpayer dollars, the capacity to fund other projects is undermined, to the minister: how will the infrastructure act not only support that the right capital projects are prioritized but that once prioritized, they are constructed in a responsible manner? [interjections]

**The Speaker:** Order. [interjections] Order. The House will come to order.

**Mr. Panda:** Mr. Speaker, the MacKinnon panel made recommendations around procurement, and I am commencing a review of that process. It is critical to select the right contractor for the right project each and every time to ensure projects are delivered on time and on budget and are constructed safely. Stay tuned. I'll be making an announcement soon on how we will be enabling the contractors to measure their own performance and how we will hold them to account.

### Condominium Insurance Premiums

**Mr. Carson:** Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Minister of Service Alberta made an announcement around changes his government is making to condo regulations, but he failed to address an issue that's impacting tens of thousands of Albertans. Insurance premiums for condominiums have been skyrocketing, with Global News reporting that some condo buildings are getting slammed with fee increases as high as 700 per cent. Why hasn't the Minister of Service Alberta acted to keep Albertans from being priced out of their own homes?

**The Speaker:** The hon. the Minister of Service Alberta.

**Mr. Glubish:** Well, Mr. Speaker, thank you for the question. We have heard these concerns from the condo residents who are impacted by these increased insurance rates. We're aware of the problem, and we're sympathetic to that problem. But, as the member opposite knows, the Condominium Property Act, which is what Service Alberta is responsible for, has provisions to say that condos do need insurance to cover the replacement cost of their properties. This is important because if they suffer a catastrophic event, they need to be able to rebuild their homes. The Condominium Property Act does not deal with affordability and accessibility. This is a Finance issue, and we're working with the Ministry of Finance to discuss...

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**The Speaker:** The hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday.

**Mr. Carson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Given that this government has claimed to support homeowners but these skyrocketing increases will trickle down to condo owners, who will be forced to pay more in condo fees as a result, and given that this government didn't bat an eye before supporting a \$4.7 billion corporate handout while completely disregarding these Albertans who are going to lose their homes, what plans does the Minister of Service Alberta have to address the concerns of condo owners, or since he didn't bother discussing premiums at his announcement, are they even on his radar?

**Mr. Glubish:** Well, Mr. Speaker, I can tell you that the cost burdens that condo owners face are something that's very front of mind for me, and that's why, when I announced the adjustments to the condo regulations yesterday, that will now come into force January 1, I was very clear about talking about how important it was over the last number of months to work with condo owners' associations as well as property managers and condo board members to make sure that in the pending regulations that were coming forward, we would get the governance improvements while being mindful of cost increases. We struck the right balance.

**Mr. Carson:** Mr. Speaker, given that a lawyer specializing in condominium law stated his belief that the premium increases are a result of insurance companies trying to improve their bottom line and given that improving the bottom line of profitable corporations

while leaving everyday Albertans to struggle with the consequences seems to be the mantra of this UCP government, will the Minister of Service Alberta stop with the empty talking points, get to work, and take action to reduce these outrageous insurance fees?

**Mr. Glubish:** Mr. Speaker, I would just like to say that we have done more to protect condo owners from unnecessary costs than the previous government did in four years. I am confident that because of the approach that we took on the condo regulations, this will prevent unnecessary costs from being layered upon condo owners, resulting in the prevention of future condo fee increases. This is something I'm very proud of. I have buy-in from property managers across the province, from condo owners' groups across the province as well as from condo board members across the province. This is something that they failed to do. These were groups that were complaining about their regulations. They are happy about ours.

**The Speaker:** The hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre.

### Medical Diagnostic Test Wait Times

**Mr. Shepherd:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The previous government, our government, took positive action by providing dedicated funding to help reduce wait times for life-saving diagnostic scans like CTs and MRIs. This minister chose to let that funding expire, and now all he's got left are excuses and finger pointing. I've been approached by many patients affected by this, and now even doctors are beginning to speak out. Why did this Minister of Health rush through his government's \$4.7 billion handout this spring but fail to take any actual action on diagnostic delays?

**Mr. Shandro:** Well, Mr. Speaker, I understand that some physicians and patients say that they're waiting too long. I rely on AHS to ensure that patients are not put at risk. AHS needs to work with their clinicians. If there really are patients waiting too long, then they need to accommodate those patients. AHS has a \$15 billion budget, and they are responsible for meeting priority needs.

**The Speaker:** The hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre.

**Mr. Shepherd:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Now, given that AHS acknowledged that the wait times are growing due to a spike in demand and the end of that one-time surge funding and given that Dr. Ernie Schuster, president of the Edmonton Zone Medical Staff, says that those delays started six months ago, on this minister's watch, and given that this minister's inaction is pushing people into emergency rooms to get scans done, which is the most expensive possible way for that to happen, how much money is this minister's failure to act on diagnostic delays going to cost Alberta taxpayers?

**Mr. Shandro:** Mr. Speaker, I'll remind the hon. member that we've actually increased funding for AHS by \$100 million. I know that demand is growing by a couple of per cent a year, but we need AHS to find the money to meet those needs within the existing budget. This is why the review of AHS, which will be available to us at the end of the year and, I think, released to the public in January, is so important. We need to reduce costs and reinvest those savings to serve patients.

**The Speaker:** The hon. member.

**Mr. Shepherd:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Now, given that Dr. Schuster also spoke to the media about situations, for example, where a patient has pancreatic cancer and has to wait up to 200 days for a scan – thanks to the lack of action here, the cancer will be more

advanced, and that's clearly bad for the patient and all involved in the medical system – has the minister got anything to say to Albertans who are waiting for a cancer diagnosis other than the usual blame game and finger pointing?

**Mr. Shandro:** Mr. Speaker, AHS's total cost per CT scan is up to 50 per cent higher than other provinces. We need to work with clinicians to reduce those costs and to reinvest the savings in doing more scans if they're needed, not throw more one-time dollars into the system, hidden through the population and public health budget, which the previous minister did. The prices we pay are just too high. They're out of line with what other provinces pay. AHS pays radiologists, for example, \$188 to interpret CT scans while B.C., for example, pays \$97.

### Traffic Safety

**Mr. Rowswell:** Mr. Speaker, in August of this year there was a 10-vehicle pileup outside the town of Cereal, Alberta, which left three people dead and devastated their families. On September 15 a multivehicle collision took place outside of Innisfree, Alberta. The two vehicles had pulled over after the collision, but their vehicle was struck by a semi-trailer, taking the lives of both drivers. My question for the Minister of Transportation: what can be done to reduce the severity and likelihood of these devastating accidents, that wreak so much havoc on the lives of Albertans?

**The Speaker:** The Minister of Transportation.

**Mr. McIver:** Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. The worst news I get as Transportation minister is when I hear about deaths and injuries on the roads. Safety is our top priority, and I would like the hon. member to know that after every major event our staff goes out and reviews the situation and the facts around it to see if there are improvements that we need to make, whether it's the construction of the road or signage or other things. But there is no substitute for people driving carefully. In the meantime we are delivering MELT, a higher standard of training for truck drivers, and we are doing many other things.

**The Speaker:** The hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright.

**Mr. Rowswell:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Given that Alberta implemented changes to licensing and commercial driving regulations such as stricter safety compliance and more mandatory training earlier this year and given that semi-trailers are involved in 8.4 per cent of crashes despite making up only 1.6 per cent of vehicles on the road, can the Minister of Transportation tell the House how effective these changes have been in reducing automobile accidents involving semi-trailers and commercial vehicles?

**Mr. McIver:** Well, Mr. Speaker, I'll tell the member that it's too soon, it's too early to say since we're just delivering MELT, or mandatory entry-level training, a new, higher standard that originated in the United States and a requirement for Canadian class 1 and 2 drivers to cross the border as of February 2020. But I'd like the hon. member to know that we'll monitor this. We are busy talking to truck drivers, bus drivers, industry members from across the province about how they can make sure that this is done in a safe way and how it can be delivered more affordably so we get that top-level training to as many drivers as possible.

**Mr. Rowswell:** Given that Alberta has the third-highest traffic-related fatality rate amongst Canadian provinces and given that over

half of all fatal accidents were in rural areas and given that our rural highways are subject to additional dangers such as snow and black ice in the winter months and given that Alberta has been devastated by dozens of major crashes on our rural highways this year – and the death toll keeps rising – what policies can be implemented in order to improve the safety of our rural highways and to protect the lives of my constituents as we head into the winter?

**The Speaker:** The Minister of Transportation.

**Mr. McIver:** Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like the hon. member and all members of the House to know that our highway maintenance contractors are required to be winter ready by October 1 of every year. There are 600 snowplows contracted to cover the 31,000 kilometres of roads. They're all GPS monitored, so we know when they're out there. We know how fast they're going, whether the blades are up or down. They're all required to keep adequate stocks of salt and sand and to get out on the roads as soon as they can. But there is no substitute for Albertans caring about themselves and caring for their fellow Albertans who are on the roads, and I would encourage all Albertans to be cautious.

#### 2:20 Persons with Developmental Disabilities Program

**Ms Renaud:** There are almost 13,000 disabled Albertans supported by the persons with developmental disabilities program, or PDD. Some receive funding for 24/7 care because of the complexity of the disability. During budget estimates I asked: how many people are currently on the waiting list for PDD supports and funding? The minister told me that there are 12 people on the waiting list and 2,200 people on a new level of waiting list that's in planning. To the minister: would you please clarify for this House and all Albertans what the new criteria are for disabled Albertans to move from the fake waiting list to the real one?

**Mrs. Sawhney:** Mr. Speaker, first of all, I do want to make it clear that the process that's in place right now is very much the same process that was in place with the previous government. In regard to the numbers on the wait-list, I don't have the exact number. In estimates I said that it was 12. But there is an in-service planning wait-list as well. Again I don't have the exact numbers, but they're in the range of about 2,100.

**Ms Renaud:** Given that in November of 2009 Betty Anne Gagnon, a woman with a developmental disability, died of a blunt head injury and her caregivers were charged with failure to provide the necessities of life and given that Ms Gagnon was killed while being supported by family members and those same family members had in fact attempted to secure PDD respite services via a service provider and given that the Hon. Judge M.M. Collinson issued numerous recommendations to that ministry following the fatality inquiry, can the minister please tell this House how her department will ensure that all disabled Albertans on both waiting lists will be kept safe?

**Mrs. Sawhney:** Mr. Speaker, certainly, that is a very, very tragic case, and I'm aware of all the recommendations that came out of that situation. I had mentioned to the member opposite that I am undertaking a comprehensive review of all programs, including the PDD program. Yes, it will be partially an internal review as well, but I will be consulting with stakeholders and the disability community before undertaking any decisions.

**Ms Renaud:** Given that PDD caseloads remain extraordinarily high and given that the minister has stated that the Ministry of

Community and Social Services will cut 223 positions in that ministry this year and given that we're hearing reports that successful intake now primarily focuses on very complex cases and that intake has slowed to a trickle, increasing the risk of abuse and injury, can the minister assure this House that her government will continue addressing the fatality inquiry recommendations and will not introduce service caps to the PDD program?

**Mrs. Sawhney:** Mr. Speaker, it's absolutely true. Caseload pressure is unprecedented. We have growing caseloads, and that's why it's so important that we undertake these comprehensive reviews, to understand how we can ensure that these programs are going to be sustainable for the long run, because right now the situation is untenable and the safety of Albertans depends on making sure that we make improvements to these programs so that they indeed are sustainable.

#### Postsecondary Tuition and Residence Fees

**Mr. Eggen:** Mr. Speaker, despite the claims from this government about wanting to make postsecondary education more sustainable, this government is doing quite the opposite: increased tuition, increased student loan interest, fewer services. Now we learn that students at the University of Alberta are facing a 5 per cent hike to their residence fees. Can the Minister of Advanced Education explain how more expensive housing plus all of these other costs he's imposing on students would somehow make our postsecondary system better?

**The Speaker:** The Minister of Advanced Education.

**Mr. Nicolaides:** Well, thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. You know, what's really important for us is that we give our institutions the autonomy and flexibility to make the operational decisions that are most important to them. I know that under the former government what they tried to do is micromanage every aspect of an institution's operations, to the point that it was limiting innovation and limiting other research and other activities, tying up their time in producing needless reports and unnecessary information. We're going to remove those handcuffs and give our institutions an ability to look at their own operations and figure out what their immediate priorities are. [interjections]

**The Speaker:** Order.

**Mr. Eggen:** Well, given that the president of the University of Alberta Students' Union has said that this residence fee hike, combined with another tuition hike and other costs that this minister is championing, will actually price some students out of even being able to go to school and given that as a direct result of this minister's policies the University of Calgary has confirmed that they will be increasing their tuition dramatically, how many students is this minister willing to see priced right out of Alberta's postsecondary institutions before he reverses his devastating cuts?

**Mr. Nicolaides:** Mr. Speaker, it's quite interesting to hear the member opposite talk about numbers and enrolment figures. Under their watch they instituted a five-year tuition freeze, that they told Albertans and they told everyone would increase accessibility, but in fact it did the complete opposite. You know, look at the numbers. Look at the facts. You can see it. It's right there in front of you for everybody to see. Total enrolment in the province is down today from when the freeze began. So we're definitely not going to take any lessons from the members opposite when it comes to strengthening our postsecondary system. We will get it right.

**Mr. Eggen:** Well, you know, Mr. Speaker, given that students should be able to afford tuition as well as a place to live and given that ensuring postsecondary affordability was a priority of our government while this minister's approach seems to be to make students pay more so that profitable corporations can have their \$4.7 billion gift, will this minister actually ensure that students can afford postsecondary education, or does he just not seem to care?

**Mr. Nicolaides:** Mr. Speaker, ensuring tuition remains affordable is a top priority of mine, which is precisely why we've made the tuition changes that we have. We've maintained the cap on tuition to ensure that tuition does not spiral out of control and that it remains consistent with the Canadian average. As well, we have provided a tuition policy and framework that give our students predictability. From the date of the budget students have four-year clarity, a four-year window as to what tuition will be, unlike with the members opposite. When they were in government, they decided tuition policy one year to the next to the next, deciding what they were going to do. [interjections]

**The Speaker:** Order.

The hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley has a question.

### School Nutrition Program

**Mr. Loewen:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Education. Some parents in my riding have expressed their appreciation of the benefits that school nutrition programs provide their children. I recognize that good nutrition has an extremely positive impact on a child's learning, and some constituents in my riding were quite pleased that Budget 2019 maintained funding for the school nutrition program. Could the Minister of Education please explain to the House how the increased investment in this program will help more students benefit from the school nutrition program?

**The Speaker:** The hon. the Minister of Education.

**Member LaGrange:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The hon. member is absolutely right. Good nutrition has a very positive impact on student learning. That is why I was proud to announce this morning that we have increased funding to the school nutrition program by 20 per cent. Despite the NDP's rhetoric before Budget 2019, we have been clear that we value and appreciate this program. This new investment is \$3 million more than the previous government budgeted and demonstrates our continued commitment to ensuring students receive nutritious meals while attending our schools.

**Mr. Loewen:** Thank you, Minister. Given that before the budget the NDP fearmongered about cuts to this program and given that Budget 2019 proved them absolutely wrong and given that this increased investment brings the total funding for this program to a higher level than the previous government funded it, can the minister please explain why the government chose to increase funding to the school nutrition program by 20 per cent?

**The Speaker:** The Minister of Education.

**Member LaGrange:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and hon. member. During my province-wide tour I heard very loudly and clearly from school divisions that they want to engage their community partners in supporting their nutrition programs. That is why this 20 per cent increase will enable nonprofits to partner with school divisions on piloting innovative ways to reduce operating costs and administrative burdens on schools while ensuring that students continue to receive

quality, nutritious meals. We value good nutrition for our children, and this increased investment of \$3 million demonstrates that.

**The Speaker:** The hon. member.

**Mr. Loewen:** Thank you. Given that multiple nonprofits supported this announcement and given that school boards across Alberta believe that increased community partnerships will help them support more students and given that positive nutrition is not solely an education issue – rather, it is a community and social services issue affecting all communities – can the minister please explain how she intends to help school divisions involve nonprofits in supporting positive nutrition for our students who need it?

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**The Speaker:** The hon. minister.

**Member LaGrange:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you again for the question, hon. member. I completely agree with the member. Nutrition is not just a school issue; rather, it is a community issue. This increased investment will come in the form of a new grant for nonprofits to pilot better delivery of the nutrition program in partnership with schools. My department will engage with school authorities and experienced nonprofits, and any nonprofit who is interested in applying can submit a proposal to Alberta Education. I'm excited to see how the pilot unfolds as our school divisions work with nonprofits to develop whole out-of-community solutions to student nutrition. This will be a win-win.

**The Speaker:** The hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora.

### Education System and Financing

**Ms Hoffman:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Last year UCP delegates gathered at their AGM and voted for a resolution to strip LGBTQ2S-plus students of crucial legal protections. Then, sure enough, we got Bill Hate, which turned that transphobia and homophobia into law. This weekend the UCP will gather again, and this time members are calling for an education voucher system. Albertans deserve to know where this government stands. Will this UCP government bring in a voucher system? Yes or no?

**Mr. Jason Nixon:** Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to be part of a government who is here to stand up for all Albertans. Our Premier has been clear about that during his campaigns all the way to the Premier's chair. That's why I've been proud to campaign with him along the way. I'm excited to go to the second convention of the United Conservative Party and celebrate the fact that since the last time that we met, we united the conservative movement and Albertans were able to fire the NDP six months ago. I look forward to hearing the debate when it comes to resolutions, but I assure you that we will continue to be in this House to stand up for all Albertans.

**Ms Hoffman:** Given that that answer is very different than the one the Education minister has been giving publicly to many organizations, Mr. Speaker – the Education minister has flat out said that there will not be a voucher system – which is it? Is it the Government House Leader and what he said here in this place, is it what the Education minister has been saying to stakeholders who are very concerned about a voucher system, or is it what the Member for Lacombe-Ponoka's riding association is putting forward? Which schools does he think are good schools and bad schools, and what is the truth? What's going to happen at this convention?

### Speaker's Ruling Questions outside Government Responsibility

**The Speaker:** I struggle to find any form of government policy in the question. You did a very fine job on the first question in asking what the government policy might be coming out of that convention, but in this case you didn't ask anything about government policy. I will provide the government the opportunity to respond, but if they choose not to, we'll move to the next question.

#### Debate Continued

**Mr. Jason Nixon:** Mr. Speaker, I'm happy to respond in regard to government policy and reiterate what I just said in the last answer, which is that this government will continue to stand up for all Albertans. The Education minister has already addressed that issue, as the hon. member just pointed out. She speaks on behalf of the education policy for this government, and she can continue to do that.

What I'm excited about is to be at the second United Conservative Party convention this weekend to celebrate the uniting of the conservative movement and the successful firing of that member's former government.

**Ms Hoffman:** Given that the same UCP resolution includes bizarre claims that "students are entering adulthood unemployable and increasingly radicalized by extremist ideologies" and given that this is both completely false and deeply insulting to hard-working teachers, educational assistants, and all Alberta students, will the minister condemn this UCP description of Alberta schools and commit to condemning it at the mic at her convention this weekend?

### Speaker's Ruling Questions outside Government Responsibility

**The Speaker:** Hon. member, I provided you some cautionary notes on how the member might respond to a question about government policy. I might even provide a suggestion for you: is this going to be government policy in the future? That would be a question in order. However, the one that you asked was not in order, and unless the Government House Leader would like to respond, we'll be moving to the next set of questions.

#### Debate Continued

**Mr. Jason Nixon:** Happy to respond, Mr. Speaker. The reality is that you can't respond to a question like that from the hon. member because she's part of a party who continues to bring forth things here that, it turns out later, are not true, just like when she accused the hon. culture minister of spending \$35,000 on liquor. I can't rise in this place and answer speculation on different things from the hon. members . . . [interjections]

**The Speaker:** Order.

**Mr. Jason Nixon:** . . . across the way, Mr. Speaker, because we don't know when the NDP is actually presenting real facts inside this Chamber. But I can tell you this. I'm excited to be at the United Conservative Party convention this weekend.

#### Education Funding

**Ms Hoffman:** This morning Sturgeon public schools released a statement about the district budget that the board passed last night.

"The October 24 Provincial Budget included reductions to education." Overall Sturgeon is \$3 million short of what the minister promised them in June. Everyone knows that the minister broke her promise to maintain school funding. Why did the UCP take money away from families to pay for a \$4.7 billion no-jobs corporate handout?

**The Speaker:** The hon. Minister of Education has risen.

**Member LaGrange:** Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the question. As we indicated through the budget, every student who walks through the door of one of our schools, whether they attend a public, a Catholic, a francophone, a charter, a private, or are home-schooled, will continue to be funded at the exact same rate they were last year. Over 98 per cent of the Education budget flows to school authorities who deliver services to our students. By reallocating restrictive grant funding and eliminating reporting requirements, we reduced red tape, and what we did was provide the boards with the flexibility to meet their local priorities. [interjections]

**The Speaker:** Order.

The hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora.

**Ms Hoffman:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Given that Greater St. Albert Catholic says they got \$3.7 million less than the minister promised them and given that that means the board is dropping a surprise \$313 busing fee onto parents retroactive to the beginning of the school year, does the minister have any idea what this does to a family budget right before Christmas? Why won't she take responsibility for what she's done in her budget?

**The Speaker:** The hon. Minister of Education.

**Member LaGrange:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the question. As I've said numerous times, over and over and over again, our budget for 2018-2019 for Education was \$8.223 billion. The budget for 2019-2020 is \$8.223 billion. We collect approximately \$2.5 billion in educational tax dollars. We spend \$8.223 billion. Enrolment has grown by 25 per cent, inflation by 33 per cent, but our operating has grown by 80 per cent. This is not sustainable.

**The Speaker:** The hon. member.

**Ms Hoffman:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Given that there are massive teacher layoffs in Calgary and given that there are surprise new busing fees in Rocky View and St. Albert, given that districts across this province are exhausting their reserves, even the minister's home district of Red Deer Catholic, given that Sturgeon public is warning of, quote, further draconian cuts and fee increases to come next year, does the minister really believe that families impacted by her cuts are doing fine as well?

**The Speaker:** The Minister of Education.

**Member LaGrange:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the question. I've been in contact with school divisions, school boards, administrators, parents, and on and on and on. I have been very, very engaged in the process. In regard to the CBE, their choice to let go of 300 contracts of the most important people, those who teach our children – besides the children who are in our schools to learn, the teacher is the next important. What they did is reprehensible. They need to take account for the actions that they took. [interjections]

**The Speaker:** Order.

The hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge.

### Health Care System

**Mr. Toor:** Mr. Speaker, I noticed in the Auditor General's November 2019 report that Alberta taxpayers are no longer paying for health care costs associated with accidents that were due to wrongful acts by third parties. This is good news. However, from 2013 to 2017 the department did not manage to recover approximately \$140 million in health care costs, an average of \$28 million per year. Can the Minister of Health inform the Assembly what measures his ministry is taking so that large cost recovery gaps are avoided in the future?

**The Speaker:** The Minister of Health.

**Mr. Shandro:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The member is correct. Alberta taxpayers shouldn't be responsible for health care costs caused by the wrongful acts of others. That's why we have the Crown's Right of Recovery Act. The Auditor General pointed out that we were underestimating the revenues available. It was a problem, as the member points out. It got fixed. We'll recover \$147 million from Alberta automobile insurers in 2020. This was supported by the insurance industry, and it will not impact insurance rates for individual Albertans.

**The Speaker:** The hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge.

**Mr. Toor:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the minister's assurance on the Auditor General's report. Given that another major initiative to improve efficiency is the connect care information system and given that Alberta Health Services has said that it is essential to improve the functioning of the system but there have been some problems reported with it, I'm hoping the minister can give us an update on the status of the connect care implementation, especially the concerns about delays in reporting lab results.

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**Mr. Shandro:** Well, Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the staff and the department for the work that they've been doing. There are no new recommendations this year, and the Auditor General recognized the improvements in cost recovery, that I just referred to previously. We've implemented a number of other recommendations, including important steps to strengthen oversight in long-term care and improve conflict-of-interest processes. Work is under way on all the outstanding recommendations, including important actions to improve mental health services and modernizing our health care card.

**The Speaker:** The hon. member.

**Mr. Toor:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Given that health care costs are nearly half of the provincial budget and given that health care costs continue to rise and that every option has to be examined when it comes to finding efficiencies, could the minister point out some of the proactive measures that would help our health care system address issues before they become serious and expensive problems?

**Mr. Shandro:** Well, I suppose I could mention, Mr. Speaker, connect care. Maybe the member wanted to ask about connect care. We can talk about connect care. It was just launched by AHS on November 3. Overall, the launch has gone well considering the skill and complexity of the change. Anyway, we need to make sure that – I thank the hon. member for his questions.

**The Speaker:** I, too, thank him for his question, but we are currently on Members' Statements and will be heading there directly.

### Members' Statements

(continued)

**The Speaker:** The hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon.

### Freedom of Religion

**Mr. Smith:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Societies evolve but not always for the better. It is historical fact that the United States evolved from freedom to indentured servitude to slavery one restrictive law at a time. The restrictions of these rights had the support both of wide segments of the society and their legislators. Surely this could not happen in Canada with our long tradition of democracy and respect for individual rights, yet I see troubling signs.

Quebec is creating a secular society and pursuing a legislative course of freedom from religion rather than freedom of religion, which will inevitably restrict people of faith from public service jobs. Recently, Catherine Ford's article in the *Edmonton Journal* addressing public religious expression concluded: "All this is personal and intimate. It has no place in the public sphere." It would appear she supports an increasingly popular belief that in a democratic society, religious and moral values are best kept private. While I support each individual's choice to pursue a faith or not, I'm an adamant defender of the constitutionally enshrined right for all Canadians to practise their chosen religion.

Surely we have learned what Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. so eloquently said: "There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but he must do it because Conscience tells him it is right." For many Canadians their conscience dictates that they abide by the doctrines of their faith, both privately and as their faith intersects with the wider public politic. We must defend our Charter rights for when we weaken individual rights, especially freedom of religion, one law and one judicial ruling at a time, history tells us that it rarely ends well.

### Notices of Motions

**The Speaker:** The hon. Government House Leader.

**Mr. Jason Nixon:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do have a notice of motion. Pursuant to Standing Order 34(3), I wish to advise the Assembly that on Monday, December 2, 2019, motions for returns 5, 7, and 8 will be accepted. Then motions for returns 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 will be dealt with.

**The Speaker:** As a way of context for members, this is with respect to Motions for Returns or Written Questions which are private members' business. We'll be dealing with those on Monday.

### Tabling Returns and Reports

**The Speaker:** The hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, followed by the hon. members for Drayton Valley-Devon and then Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul.

**Mr. Gotfried:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to table with the requisite number of copies a grade 10 social studies test which included deeply concerning anti-oil and gas rhetoric and is a prime example of the political bias that needs to be removed from our classrooms.

Further, I am endeavouring to secure a copy of the potentially offensive student vote instructions and welcome further examples of such egregious information that is happening in terms of events and incidents across our province in the future.

Thank you.

**The Speaker:** The hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon.

**Mr. Smith:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to table the following documents, and I have the requisite number of copies. I received these from constituents that support conscience rights in Alberta.

**The Speaker:** The hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul.

**Mr. Hanson:** Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table five copies of Keith Gerein's article the NDP's Day of Blunders Giving the Official Opposition a Bad Name. I might suggest they change the name to the Tinfoil Hat Party.

**The Speaker:** I'm not sure that that's part of a tabling, but the hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud.

**Ms Pancholi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to table the requisite copies of an e-mail from my constituent who works for ATRF with her opinion, a very wise opinion, about why this will not actually save money and that consultations should have been done.

I have one more tabling, Mr. Speaker, which is the requisite copies of a letter from the Ridge Community League, which is a community league within the constituency of Edmonton-Whitemud, a letter to the Premier outlining the effect of the cuts to the CFEP program on their community league.

**The Speaker:** The hon. Member for Morinville-St. Albert.

**Mr. Nally:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have an e-mail from a constituent, Anita Keefe, who describes her five-year-old son's life-threatening allergy to latex. This tragic allergy has affected every part of his daily life. I have the requisite five e-mails that describe the dire situation that this young boy finds himself in on a daily basis.

**The Speaker:** Is there anyone else? The hon. Member for St. Albert.

**Ms Renaud:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have two tablings. The first one is published by Food Banks Canada, and I referred to it in my member's statement. It's called HungerCount 2019 Report. I have five copies of that.

I also have a briefing paper from the Climate Council dated November 12, 2019, and it's entitled 'This is Not Normal': Climate Change and Escalating Bushfire Risk.

**The Speaker:** Anyone else wishing to table a document or a return?

### Tablings to the Clerk

**The Clerk:** I wish to advise the Assembly that the following documents were deposited with the office of the Clerk. On behalf of hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Labour and Immigration, pursuant to the Government Organization Act, authorized radiation health administrative organization annual reports for the following: Alberta Association for Safety Partnerships, January 1 to December 31, 2018; Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors, July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019; Alberta Dental Association and College, January 1 to December 31, 2018; Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, November 1, 2017, to October 31, 2018; College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta, January 1 to December 31, 2018; University of Calgary, April 1, 2018, to March 31, 2019; University of Alberta, April 1, 2018, to March 31, 2019.

On behalf of hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, responses to questions raised by Ms Phillips, hon. Member for Lethbridge-West; Ms Sweet, hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning; MLA Ceci, hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo; and Mr. Dach, hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung on October 31, 2019, Ministry of Treasury Board and Finance, 2019-20 main estimates debate.

**The Speaker:** Hon. members, we are at points of order. Now, I didn't receive a withdrawal from the hon. Member for Calgary-West, but perhaps that's what he's rising to do.

**Mr. Ellis:** Regarding the first point of order or the second point of order?

**The Speaker:** Whichever.

### Point of Order Parliamentary Language

**Mr. Ellis:** Well, the first point of order, sir: I will be very brief because I've been communicating with my friend opposite here, and he's willing to withdraw and apologize in regard to the comments made by the Member for Edmonton-Whitemud.

**The Speaker:** The hon. Official Opposition House Leader.

**Mr. Bilous:** Yes, absolutely, Mr. Speaker. I believe that she had made a comment referring to an individual about being corrupt, and what she meant to say was that the government is being corrupt. For her misspeaking I do withdraw that comment.

**The Speaker:** Thank you. I consider it dealt with.

**Mr. Ellis:** The second one, Mr. Speaker, I believe that you efficiently dealt with, so I withdraw the second point of order during the exchange between the Member for Edmonton-Glenora and the government side. Thank you.

**The Speaker:** Teamwork has indeed made the dream work today. Are there any others?

Hon. members, we are at Ordres du jour.

### Orders of the Day

**The Speaker:** I see the hon. Minister of Transportation has risen.

**Mr. McIver:** Focus, Mr. Speaker. Everybody has worked hard, and we made good progress this week, and in some parts of Alberta there is snow on the roads that'll make the trip home more dangerous than it ought to be. Based on the progress that we've made this week, I'd like to thank all members of the House for their participation in getting us to this point. At this point I would move the Assembly adjourn until Monday, December 2, at 1:30 p.m., and I wish all members from all sides of the House to get home safely and to return here safely at that time.

**The Speaker:** I second the comments made by the hon. Minister of Transportation with respect to travelling safely. Drive to arrive, and when in doubt, sleep it out. Please feel free to stay in the city here if you're driving into any dangerous conditions.

[Motion carried; the Assembly adjourned at 2:50 p.m.]



## **Bill Status Report for the 30th Legislature - 1st Session (2019)**

**Activity to Thursday, November 28, 2019**

The Bill sponsor's name is in brackets following the Bill title. If it is a money Bill, (\$) will appear between the title and the sponsor's name. Numbers following each Reading refer to Hansard pages where the text of debates is found; dates for each Reading are in brackets following the page numbers. Bills numbered 1 to 200 are Government Bills. Bills numbered 201 or higher are Private Members' Public Bills. Bills numbered with a "Pr" prefix are Private Bills.

\* An asterisk beside a Bill number indicates an amendment was passed to that Bill; the Committee line shows the precise date of the amendment.

The date a Bill comes into force is indicated in square brackets after the date of Royal Assent. If a Bill comes into force "on proclamation," "with exceptions," or "on various dates," please contact Legislative Counsel, Alberta Justice, for details at 780.427.2217. The chapter number assigned to the Bill is entered immediately following the date the Bill comes into force. SA indicates Statutes of Alberta; this is followed by the year in which it is included in the statutes, and its chapter number. Please note, Private Bills are not assigned chapter number until the conclusion of the Fall Sittings.

### **Bill 1 — An Act to Repeal the Carbon Tax (\$) (Kenney)**

First Reading — 8 (*May 22, 2019 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 44 (*May 23, 2019 aft.*), 79-92 (*May 27, 2019 eve.*), 95-107 (*May 28, 2019 morn.*), 121-43 (*May 28, 2019 aft.*), 166-70 (*May 28, 2019 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 215-24 (*May 29, 2019 aft.*), 239-41 (*May 29, 2019 eve.*), (*May 30, 2019 morn., passed*)

Third Reading — 246-51 (*May 30, 2019 morn.*), 327-339 (*Jun. 3, 2019 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Jun. 4, 2019 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on various dates; SA 2019 c1 ]

### **Bill 2 — An Act to Make Alberta Open for Business (Copping)**

First Reading — 58 (*May 27, 2019 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 145-52 (*May 28, 2019 eve.*), 189-90 (*May 29, 2019 morn.*), 236-39 (*May 29, 2019 eve.*), 375-79 (*Jun. 4, 2019 aft.*), 416-17 (*Jun. 4, 2019 eve.*), 448 (*Jun. 5, 2019 aft.*), (*Jun. 5, 2019 eve.*), (*Jun. 5, 2019 eve., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 986-1002 (*Jun. 19, 2019 aft.*), 1090-99 (*Jun. 20, 2019 aft.*), 1218-22 (*Jun. 25, 2019 eve.*), 1235-44 (*Jun. 26, 2019 aft.*), 1293-1300 (*Jun. 27, 2019 aft.*), 1313-26 (*Jul. 2, 2019 aft.*), 1329-31 (*Jul. 2, 2019 aft.*), 1347-57 (*Jul. 2, 2019 eve.*), 1357-62 (*Jul. 2, 2019 eve., passed on division*)

Third Reading — (*Jul. 3, 2019 eve.*), (*Jul. 3, 2019 eve., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Jul. 18, 2019 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on various dates; SA 2019 c8 ]

### **Bill 3 — Job Creation Tax Cut (Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment) Act (Toews)**

First Reading — 111 (*May 28, 2019 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 236 (*May 29, 2019 eve.*), 341-53 (*Jun. 4, 2019 morn.*), 408-16 (*Jun. 4, 2019 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — (*Jun. 5, 2019 eve.*), (*Jun. 11, 2019 morn.*), 685-700 (*Jun. 11, 2019 aft.*), 738-45 (*Jun. 12, 2019 morn., passed*)

Third Reading — (*Jun. 12, 2019 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Jun. 28, 2019 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force June 28, 2019; SA 2019 c5 ]

### **Bill 4 — Red Tape Reduction Act (Hunter)**

First Reading — 202 (*May 29, 2019 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 277-78 (*May 30, 2019 aft.*), 365-75 (*Jun. 4, 2019 aft.*), 432-48 (*Jun. 5, 2019 aft., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 633-44 (*Jun. 10, 2019 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 644-46 (*Jun. 10, 2019 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Jun. 28, 2019 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force June 28, 2019; SA 2019 cR-8.2 ]

### **Bill 5 — Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2019 (\$) (Toews)**

First Reading — 779 (*Jun. 12, 2019 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 986 (*Jun. 19, 2019 aft.*), (*Jun. 25, 2019 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1135-36 (*Jun. 24, 2019 eve.*), 1153 (*Jun. 24, 2019 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 1195 (*Jun. 25, 2019 eve., adjourned*), 1213 (*Jun. 25, 2019 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Jun. 28, 2019 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force June 28, 2019; SA 2019 c4 ]

**Bill 6 — Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2019 (\$) (Toews)**

First Reading — 931 (*Jun. 18, 2019 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 984-86 (*Jun. 19, 2019 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1136-38 (*Jun. 24, 2019 eve.*), 1153 (*Jun. 24, 2019 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 1195-98 (*Jun. 25, 2019 eve.*), 1213 (*Jun. 25, 2019 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Jun. 28, 2019 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force June 28, 2019; SA 2019 c3 ]

**Bill 7 — Municipal Government (Property Tax Incentives) Amendment Act, 2019 (Madu)**

First Reading — 356-57 (*Jun. 4, 2019 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 625-31 (*Jun. 10, 2019 aft.*), 653-60 (*Jun. 11, 2019 morn.*), 701-07 (*Jun. 11, 2019 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 811-13 (*Jun. 13, 2019 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 1138-45 (*Jun. 24, 2019 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Jun. 28, 2019 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force June 28, 2019; SA 2019 c6 ]

**Bill 8 — Education Amendment Act, 2019 (LaGrange)**

First Reading — 421 (*Jun. 5, 2019 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 648-49 (*Jun. 10, 2019 eve.*), 707-25 (*Jun. 11, 2019 eve.*), 781-95 (*Jun. 12, 2019 eve.*), 848-74 (*Jun. 17, 2019 eve.*), 1145-53 (*Jun. 24, 2019 eve.*), 1153-62 (*Jun. 24, 2019 eve.*), 1180-86 (*Jun. 25, 2019 aft.*), 1255-57 (*Jun. 26, 2019 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1258-59 (*Jun. 26, 2019 eve.*), 1266-78 (*Jun. 26, 2019 eve.*), 1375-83 (*Jul. 3, 2019 aft.*), (*Jul. 3, 2019 eve.*), (*Jul. 3, 2019 eve.*), (*Jul. 3, 2019 eve., passed on division*)

Third Reading — (*Jul. 3, 2019 eve., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Jul. 18, 2019 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force July 18, 2019; SA 2019 c7 ]

**Bill 9 — Public Sector Wage Arbitration Deferral Act (Toews)**

First Reading — (*Jun. 13, 2019 , passed on division*)

Second Reading — 874-84 (*Jun. 17, 2019 eve.*), (*Jun. 17, 2019 eve.*), 933-71 (*Jun. 18, 2019 eve., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 971 (*Jun. 18, 2019 eve.*), 1004-76 (*Jun. 19, 2019 eve., passed on division*)

Third Reading — (*Jun. 19, 2019 eve., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Jun. 28, 2019 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force June 28, 2019; SA 2019 cP-41.7 ]

**Bill 10 — Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2019 (Toews)**

First Reading — (*Jun. 13, 2019 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 847-48 (*Jun. 17, 2019 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 971 (*Jun. 18, 2019 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 1138 (*Jun. 24, 2019 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Jun. 28, 2019 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on various dates; SA 2019 c2 ]

**Bill 11 — Fair Registration Practices Act (Copping)**

First Reading — 975 (*Jun. 19, 2019 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1186-94 (*Jun. 25, 2019 aft.*), 1244-51 (*Jun. 26, 2019 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1259-63 (*Jun. 26, 2019 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 1263-65 (*Jun. 26, 2019 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Jun. 28, 2019 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2019 cF-1.5 ]

**Bill 12 — Royalty Guarantee Act (Savage)**

First Reading — 1088 (*Jun. 20, 2019 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1186 (*Jun. 25, 2019 aft.*), 1251-53 (*Jun. 26, 2019 aft.*), 1255 (*Jun. 26, 2019 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1257-58 (*Jun. 26, 2019 eve.*), 1292-1293 (*Jun. 27, 2019 aft.*), 1393-94 (*Jul. 3, 2019 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — (*Jul. 3, 2019 eve., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Jul. 18, 2019 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force July 18, 2019; SA 2019 c9 ]

**Bill 13\* — Alberta Senate Election Act (Schweitzer)**

First Reading — 1225 (*Jun. 26, 2019 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1292 (*Jun. 27, 2019 aft.*), 1345-47 (*Jul. 2, 2019 eve., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 1383-93 (*Jul. 3, 2019 aft.*), (*Jul. 3, 2019 eve.*), (*Jul. 3, 2019 eve.*), (*Jul. 3, 2019 eve., passed with amendments*)

Third Reading — (*Jul. 3, 2019 eve., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Jul. 18, 2019 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force July 18, 2019; SA 2019 cA-33.5 ]

**Bill 14 — Alberta Indigenous Opportunities Corporation Act (Wilson)**

First Reading — 1654 (*Oct. 8, 2019 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1655-77 (*Oct. 8, 2019 aft.*), 1679-95 (*Oct. 9, 2019 morn., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1708-25 (*Oct. 9, 2019 aft.*), 1761 (*Oct. 10, 2019 aft.*), 1763-67 (*Oct. 15, 2019 morn., passed*)

Third Reading — 1768-70 (*Oct. 15, 2019 morn.*), 1785 (*Oct. 15, 2019 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Oct. 30, 2019 aft.*) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2019 cA-26.3 ]

**Bill 15 — Real Estate Amendment Act, 2019 (Glubish)**

First Reading — 1707 (*Oct. 9, 2019 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1758-61 (*Oct. 10, 2019 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1767-68 (*Oct. 15, 2019 morn., passed*)

Third Reading — 1783-85 (*Oct. 15, 2019 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Oct. 30, 2019 aft.*) [Comes into force October 30, 2019; SA 2019 c13 ]

**Bill 16 — Public Lands Modernization (Grazing Leases and Obsolete Provisions) Amendment Act, 2019 (Nixon, JJ)**

First Reading — 1782 (*Oct. 15, 2019 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1810-17 (*Oct. 16, 2019 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1817-18 (*Oct. 16, 2019 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 1911-15 (*Oct. 22, 2019 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Oct. 30, 2019 aft.*) [Comes into force January 1, 2020; SA 2019 c12 ]

**Bill 17 — Disclosure to Protect Against Domestic Violence (Clare's Law) Act (Sawhney)**

First Reading — 1798 (*Oct. 16, 2019 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1819-28 (*Oct. 17, 2019 morn., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1915-26 (*Oct. 22, 2019 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 1949-59 (*Oct. 23, 2019 morn., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Oct. 30, 2019 aft.*) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2019 cD-13.5 ]

**Bill 18 — Electricity Statutes (Capacity Market Termination) Amendment Act, 2019 (Savage)**

First Reading — 1850 (*Oct. 17, 2019 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1926-29 (*Oct. 22, 2019 aft.*), 1931-45 (*Oct. 22, 2019 eve.*), 1947-49 (*Oct. 23, 2019 morn.*), 1959-66 (*Oct. 23, 2019 morn.*), 1978-90 (*Oct. 23, 2019 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1990-94 (*Oct. 23, 2019 aft.*), 2037-41 (*Oct. 28, 2019 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 2055-56 (*Oct. 29, 2019 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Oct. 30, 2019 aft.*) [Comes into force October 30, 2019; SA 2019 c11 ]

**Bill 19 — Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction Implementation Act, 2019 (\$) (Nixon, JJ)**

First Reading — 2053 (*Oct. 29, 2019 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 2123-26 (*Oct. 31, 2019 aft.*), 2146-57 (*Nov. 4, 2019 aft.*), 2177-79 (*Nov. 4, 2019 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 2237-49 (*Nov. 6, 2019 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 2305-10 (*Nov. 18, 2019 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Nov. 22, 2019 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force January 1, 2020, with exceptions; SA 2019 c16 ]

**Bill 20\* — Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act, 2019 (\$) (Toews)**

First Reading — 2026 (*Oct. 28, 2019 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 2056-66 (*Oct. 29, 2019 eve.*), 2089-2100 (*Oct. 30, 2019 eve.*), 2167-77 (*Nov. 4, 2019 eve., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 2227-37 (*Nov. 6, 2019 eve.*), 2366-68 (*Nov. 19, 2019 eve.*), 2410-14 (*Nov. 20, 2019 aft.*), 2415 (*Nov. 20, 2019 eve., amendments agreed to*), 2509-23 (*Nov. 25, 2019 eve.*), 2564-70 (*Nov. 26, 2019 aft.*), 2600-05 (*Nov. 27, 2019 morn., adjourned*)

**Bill 21 — Ensuring Fiscal Sustainability Act, 2019 (\$) (Toews)**

First Reading — 2026 (*Oct. 28, 2019 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 2066-74 (*Oct. 29, 2019 eve.*), 2100-10 (*Oct. 30, 2019 eve.*), 2159-67 (*Nov. 4, 2019 eve.*), 2193-2212 (*Nov. 5, 2019 eve.*), 2265-70 (*Nov. 7, 2019 aft., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 2312-23 (*Nov. 18, 2019 eve.*), 2369-81 (*Nov. 20, 2019 morn.*), 2579-86 (*Nov. 26, 2019 eve.*), 2628-30 (*Nov. 27, 2019 aft., adjourned*)

**Bill 22\* — Reform of Agencies, Boards and Commissions and Government Enterprises Act, 2019 (\$)**

First Reading — 2282 (Nov. 18, 2019 aft., passed on division)

Second Reading — 2340-66 (Nov. 19, 2019 eve.), 2415-21 (Nov. 20, 2019 eve.), 2422-29 (Nov. 20, 2019 eve., passed on division)

Committee of the Whole — 2429-40 (Nov. 20, 2019 eve.), 2441-48 (Nov. 20, 2019 eve., passed on division with amendments)

Third Reading — 2449 (Nov. 21, 2019 morn.), 2451-58 (Nov. 21, 2019 morn., passed on division)

Royal Assent — (Nov. 22, 2019 outside of House sitting) [Comes into force on various dates; SA 2019 c15 ]

**Bill 23 — Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2019 (Schweitzer)**

First Reading — 2262 (Nov. 7, 2019 aft., passed)

Second Reading — 2301-03 (Nov. 18, 2019 aft.), 2310-12 (Nov. 18, 2019 eve., passed)

Committee of the Whole — 2366 (Nov. 19, 2019 eve., passed)

Third Reading — 2381-82 (Nov. 20, 2019 morn., passed)

Royal Assent — (Nov. 22, 2019 outside of House sitting) [Comes into force November 22, 2019; SA 2019 c14 ]

**Bill 24 — Appropriation Act, 2019 (\$) (Toews)**

First Reading — 2340 (Nov. 19, 2019 eve., passed)

Second Reading — 2382 (Nov. 20, 2019 morn.), 2394-2405 (Nov. 20, 2019 aft.), 2429 (Nov. 20, 2019 eve., passed on division)

Committee of the Whole — 2458-61 (Nov. 21, 2019 morn.), 2461 (Nov. 21, 2019 morn., passed on division)

Third Reading — 2505 (Nov. 25, 2019 eve.), 2523 (Nov. 25, 2019 eve., passed on division)

Royal Assent — (Nov. 26, 2019 outside of House sitting) [Comes into force November 26, 2019; SA 2019 c17 ]

**Bill 25 — Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2019 (Hunter)**

First Reading — 2284 (Nov. 18, 2019 aft., passed)

Second Reading — 2527-37 (Nov. 26, 2019 morn., passed)

Committee of the Whole — 2571-74 (Nov. 26, 2019 eve., passed)

Third Reading — 2587-2600 (Nov. 27, 2019 morn., passed)

**Bill 26 — Farm Freedom and Safety Act, 2019 (Dreeshen)**

First Reading — 2394 (Nov. 20, 2019 aft., passed)

Second Reading — 2551-64 (Nov. 26, 2019 aft., passed)

Committee of the Whole — 2631-35 (Nov. 27, 2019 aft., passed on division)

**Bill 27 — Trespass Statutes (Protecting Law-abiding Property Owners) Amendment Act, 2019 (Schweitzer)**

First Reading — 2336 (Nov. 19, 2019 aft., passed)

Second Reading — 2523-25 (Nov. 25, 2019 eve., passed)

Committee of the Whole — 2574-79 (Nov. 26, 2019 eve., passed)

Third Reading — 2639-45 (Nov. 28, 2019 morn., passed)

**Bill 28 — Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act (Shandro)**

First Reading — 2473 (Nov. 21, 2019 aft., passed)

Second Reading — 2505-09 (Nov. 25, 2019 eve., passed)

Committee of the Whole — 2635-38 (Nov. 27, 2019 aft., passed)

Third Reading — 2647-49 (Nov. 28, 2019 morn., passed)

**Bill 29 — Municipal Government (Machinery and Equipment Tax Incentives) Amendment Act, 2019 (Madu)**

First Reading — 2618 (Nov. 27, 2019 aft., passed)

Second Reading — 2645-46 (Nov. 28, 2019 morn., passed)

**Bill 201\* — Protection of Students with Life-threatening Allergies Act (Armstrong-Homeniuk)**

First Reading — 277 (May 30, 2019 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills), (Jun. 13, 2019 aft., reported to Assembly)

Second Reading — 825-38 (Jun. 17, 2019 aft., passed)

Committee of the Whole — 1122-24 (Jun. 24, 2019 aft., passed with amendments)

Third Reading — 1124-26 (Jun. 24, 2019 aft., passed)

Royal Assent — (Jun. 28, 2019 outside of House sitting) [Comes into force January 1, 2020; SA 2019 cP-30.6 ]

**Bill 202 — Child, Youth and Family Enhancement (Protecting Alberta’s Children) Amendment Act, 2019 (Ellis)**

First Reading — 277 (*May 30, 2019 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*), (*Jun. 13, 2019 aft., reported to Assembly*)

Second Reading — 838-40 (*Jun. 17, 2019 aft.*), 1115-22 (*Jun. 24, 2019 aft., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 1126 (*Jun. 24, 2019 aft.*), 1882 (*Oct. 21, 2019 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 1883-87 (*Oct. 21, 2019 aft.*), 2027-29 (*Oct. 28, 2019 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Oct. 30, 2019 aft.*) [Comes into force October 30, 2019; SA 2019 c10]

**Bill 203 — An Act to Protect Public Health Care (Feehan)**

First Reading — (*Jun. 13, 2019 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*), (*Jun. 27, 2019 aft., reported to Assembly*), 1875-82 (*Oct. 21, 2019 aft., not proceeded with on division*)

**Bill 204 — Election Recall Act (Smith)**

First Reading — (*Oct. 23, 2019 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*), (*Nov. 6, 2019 aft., reported to Assembly*)

Second Reading — 2283-95 (*Nov. 18, 2019 aft.*), 2488-89 (*Nov. 25, 2019 aft., passed*)

**Bill 205 — Human Tissue and Organ Donation (Presumed Consent) Amendment Act, 2019 (Jones)**

First Reading — 2223 (*Nov. 6, 2019 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*), (*Nov. 26, 2019 aft., reported to Assembly*)

**Bill 206 — Workers’ Compensation (Enforcement of Decisions) Amendment Act, 2019 (Reid)**

First Reading — 2262 (*Nov. 7, 2019 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*), (*Nov. 20, 2019 aft., reported to Assembly*)

Second Reading — 2489-95 (*Nov. 25, 2019 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 2495-96 (*Nov. 25, 2019 aft., passed*)

**Bill 207 — Conscience Rights (Health Care Providers) Protection Act (Williams)**

First Reading — 2263 (*Nov. 7, 2019 aft., passed on div; referred to Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*), (*Nov. 26, 2019 aft., reported to Assembly*)



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