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Legislative Assembly of Alberta

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[The Speaker in the chair]

The Speaker: Hon. members, please remain standing for the playing of *God Save the Queen*.

Recording:

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the Queen!

The Speaker: Please be seated.

Members' Statements

Homes for Heroes Veterans Village in Edmonton

Mr. Nielsen: "O Canada, we stand on guard for thee." Our national anthem repeats these words three times, indicating the strong commitment of Canadians in protecting our country. Thousands of Canadians have dedicated their lives to this commitment as members of the Canadian Armed Forces and reservists. Some have paid the ultimate sacrifice for this commitment, a debt that can never be repaid. For others, after completing their service, life is not quite the same, and challenges ultimately lead them to our streets. This is not how these heroes should end up, and this is where Homes For Heroes steps in.

This morning I had the privilege of attending the ribbon cutting for the Homes For Heroes veterans' village in Edmonton, right in my own neighbourhood of Evansdale. This project builds on the support in north Edmonton, the Veterans Service Centre being just one example, that started under the NDP government. After years of planning and building, in partnership with all three levels of government, private businesses, social clubs, and individuals, ATCO veterans' village in Edmonton will open to residents on December 1.

The village consists of 20 tiny homes, a resource centre, and a counsellor's office and will work to support veterans in the city experiencing homelessness. But Homes For Heroes is more than just housing; it is a full-support service for veterans living rough. The program was developed in consultation with veterans to address their needs and goals, work on their reasons for homelessness, get them back on their feet, secure full-time employment, and then move on, making room for the next veterans in need.

Following in the footsteps of the first successful program in Calgary, that has seen nine veterans graduating and nine new tenants moving in, this is the second Homes For Heroes village. Homes For Heroes is now working on a new village in the city of Kingston and hopes to build in every major centre across Canada to support the more than 5,000 veterans experiencing homelessness.

Congratulations, Homes For Heroes, on helping Edmonton stand on guard for our veterans.

Oil and Gas Industries

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk: Mr. Speaker, the opposition and their allies, the far-left activists, love to pretend that oil is dead. Well, I am happy to say that reports on Alberta oil and gas being dead are

greatly exaggerated. In fact, notions that oil and gas is going away any time soon, quite frankly, are delusional.

As economies around the globe recover from the negative impacts of COVID-19, demand for oil and gas is surging so much that we are in the midst of a global energy shortage. Oil demand this month is expected to reach 99.9 million barrels a day, an increase of nearly 7 million barrels since January. In the month of September there was a global deficit of 2.24 million barrels a day when comparing supply and demand. Just yesterday President Biden announced that the United States will be releasing 50 million barrels of oil from their strategic petroleum reserve. This is on top of similar moves by major oil-consuming countries. This is good news for Alberta's oil and gas industry.

After several years that were really tough under the NDP and the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, Alberta oil and gas has survived and has come back as the strongest and most resilient in the world. As the world continues to strive for cleaner and lower emission energy, Alberta's oil and gas industry stands out as being the most innovative and environmentally responsible, continually meeting the highest standards.

Here is some more good news. In recent months Alberta has produced and exported more oil than we ever have before. Line 3 has been completed, progress continues on TMX, and thanks to the business-friendly policies of this government, billions of dollars are pouring into value-added projects in Alberta. Guess what, Mr. Speaker. We're back.

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Camrose.

Rural Ambulance Service

Ms Lovely: Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ambulance availability has been an issue in rural areas for quite some time now. There was an incident that happened recently at the Hardisty health care centre that I'd like to address. Just a week before Halloween a constituent of mine rushed to the Hardisty health centre, only to find the emergency doors closed. Not being able to enter, they did the only thing they could, lay on the wooden bench outside. I'm here to tell their story. After calling 911, the only available ambulance was from Killam. This lengthy wait required Hardisty health care centre to bring out a tank of oxygen. After arriving in Killam, Dr. Stan and his staff worked hard as they waited for STARS. After arriving at the Royal Alexandra hospital in Edmonton and a multitude of tests, this constituent was sent to the University of Alberta hospital to go through over nine hours of surgery. Thankfully, they're okay now but on a long road to recovery.

There's something we learned through this incident: a way to make health care in the region of Camrose better. We need to make the availability of ambulances increase. The lack of available ambulances is a huge issue, especially when they are scooped up by cities for long-distance transportation. We can reduce the severity of incidents like these and improve the care for everyone by increasing the number of ambulances in rural areas to reduce response times.

Reducing the wait and travel time for emergency care is important to me and all Albertans. It's particularly important for Camrose constituency residents. This brings to light just how much waiting one must do for an ambulance and the amount of travel time patients endure. On a moment's notice one can be whisked away from one town to another or to a city far away, leaving loved ones behind scrambling to find out where they've gone.

I will continue to fight for ambulance availability for my Camrose constituents and all Albertans. Everyone deserves a timely response.

Lethbridge NDP Provincial Election Preparation

Ms Phillips: Last weekend our party nominated our candidate for the next election in Lethbridge-East. Former two-term Lethbridge city councillor Rob Miyashiro was nominated in the hotly contested yet fair and friendly process with four candidates. As a former councillor and the executive director of the Lethbridge Senior Citizens Organization Rob is a leader in our community and a fierce advocate for the people of Lethbridge. I know he's ready to join me in fighting for what matters for people in southern Alberta: good jobs and a strong economy, affordability, and a strong public health care system.

Now, the UCP's war on doctors has led to a crisis in this province. From Lethbridge to Fort McMurray Albertans can't even get access to basic medical care when they need it. Every day I hear from people in Lethbridge about how they can't find a family doctor, can't even go to a walk-in clinic. Instead, now people are driving hours to neighbouring communities.

Meanwhile the UCP's record has also been a disaster for Lethbridge in other ways. Southern Alberta MLAs have sat back as this government attacked our front-line health care workers in the middle of a pandemic. Southern Alberta UCP MLAs have sat back and carried water for Australian billionaires as the UCP put up for sale signs on the eastern slopes. They have sat back as postsecondary in Lethbridge has been cut by tens of millions of dollars, putting jobs at risk that we have now, let alone our future.

Alberta's NDP stands ready to fight for Lethbridge, to build a future for the city where everyone prospers and has access to the basic services that we all need. We will not let our community fall victim to cuts from a government trying to account for wasting billions on a no-jobs corporate handout and billions more on a pipeline that was clearly going to be cancelled. Those were this government's mistakes, not the people of Lethbridge's. I know Rob Miyashiro will be standing up for us. I so look forward, Mr. Speaker, to having two NDP MLAs in Lethbridge in this House come 2023 or sooner – who knows? – two voices to champion public health care, a diversified economy, and team Lethbridge.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Lethbridge-East. [some applause] Order. Order.

Hockey in Alberta

Mr. Neudorf: Thank you. Did you hear that, Mr. Speaker? It's the sound of steel on ice and roaring crowds, and it's not just the Edmonton streets this morning. It's from community rinks and junior arenas. From the Scotiabank Saddledome to Rogers Place and all the way to the Enmax Centre in Lethbridge Albertans are watching hockey live and in person once again.

Hockey is more than just a game here in Alberta. Hockey brings people together literally and figuratively at home and in public. We are fortunate not to have only one but two NHL teams here in Alberta with the potential to hoist the cup this season. Both clubs are full of Alberta-born talent. Hockey is a part of the social and cultural fabric of our province. It is critical to our restaurants, our bars, our hospitality and tourism industries at large, and so many jobs are directly and indirectly related to the great sport.

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I know Hockey Alberta member organizations across Alberta have worked incredibly hard to adapt for the 2021-2022 season, and for this we are all thankful. Alberta's government has also worked diligently to ensure kids and youth can safely return to play, whether it be on community rinks or in organized leagues around

the province. Alberta is back, and so is hockey. As the Great One once said, "Hockey is a unique sport in the sense that you need each and every guy helping each other and pulling in the same direction to be successful." This quote rings true to so many Albertans who are working hard right now on our province's economic recovery. We need to continue working together on the best team we could ever ask to be on: team Alberta.

As the cold months of winter take hold, many of us will cherish the comforts of hockey and cheering our teams on to win. I want to thank all the hockey officials and parents across the province who have worked so hard to ensure the season is a success. I also want to wish all our hockey kids and all Albertans a very safe and successful season ahead as we get back on the ice and back in the stands.

Thank you.

The Speaker: It's an unfortunate jersey choice, I might say.

Gender-based Violence Prevention

Member Irwin: Today on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women I ask that you all join me in taking a moment to recognize the survivors of violence, to remember those we've lost, and to rededicate ourselves to do more in our roles as elected representatives of our communities to end discrimination and violence against women, girls, and gender-diverse folks. Nearly 1 in 3 women have been abused in their lifetime, and these numbers rise during times of crisis, as we've seen with the COVID-19 pandemic. Living in fear of violence is too common for far too many women, and we must do more. We must commit to ending gender-based violence in Canada and around the world. It's on all of us to condemn misogyny and sexism in all their forms.

We must act on the missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQIA+ people national action plan that was presented earlier this year. Indigenous women and two-spirit people are life givers, they are caregivers, but they are continuously devalued, and too many are victims of violence right here in Alberta. We must support survivors. We must work toward creating a province where Indigenous women and girls can reclaim their power and place and where they can feel safe in having their own distinct cultures, languages, and ways of life, and we must work towards that every day in everything we do.

That is why it's so important that we bring women and two-spirit people to the forefront of our plan for economic recovery, to ensure that we are collecting gender-based and race-based data to have the most complete and informed action plans, and to start that today. These are just a few concrete steps that this government can take immediately. That will take accepting an intersectional approach, that will take courage, but most importantly, that will take the will. I urge this government to do so. It's too important not to.

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod.

Rural Ambulance Service

Mr. Reid: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know, there are few things that are more terrifying than witnessing a severe medical emergency and having no ambulance available to help. Emergencies such as car crashes, heart attacks, workplace accidents, and others are hard enough to deal with, but it's even more excruciating if you have no certainty on when or even if an ambulance is coming to your help.

These are the fears that many rural Albertans have, and that's especially true in my riding of Livingstone-Macleod. Many of my constituents have written, e-mailed, and phoned me with concerns that they have over the availability of ambulances and the impact it has on the care of our residents. It has become common for the entire

community to have no ambulance available because either the ambulance was dispatched to another far-off community or simply not available because the ambulance was sitting in an urban hospital, waiting for their patients to be admitted.

Interfacility transfers and high response times have potentially tragic, real-world consequences for the people of rural Alberta, and I have a real-world example that I'd like to share from Helen in High River. She e-mailed me saying:

When my mother called 911 due to the fact that my father could not breathe, it took 25 minutes for an ambulance to reach them, even though the ambulance bay is mere blocks away from their home. Apparently the ambulances from High River were in other locations potentially even Calgary – how ridiculous is that? Therefore an ambulance came from Nanton.

This is only one example of the many I have had from my constituents that has them, rightfully, scared. Communities have been tracing and posting when there are no ambulances available to respond in their communities. One instance in particular was very disturbing. On August 31 a Nanton ambulance drove 114 kilometres to Strathmore to provide service and coverage. That's over an hour away.

This is unacceptable to the people of Nanton and to the people throughout rural Alberta. We know that there are issues. We know what these issues are. Now is the time for concrete action.

The Speaker: The Member for Calgary-Klein.

Skilled Trades Promotion

Mr. Jeremy Nixon: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Our government believes that a trades certificate has every bit as much value and merit as a university degree. Trade schools offer an alternative to people who want to gain valuable life experience while developing skills that will serve them for a lifetime. Recently we have seen job numbers take off in every corner of this province. Right now there are thousands of jobs waiting to be filled. Investment is coming back to Alberta with back-to-back major project announcements, projects like the Northern Petrochemical Corporation's \$2.5 billion petrochemical plant in the MD of Greenview or Dow's multibillion-dollar net zero emissions complex in Fort Saskatchewan. These projects will demand tens of thousands of skilled tradespeople.

Mr. Speaker, the future is bright for Alberta's tradespeople. Our government is working hard to ensure that people interested in pursuing the trades can get the skills and the training that they need to find high-paying, rewarding careers here in Alberta. We have taken action to support skilled trades and apprenticeship education, including creating the Alberta trades hall of fame, increasing funding for Careers: the Next Generation, and increasing supports for Women Building Futures.

We passed Bill 67, the Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Education Act, to modernize apprenticeship education and the governance of skilled trades professions. This legislation reflects recommendations from the Skills for Jobs Task Force. It aligns with the Alberta 2030 building skills for jobs strategy to transform our postsecondary education system.

Mr. Speaker, the word is out: Alberta is back and better than ever. If you are a young person interested in pursuing the trades, our government is making it easier for you to do so. If you are a tradesperson or looking for higher paying, rewarding work, come to Alberta. If you are already working as a tradesperson here in Alberta, then we thank you.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Energy Industry Update

Mrs. Frey: Mr. Speaker, Alberta's energy sector, the largest sector of our economy, has struggled for the past several years, but a newfound hope has taken hold of our world-class industry. According to a recent forecast from the Canadian Association of Energy Contractors, Alberta will see over 6,000 new wells drilled in 2022. That's a 26 per cent increase from 2021, but it's not just numbers. This translates to thousands of high-paying jobs and an excellent quality of life. Not only will this anticipated growth get people back to work, but it will return Alberta drilling to prepandemic levels. This is a sign of hope for our energy industry, an industry that was hit hard by the economic impacts of the pandemic and disastrous antienergy policies from the former NDP government. This increase in drilling levels shows that Alberta's recovery plan is working and that investment and jobs are coming back to our province.

Energy demand continues to rise. Economies around the world are beginning to recover, and Alberta's oil and gas sector will continue to be a major exporter. The completion of the Enbridge line 3 pipeline will aid in Alberta's energy export levels with the pipeline allowing more oil to flow from Alberta to the U.S. The development and construction of additional pipelines like Trans Mountain will continue to strengthen Alberta's role as a major oil and gas supplier to the world.

Thanks to our pro-business policies, our province will be in a very different position than the one that was left by the NDP. We will be looking for more workers instead of laying them off. Our government has already taken steps to ensure these jobs find families that need them. Thanks to the Labour Mobility Act, Alberta isn't just open for businesses; we're open for growth, open for innovation, and we are open for families, with the fastest growing economy that's attractive to skilled labourers across the country.

Alberta is a province known for its strength and resiliency, Mr. Speaker, and that's what we're seeing now. Alberta's recovery plan is working, and our province is coming back stronger than ever.

Oral Question Period

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora has the call.

COVID-19 Vaccine Online Bookings and QR Codes

Ms Hoffman: Parents are eager to get their kids vaccinated, and this government had months to prepare for the rollout, to ensure it could be done smoothly, simply, efficiently. Instead, we see government scrambling and causing confusion and fear. Yesterday 1,500 appointments were made at locations unable to actually administer the vaccine, forcing parents to scramble and rebook. Can the Premier confirm that every single one of these 1,500 families has been notified of the government's error and have had their appointments rebooked, and will he apologize to the parents for the incompetence that he's made, impacting their children's health?

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Mr. Kenney: Well, Mr. Speaker, it's a little ironic to hear that member talking about promoting fear amongst parents when that has been the NDP's approach from day one with respect to the impact of COVID on children. The reality is that we've already had 55,000 bookings within the first 36 hours or so of availability of online bookings for five- to 11-year-olds. The approach that Alberta is taking is similar to that of almost every other province. This allows parents to attend the vaccination with children and will ensure this happens efficiently.

Ms Hoffman: The question was: can the Premier confirm that the 1,500 who booked – I know he’s saying that there were bookings, but the 1,500 who booked, who there was no vaccine for – have been notified so they can book somewhere else? Families deserve better, Premier. The Premier and Health minister promised Albertans that they had doses for everyone who wanted the vaccine and had a system in place to deliver it. However, many Red Deer families, the fourth-largest city in Alberta, found that there were no vaccines for them yesterday when they went to book. Can the Premier explain how one of the largest cities in Alberta ran out of vaccines on day one, and will he commit to addressing this today? What are parents left to do? Drive to Edmonton? Drive to Calgary? Wait?

The Speaker: The hon. the Minister of Health.

Mr. Copping: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the hon. member for the question. In regard to the 1,500 scheduled that needed to be rebooked, a number of pharmacies indicated that they would be available for booking, and they did this in error, because they’re not receiving supply. We advised them that this was an error, and then the individuals who’d made the bookings were advised, and they booked through 811 or through other AHS sites. We are focused on getting jabs in arms. Fifty-five thousand have already registered, and the supply is actually going to be ready for . . .

The Speaker: The hon. member.

Ms Hoffman: It was a government website. The government has a responsibility to get the supply to communities. Stop dodging. Start taking responsibility. Let’s be clear. The government had months to plan, and they continue to fail Alberta families.

Another example is the chaos around vaccine passports. The government announced that QR codes on the passports need to change again and Albertans need to download a new code, but then they failed to have the website ready to do so. You can’t make this stuff up, Mr. Speaker. Will these mistakes that are horrible, that continue to cause stress for Alberta families, be taken responsibility for, and will the Premier stand up in this place and apologize for the chaos he’s caused?

The Speaker: The hon. Minister of Health.

Mr. Copping: Well, thanks, Mr. Speaker. I do want to apologize to Albertans who may have experienced some issues when accessing the updated vaccine record for travel Wednesday morning. I want to assure the House that department officials are urgently looking into it. They’ve notified the office of the Privacy Commissioner that there may have been some breaches. Now, the old code is back up and running at this point in time. We’re looking at the new code, and over the next number of days we’ll fix the problem, but we will have it ready for international travel by the deadline, which is November 30.

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud is next.

Support for Youth Transitioning out of Care

Ms Pancholi: Mr. Speaker, on February 23 the Minister of Children’s Services committed that no former foster child aged 22 or 23 would have their government supports cut off during the COVID-19 pandemic. That was completely false. Now we learn that they have been cutting them off for months. These are young adults that have experienced more trauma in their young lives than

most Albertans will ever experience. The Premier is ultimately responsible for these young people. Why did the Premier break his promise and cut them off these life-saving supports?

Mr. Kenney: In fact, Mr. Speaker, I understand that 90 per cent of young adults aged 21 to 24 that have transitioned off their agreements since changing the age of eligibility have successfully transitioned to employment, or to advancing futures or AISH, the PDD program, or income support. A much smaller group, less than 10 per cent, showing more complex transition, are able to maintain their SFAA program benefits.

Ms Pancholi: Mr. Speaker, the Premier is the guardian of these young people, and he doesn’t even have the facts straight about them. Sixteen of them have died this year alone. When he says 90 per cent, what he actually means is that 139 have successfully transitioned. That’s out of 450. At this point we can’t even believe anything this government says when it comes to taking care of the most vulnerable young people in our province, so my question to the Premier is a simple but important one. You are effectively the parent of these young adults. What happened to the other 311 of them? Did you lose them?

The Speaker: The hon. the Minister of Children’s Services.

Ms Schulz: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, and I would start by saying that the death of any child who is or has received services from the government is an absolute tragedy. It is heartbreaking, and we look into each and every case to see if there are things we need to change to better support these young people and, in some cases, young adults.

Mr. Speaker, while some of these young people might be on an SFAA agreement, it is very true what the Premier has said, that 90 per cent of the young adults who have transitioned off their agreements since these program changes were made have in fact gone on to more appropriate adult programs. Sharing false information on something like this is dangerous and irresponsible.

Ms Pancholi: Mr. Speaker, by the minister’s own data 311 of these young people have not been transitioned to adult supports, and we don’t actually know what’s happened to them. The Minister of Children’s Services said yesterday that it was too soon to draw conclusions about why 34 children and young people in government care have died in the last seven months. This is a heartbreaking amount of loss. Sixteen of these young people were relying on the very government supports that this government has cut. To the Premier: what more information could your government possibly need to know that your actions are having devastating consequences on the lives of young Albertans?

Ms Schulz: Mr. Speaker, I need to correct the record. These changes to this program were never about dollars. In fact, many of these young people continue to be supported by, in many cases, more appropriate adult support services for their unique and complex needs. In the cases where it has not been safe or the needs are too great or complex for these young adults to transition into other programs, they are remaining in this program. Let me tell you that this year we increased the child intervention budget by \$14.3 million to \$879.8 million. We are improving the kinship care program; we created the Child and Youth Well-being Review Panel. This is important work.

The Speaker: The hon. member.

Ms Pancholi: Well, what the minister fails to say is that the \$14.3 million that she increased the budget by was cut from these young people who are transitioning out of care; that's how she found that \$14.3 million.

Child Protective Services

Ms Pancholi: For more than two years I've repeatedly asked for updates on the work that is being done on the 2017 Ministerial Panel on Child Intervention recommendations. They were due to all be fully implemented next year, work that should have been prioritized as soon as the pandemic hit. We brought the troubling trend of increased deaths to the attention of the minister more than six months ago, yet she said yesterday that she only started an internal review two weeks ago. So can the Premier tell this House why his government has taken so long to address a crisis that's unfolding right before their eyes?

The Speaker: The hon. the Minister of Children's Services.

Ms Schulz: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Once again almost none of what the member opposite has just stated is true. No dollars were, in fact, cut. Right from the beginning it was very clear that these changes were needed because we need to do a better job of transitioning young people out of child intervention and into long-term placements, whether that's children under 18 or young adults who are transitioning into adulthood. We are not the only jurisdiction making those changes. We have a responsibility to make sure that there are natural supports in place. This is about more than dollars; this is about successful lives of children as they transition out of care.

Ms Pancholi: Well, the heartbreaking statistics of the number of children and young people who have died is all the information this government should need to know that they're not doing their work properly.

One of the panel recommendations that the ministry claims is complete is number 18: that the workforce of the ministry and contracted agencies reflects the population they serve. Since over 70 per cent of children in care are Indigenous, this must mean that 70 per cent of front-line staff are now Indigenous, too, which would go a long way to address concerns around culturally appropriate care. Will the Premier confirm that this is true? How many Indigenous front-line workers have been hired in the last two years, and since we've all acknowledged how much more vulnerable families were during the pandemic, how many new caseworker positions have been created and filled by this minister?

The Speaker: The hon. the Minister of Children's Services.

Ms Schulz: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I would say this, that our door is always open. I think, you know, many of the members opposite have actually taken me up on that; unfortunately, not ever the Member for Edmonton-Whitemud. But, Mr. Speaker, I will tell you that the all-party panel on child intervention did incredibly important work in making sure that there is transparency and accountability in terms of the recording and finding out exactly what happens in each and every case so that we can do better for children and families in need. As I said yesterday, work is under way or complete on all of the recommendations with the exception of longitudinal data.

Ms Pancholi: Thank you, Minister. That was a straightforward question about whether or not 70 per cent of front-line staff were Indigenous. The answer should have been easy to provide.

Mr. Speaker, two of the recommendations from the panel that were supposed to be completed last year were improvements to mental health and addictions services and improving service delivery for children and youth with disabilities. The Ministry of Children's Services is now two years behind on this. Research and data collection on short- and long-term outcomes in the child intervention system is supposed to be completed by next year, but that work hasn't even been started. Can the Premier please explain why the very areas that we know most need attention, especially during the pandemic, have not been prioritized and how he expects different outcomes for these children?

2:00

The Speaker: The hon. Minister of Children's Services.

Ms Schulz: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I would say that the mental health and well-being of children and young people across this province is something that we take very seriously, so much so, in fact, that we travelled the province with a panel of experts over the last number of months to hear from Albertans, parents, young people, as well as all of our community partners and those who support children right across the province to find out what they've been struggling with through the pandemic and how we as government and community partners can come together to help address that. I do expect that the panel's report will be out in the coming weeks, and I do look forward to sharing that with the member opposite as well.

Rural High-speed Internet

Mr. Carson: This morning our caucus released our latest bold initiative as part of our Alberta's Future project, a comprehensive proposal on how we can deliver high-speed Internet to every single Albertan by 2027. To date all the UCP has announced is some funding for broadband but no details beyond that, nothing about how the money will be spent or when they hope to achieve universal broadband access for Albertans. To the Premier: what is the target date to deliver this critical infrastructure to all Albertans, or do you still not have one?

Mr. Kenney: Well, Mr. Speaker, it's comedy hour here in the Assembly with the NDP pretending to care about an issue that they did not mention once in four years in office, that they did the square root of nothing to act on in their budget: in 2015 nothing, 2016 nothing, 2017 nothing, 2018 nothing on rural broadband. This government has committed \$150 million of our own funds to leverage another \$850 million from federal and private-sector sources. We are acting for the first time in decades for rural broadband.

Mr. Carson: Over two years in and the Premier wants to blame other people. There was no clear timeline there. Our proposal to deliver universal high-speed Internet also includes bringing various levels of government, Indigenous representatives, ISPs, rural municipalities, utilities, REAs, and gas co-ops to the table to find solutions. Most importantly, we propose delivering funding in a competitive process that ensures anyone interested, large or small, public or private, investor or community, can bid on building this essential infrastructure at the lowest possible price for Albertans. To the Premier: how will the government be distributing their previously announced funding?

Mr. Kenney: Mr. Speaker, we have announced an initial contribution of \$150 million to accelerate full coverage, particularly in rural and remote areas of high-speed broadband Internet coverage. But you know what? This requires co-operation with – get this – the private sector, the same private sector that the NDP seeks to demonize and attack at every turn. The Minister of Service Alberta is working

closely with private-sector telcos, with the federal government to increase our investment overall to get one hundred per cent coverage.

Mr. Carson: This sounds more like an afterthought than a plan, Mr. Speaker. Access to high-speed broadband is essential. It is core infrastructure in the 21st century that will provide the foundation for economic diversification, world-class education, and strong public health services. Achieving universal broadband access will lead to almost 19,000 jobs and \$4 billion in GDP growth over five years. Delivering broadband to Albertans should be a central pillar of our economic recovery, but the UCP continues to delay. It's clear that this Premier doesn't have a plan to bring broadband to every single Albertan. My last question is a simple one. Will he adopt our plan and implement it immediately?

Mr. Kenney: Mr. Speaker, absolutely not, because the NDP plan was to do nothing. This government is acting with real dollars for real investments for real progress for universal high-speed broadband Internet coverage across the province, including rural and remote communities. They had four years. They ran up historic deficits. They spent tens of billions of dollars on capital, but they couldn't find one red cent for rural broadband. Shame on the NDP.

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Peace River.

Energy Industry Opposition

Mr. Williams: Well thank you, Mr. Speaker. Recently we have seen the eco extremist group Extinction Rebellion blocking commuters in Edmonton and Calgary in so-called solidarity with a handful of lefties who oppose critical natural gas infrastructure. We have also seen the NDP recently pass a resolution supporting these eco extremists, who have among other things – get this – glued their unclothed bodies to the London Stock Exchange. You can't make this stuff up. Can the Premier tell us how Extinction Rebellion and the NDP are ignoring Alberta's recent strides on the environmental file?

Mr. Kenney: Well, Mr. Speaker, the NDP Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood said that there is a place for this organization, Extinction Rebellion, in our classrooms. This is the same organization that said this week that, quote, not only will pipelines be blown up, but we can be certain that world leaders will be put on trial for treason or, worse, will be killed. Unquote. Why does the NDP think an organization that explicitly supports violence, assassinations, and terrorism should be in our classrooms?

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Peace River.

Mr. Williams: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and, through you, to the Premier. As the Premier mentioned, given that the NDP Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood has indicated that Extinction Rebellion should share its extreme misanthropic views in our classrooms with our students and given that the NDP caucus has made it extremely clear that they want nothing more than for the oil and gas industry to fail, can the Premier please tell us about the good-news stories that we have brought about in the oil and gas industry in Alberta?

Mr. Kenney: Absolutely. But before I get to that, Mr. Speaker, I think that we need to recall that several members of the current NDP caucus went out in front of this Legislature a couple of years ago to join Greta Thunberg and Extinction Rebellion in calling for a complete shutdown of the oil and gas industry, the end of all pipelines. They stood on a platform with Extinction Rebellion, that

is calling for world leaders to, quote, be killed, an organization that says that pipelines will be blown up. Will the loony left on the other side stand up, retract, and apologize for being associated with . . .

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Peace River.

Mr. Williams: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and, through you, to the Premier. Given that the loony left eco extremist David Suzuki has recently threatened that pipeline infrastructure would be blown up and given that that is a clear dog whistle to his extremists and their supporters that they should engage in illegal, violent, and possibly even deadly behaviour for the goal of blocking the infrastructure that makes this country great and given that Extinction Rebellion's national action and strategy co-ordinator said, quote, not only will pipelines be blown up, but we can be certain that world leaders will be put on trial for treason or, worse, be killed, end quote, can the Premier tell us what our government is doing to protect our energy infrastructure?

Mr. Kenney: Well, amongst other things, we passed the Critical Infrastructure Defence Act, which the NDP opposed. You know, meanwhile their ideological fellow travellers are blocking traffic in Edmonton again on the High Level Bridge, and get this, Mr. Speaker, with a propane heater. You cannot make this up. Why don't they stop playing footsies with the extreme left that is increasingly endorsing violence, even assassinations? Why don't they condemn David Suzuki, who said that Stephen Harper should be locked up? Why don't they speak up for Alberta oil and gas workers?

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning.

Mental Health Services for Agricultural Workers

Ms Sweet: Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's been a tremendously difficult year for farmers. COVID-19, the floods in B.C. have created uncertainty in the supply chain. This year's drought was severe and has been made worse by the UCP's lack of help. Many farmers do not know if they can continue to farm next year. This has been a significant impact on farmers' mental health. Work in agriculture is challenging and unique. Mental health services must be tailored specifically. In August I echoed the calls of rural municipalities for more mental health supports for farmers. Why is the agriculture minister not providing any additional support for mental health for farmers?

The Speaker: The hon. the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development.

Mr. Horner: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for the very important question. Mental health is very important to our farming and ranching community, and we've seen that sector suffer worse than most over the past couple of years. I want to mention to the House the 211 program that operates in Alberta. It operates for everyone in Alberta: farmers, ranchers, across sectors. This is a service that the province has invested in, and we will continue to. Like I said last week, these are conversations we're having federally, provincially, and territorially as well.

Ms Sweet: Well, Mr. Speaker, given that this week the Ontario and federal governments have provided \$7 million for tailored agricultural mental health supports, including free counselling services for people in agriculture as well as connecting farmers to the resources they need, given that this action is needed in Alberta, too, and is clearly possible in collaboration with the federal

government and given that municipal leaders at the rural municipalities conference also highlighted the need for mental health supports in agriculture, will the minister of agriculture get hold of the federal government right now and work on a plan similar to Ontario?

2:10

The Speaker: The hon. the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development.

Mr. Horner: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are in conversations with the federal government, but it's more to deal with our supports for B.C. right now during the current flood situation. But I would say that I did speak to that same group that brought that program forward in Ontario, and I spoke to Ontario's ag minister. They're a little bit ahead of us because they've had a pilot program that's been ongoing. Perhaps if we would have started sooner, but we'll get it done. It's important, and we can learn from our provincial neighbours.

The Speaker: The hon. member.

Ms Sweet: Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Given that in August I called for the creation of a 24-hour mental health line specifically for agriculture and given the Do More Agricultural Foundation has highlighted the need for this because rates of mental illness are higher in agriculture than any other lines of work and this year the rates are worse and given the Rural Municipalities of Alberta passed the resolution in 2019 calling for this exact type of support, will the minister of agriculture commit to consulting with rural municipalities, immediately get to work on these supports, and provide a 24-hour mental health line where farmers can connect with people who understand their challenges?

Mr. Ellis: Mr. Speaker, I'm going to recommend that the members opposite actually call 211 so they can understand what those services entail. They provide triage services. Anyone in Alberta can access 211. It ensures that people that have mental health or even addiction issues can be given the necessary resources to get them the help that they need. These services are available. We're going to continue to help the people of Alberta, and we're going to continue to help the people of rural Alberta.

Thank you.

Rural Physician Recruitment and Retention

Mr. Shepherd: Actions, Mr. Speaker, speak louder than words, and in their two and a half years in government the UCP's actions have repeatedly demonstrated a hostility to front-line health care workers. They've waged a war on doctors throughout a deadly global pandemic, tearing up contracts, slashing pay, and insulting them in this very House. Albertan families are unfortunately paying the price. Earlier this month doctors at the Grande Cache medical centre announced that they're closing their practice. The nearest doctor accepting new patients is two and a half hours away in Edson. Why is this UCP government so intent on chasing doctors out of rural Alberta?

Mr. Copping: Mr. Speaker, we are committed to ensuring Albertans have equitable access to health care across the entire province, including physicians, no matter where they live. We've made significant investments to protect rural health care and recognize unique challenges rural communities face in attracting and retaining health care professionals. Alberta's government is spending about \$90 million in this year alone, '21-22, to address

rural physician recruitment and retention. We continue to do work on this, and I would like to say, especially not Grande Cache but in Lethbridge, we are interviewing nine doctors right now.

Mr. Shepherd: Mr. Speaker, given that in Barrhead last week the community medical director told the chamber of commerce that with two more doctors leaving, the town will only have half of the number of doctors they need and given that Dr. Kent Bernes said that losing doctors would mean that expecting mothers will have to travel outside the community to give birth and the emergency room may need to close over the Christmas holidays, does this UCP Health minister have a plan to prevent this? Will he commit that there will be no interruptions to the obstetrics or emergency services at the Barrhead hospital because of his government's ongoing war with doctors?

Mr. Copping: Mr. Speaker, I want to start off with that we fully appreciate the tremendous work that our health care specialists and professions are doing in our province, particularly right now through COVID-19. We understand that there are challenges in rural areas, but doctors still continue, and the numbers still continue to increase in Alberta, but we have invested over, as I indicated, \$90 million this year alone to address rural physician recruitment. This includes \$57 million for the rural, remote, northern program. This includes \$6 million for rural medical education and far more, and we'll continue to do this.

Mr. Shepherd: Given, Mr. Speaker, that actions speak louder than words and given that it's been almost exactly two years since this government began their campaign against Alberta doctors with the passage of Bill 21, which gave them the right to tear up contracts on a whim, and given that one of the main barriers to recruiting rural doctors is that this leaves them at the mercy of a spiteful and hostile UCP government and given that this uncertainty has undone decades of recruitment and retention work by rural municipalities, will this UCP take the advice we've been giving them for two years, repeal Bill 21, and get back to the table with the AMA to sign a contract binding to both sides?

Mr. Copping: Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member knows, we're paying the most for doctors this year and more than we ever have in the history of our province. We are continuing to engage in conversations with the Alberta Medical Association. We're looking to resolve the issues. We have taken action. I have already listed not only the \$90 million, that includes a number of items, including increased pay for rural physicians; it also includes a rural health professions action plan, a locum program, and a rural physician on-call program. We are taking action, and we will provide the services that Albertans need for their health care.

Election Finances Legislation

Mr. Barnes: The Premier and his enablers are desperate. They're going to use their majority to tip the balance on election financing in favour of the Premier and his enablers. The Justice minister, who's a big fan of the Premier, tabled a bill that breaks political contribution limits, limits that are in place because without them we get an exchange situation in which individuals giving large donations to political candidates expect political concessions or big government contracts. Mr. Speaker, this is bad news for Alberta taxpayers. To the Premier: what is it about free, fair, balanced elections that scares you so much?

Mr. Madu: You know, Mr. Speaker, I am proud of Bill 81. What is bad for the people of our province is continuing to allow that

money, the AFL loophole that's funnelled hundreds of millions of dollars into our elections, to continue. That precisely is what Bill 81 seeks to nip. Secondly, Bill 81 will also ensure that only Albertans can participate in their elections.

Mr. Barnes: Given that this government can't claim they're above dirty political dealings, that PCs were booted out of office for, and given recent reports that senior staff from the Premier's office used taxpayer resources to seek support for the Premier at the recent UCP AGM, given that your office has been caught lobbying political staff from the very companies that your government regulates and offers grants and contracts to, again to the Premier. They say that money in politics is like water in pavement. It finds every crack and crevice. Why is your government taking a jackhammer to the political contribution rules?

Mr. Toews: Mr. Speaker, let me respond. I can tell you what we're working on. The question is nonsense from the member opposite. We're working on economic recovery. This government and this Premier made a commitment to Albertans around jobs, the economy, and pipelines. We're seeing jobs flood into the province. We're seeing investment come in by the billions. And in spite of the NDP we're getting pipelines built.

Mr. Barnes: Given that this is the most corrupt and unpopular government Albertans have ever seen and given that under political contribution laws in Alberta it is illegal for corporations to donate to political parties, given that the Premier does not deny that third parties paid registration fees for the UCP AGM participants, which is illegal if the event turned a profit, given that by the Premier's own numbers the event should've grossed nearly half a million dollars, again to the Premier: did this government not follow its own election finance laws by illegally funnelling corporate money into the UCP?

Mr. Schow: Point of order.

The Speaker: A point of order is noted at 2:18.

Mr. Madu: Mr. Speaker, that is nonsense coming from that Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat. The truth of the matter is this. Right now PACs or third-party advertisers can funnel tens of millions of dollars to influence our elections. Guess what? Bill 81 will cap that at \$30,000 rather than multimillions of dollars. I am really not sure what that particular member is trying to get at. My hope is that if that is his concern, in fact, he should be supporting Bill 81.

Emergency Medical Services

Ms Phillips: Mr. Speaker, a resolution just passed this afternoon at the RMA convention demanding that the government immediately consult to improve capacity, delivery, and performance of emergency medical services. Now, this is after the government took over the entire EMS system and left it to buckle under the strain. The system is in crisis. We have already heard about this today in the House from rural MLAs. The number of code reds where no ambulances are available is skyrocketing. How specifically will the Minister of Health respond to those legitimate concerns from rural communities and fix this problem, or is it just the government's way or the highway?

2:20

The Speaker: The hon. the Minister of Health.

Mr. Copping: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, and thanks to the hon. member for the question. This is an important issue. AHS's EMS services continue to deal with unprecedented volumes, around

a 30 per cent increase in emergency calls that started this summer. I'm glad to see that the latest data for October shows that pressure on the system is starting to start to come down. Calls, response times, hospital off-load times are all down. Now, that pressure is due to several factors, including the COVID-19 pandemic, opioid overdoses, and people returning to regular levels of activity. The system is under stress, but let me be clear. If you call 911, you will get a response.

Ms Phillips: Well, given that it sounds, Mr. Speaker, like it's the highway, where we'll find alarming numbers of rural Albertans driving themselves to a hospital in medical distress, and given that this government took over all EMS services against the objections of municipalities and given that rural municipalities have seen an upward trend in wait times because it's taking forever for EMS to arrive on the scene and given that this government made a commitment to maintain service levels, will the Minister of Health give us the number of code reds? How many more ambulances are on the road because of this consolidation fool's errand? How many more ambulances are on the road because of those decisions?

Mr. Copping: Mr. Speaker, we recognize there's a problem, and we are dealing with it both short term, medium term, and long term. In fact, AHS allocated an extra \$8.3 million this August to help address the issue. We have increased paramedic staff positions by 200 over the last two years. In addition, we recently launched the EMS hours of work project. We're studying the impact on changes to scheduling to be able to increase service and increase safety. We're also reviewing the status of management. We're aware of their problem. We are working on it, and it's getting there.

Ms Phillips: Well, given that these consolidation decisions are not working and they are putting communities at risk and given that the government strategy on EMS seems to be drawing EMS resources from rural communities when resources are exhausted in major urban centres and given that the solution to this problem in urban areas isn't punishing rural areas with longer wait times – that just puts lives at risk – to the Minister of Health: will he listen to rural Albertans, heed the calls of RMA to fix this crisis in emergency response time that was created by these UCP government public policy decisions, and also commit to RMA to telling them how many more units are on the road as a result of this disastrous decision?

Mr. Copping: Mr. Speaker, I have been meeting with rural municipalities and smaller municipalities over the past two weeks, hearing their concerns. Definitely, our government will listen and continue to listen to rural municipalities on the EMS issue. As already indicated, we have taken a number of measures, both short and medium term, and we'll also look at this issue in the long term. It is important that the entire province and all Albertans have access to appropriate EMS service. That's what our commitment is, and that's what we will do.

Disaster Recovery Program Funding

Mr. Bilous: The UCP government is continuing to download costs to Alberta municipalities, causing property taxes to rise and services to be cut. One of the most concerning cuts has been the changes to the provincial disaster recovery program, making municipalities pay for more while capping the maximum benefit per homeowner. Disaster recovery costs in 2020 were \$147 million, and the total could be much higher in any future year. Why does this government continue to burden communities when they need support? People are losing their homes. Mr. Speaker, do they even care?

The Speaker: The hon. the Minister of Children's Services.

Ms Schulz: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I will say that our government does provide financial assistance for uninsurable loss and damage caused by emergencies and disasters. The cost and frequency of disasters is increasing, and we need to have a strong framework in place to reduce these risks. In 2021 the government introduced changes to the disaster recovery program to encourage Albertans to mitigate disaster risk by purchasing appropriate insurance, reducing property development in high-risk areas, relocating to less disaster-prone areas, and mitigating risks to their property. Until these changes were introduced, Alberta was the only province that did not share the financial risk and liability of disaster recovery expenses.

Mr. Bilous: Downloading costs is their answer.

Given that natural disasters like what we're seeing in B.C. devastate local businesses and cause untold damages to the economy as a whole and given that the rural municipalities association, or RMA, passed a motion to reverse these changes to disaster recovery costs that were dumped on municipalities without consultation by this UCP government, given that former Fort McMurray mayor Don Scott said that this was another example of the government disadvantaging Wood Buffalo region, will the minister reverse these changes and commit to actually working with Alberta municipalities?

The Speaker: The hon. the Minister of Children's Services.

Ms Schulz: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. In fact, the Minister of Municipal Affairs met with about 25 municipalities last week and about 28 this week, specifically one on one, in addition to taking part in a variety of events and meetings throughout the week because it matters to us what municipalities have to say. We do know that paying for the cost of responding to and recovering from a disaster is a shared responsibility, and to reduce the risk, we have to have limits on how much and how often those living in a flood hazard area will be compensated for property damage.

Mr. Bilous: Given that the UCP's changes will also not allow for Albertans to relocate out of flood zones and given that climate change disasters are expected to occur in higher frequency in the future, risking recurring damage and hardship to many Albertans, and given that this UCP government downloaded policing costs onto municipalities, cut funding to MSI, cut mental health supports, chased doctors and nurses out of communities, and made insurance more expensive across the province, why is this government knee-capping municipalities, forcing them to increase taxes on rural Albertans?

Mr. Toews: Well, Mr. Speaker, that just isn't accurate. The reality is that Alberta can no longer afford to be an outlier in the way, in the cost of delivering government programs. We're simply aligning our approach with that of other provinces to get this province on a sustainable fiscal trajectory. The members opposite pushed up costs in this province at a time when revenues were flat. That trajectory would've left hundreds of billions of dollars of additional costs for future generations. That's unacceptable. We're changing it. We will deliver to the next generation.

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore.

Women's Workforce Participation

Mrs. Aheer: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Women in Alberta are incredible entrepreneurs. We work in every industry, with success

stories that inspire. For every 100 men in Alberta who are entrepreneurs, there are 80 women, and this is way higher than the national average. The Alberta women in STEM scholarship champions women in these often underrepresented fields. To the Associate Minister of Status of Women: how are you helping Alberta women to continue to be held in such high regard as we build our Alberta brand supporting women in the workforce?

The Speaker: The hon. the Associate Minister of Status of Women.

Ms Issik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know, our province has a long history of incredible women who have made significant advances in fields and paved the way for others. I met some of them today. The MacEwan University Griffins women's soccer team came to the Legislature to visit today after their amazing win at nationals, and it was so nice to meet those women. We're supporting women and girls to pursue careers in STEM and any woman who's eager to advance gender equality in any field, and we're doing that through the Persons Case scholarship. These strategic investments in women are an important part of that . . .

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore.

Mrs. Aheer: Thank you so much. Given that our government knows that women in this province are resilient and innovative and incredibly hard-working and given that women in construction saw their highest entry into construction and transportation in 2013 and given that right now we continue to look at mentors in under-represented fields like operations, truck drivers, and procurement, to the Minister of Transportation: what are you doing to help the advancement of women in these careers and the growth opportunities in tech and transportation sectors?

The Speaker: The hon. the Associate Minister of Status of Women.

Ms Issik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Alberta's recovery plan is a plan to build, diversify, and create jobs across the province, and there's no doubt that the innovative, resilient, and hard-working women of our province are going to help make this plan a success. Our government is supporting women who may want to pursue professional driving careers while bridging the gender gap. Alberta Transportation is in the midst of the second intake for the driving-back-to-work program, with several women already making it through the first intake. We've seen a 2 and a half per cent increase in women who hold class 1 drivers' licences in Canada in 2020. As well, Alberta has the highest rate of female technology CEOs in Canada.

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore.

Mrs. Aheer: Thank you so much. Given that women have collaborating superpowers – thinking and dreaming and acting on entrepreneurial skills – that are inside established corporations and given that corporate intrapreneurship is a road map for change and it requires networks and actions on diversity and inclusion in the workplace, and this is how we build capacity and remove toxic behaviour from our work environment, to the Minister of Jobs, Economy and Innovation: could you please explain how we as a government are elevating women entrepreneurs?

The Speaker: The hon. the Associate Minister of Status of Women.
2:30

Ms Issik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Women entrepreneurs in our province are strong leaders who have an important role to play in Alberta's economic recovery. They show grit and resilience as they

adapt and pivot their businesses to find new ways of staying connected to their clients and their communities. We're supporting women in the workforce and women wanting to get back into the workforce with programs like jobs now, the new child care deal, scholarships, and integrated and workplace training, just to name a few. This week is Women's Entrepreneurship Week, and I express my deep gratitude for all that women business owners do to contribute to our province.

Canada Pension Plan

Ms Gray: Mr. Speaker, earlier this month the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board reported a record 10-year annualized net return of nearly 12 per cent. This is fantastic news for all Canadians. These are great returns, which we've consistently seen from CPPIB. Many Albertans rely now or will in the future on a CPP retirement pension, which is why the government's plan to create an Alberta pension plan continues to be an issue I hear about from constituents. Given the great returns from CPPIB, the concerns raised by Albertans, is the Alberta government still spending time and money on a plan to pull out of the CPP?

The Speaker: The hon. the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board.

Mr. Toews: Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the member for the question. Firstly, I just want to draw attention to the returns that AIMCo has provided on the heritage fund in Q1 2021. It's 5 and a half per cent, ultimately, in the quarter. That's an annualized 22 per cent return. I just want to point that out, a tremendous return.

Yes, we are continuing to evaluate the opportunities and risks of an Alberta pension plan. We believe we owe that to Albertans, and we're looking forward to moving forward with that discussion at the appropriate time.

Ms Gray: Mr. Speaker, our Official Opposition personally delivered tens of thousands of letters from Albertans to the Premier's office asking him to stop the attacks on their retirements. Given that the Fair Deal Panel travelled Alberta promoting this plan and only found 42 per cent support for the idea of leaving CPP and given that economists, academics, Albertans, and UCP members themselves have rejected the Premier's Alberta pension plan, can the Premier tell the House how much longer he'll keep earplugs in even as opposition to his expensive, risky pension scheme comes from inside his own party?

Mr. Toews: Mr. Speaker, we're going to listen to Albertans on this issue of the Alberta pension plan. The Fair Deal Panel reported back to this government and recommended that we develop a comprehensive plan to create an Alberta pension plan and then go to Albertans in the form of a referendum. We're doing that. It's a complex issue. There's much work to do, actuarial work, econometric work. We're getting that work done so that we and Albertans can be informed about an Alberta pension plan.

Ms Gray: Given that Albertans have said no and given that the Premier claims to be an enthusiastic participant in democracy but only when he likes the answer or when his political action committee is paying for votes and given that if democracy was to prevail, there is a sound rejection of the Premier's plans to mess with the retirements of Albertans and given that we saw the Premier was whipping votes at his own AGM and he still couldn't get support for an Alberta pension plan, will the Premier finally admit

that this policy does not have the support to move forward? Can the Premier promise Albertans that he won't play around needlessly with their retirements?

Mr. Toews: Mr. Speaker, that simply is not true. The only people saying no are the NDP. They're saying no to Albertans, to understand the opportunity that might be there with an Alberta pension plan. They say no to every pipeline that's ever been envisioned in modern history, most recently encouraging the blockade of Coastal GasLink. Fortunately, they're not prevailing.

Health Care Services in Fort McMurray

Mr. Shepherd: Mr. Speaker, earlier this week I had the pleasure to spend some time in Fort McMurray and speak with local physicians and community members about the challenges their community is currently facing. They told me about difficulties they're facing as earlier this year the hospital stopped providing outpatient diagnostic imaging services. This is forcing patients to go to Edmonton for imaging for breast cancer all because they are short a technician at the Northern Lights care centre to do this critical work. My question to the minister is simple. Why has his government not addressed this problem yet?

Mr. Copping: Mr. Speaker, our government is committed to providing equitable access to health care across the entire province, including in Fort McMurray. There are challenges in certain professions in regard to attraction and retention. We are working with local communities, including chambers of commerce and local councillors and mayors, to be able to attract the individuals that we need. This is a focus for our government. We have had challenges over a period of time – COVID hasn't helped – but our focus is actually on ensuring we get the people there and we can provide the services that we need to and the communities across the province.

Mr. Shepherd: Speaking of equitable access, Mr. Speaker, given that Fort McMurray is losing the developmental pediatric physician that helps families deal with children with autism and other developmental issues and given that in speaking to the community of Fort McMurray, I learned the wait time for treatment such as pediatric counselling is more than four to six months longer than the waiting time for adult care and given that losing pediatric care in the community means that those in Fort McMurray, along with the surrounding areas, would either have to go without this care or make a 430-kilometre trek to Edmonton, is the minister concerned that such a critical physician is leaving the region, and if so, what does he intend to do about it?

Mr. Copping: Mr. Speaker, again, we are aware of some of the challenges that we are facing across the province in terms of attracting and retaining individuals. In regard to physicians, as indicated previously in this House, we have committed to over \$90 million, which is being spent this year to be able to attract and retain. This includes not only immediate action in terms of \$57 million for the rural and remote northern program, but also longer term we're looking at attracting medical students with bursaries and scholarships and also opportunities for on-call programs.

Mr. Shepherd: Mr. Speaker, given that trips to Edmonton for Fort McMurray families like the Stacey family, who travel every two weeks for treatment for their son with Batten disease, cost them an additional \$500 each trip for gas, food, and hotel and given that Fort McMurray's GoFundMe website has dozens of pleas to help cover massive travel bills from treating everything from cancer to

workplace injuries that aren't able to be treated locally and given that without these services more and more from Fort McMurray will have to choose to leave that community, to the minister: what is this government's plan to ensure Fort McMurray has the services needed so people can afford to stay healthy and live in the community?

Mr. Copping: Mr. Speaker, as indicated, we are looking at capacity across the entire province and our ability to be able to provide that capacity and the proper services so we can echo those services across the entire province. We are spending more money than ever, than any government in Alberta's history, more than \$23 billion on health care, and we are focused on ensuring that we have the resources available to provide equitable service across the entire province.

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

Restrictions Exemption Program Health Care Workers' Vaccinations for COVID-19

Mr. Stephan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Many children suffer more from COVID restrictions than from COVID itself. Children, unvaccinated or vaccinated, have never overwhelmed our health care system. Mercifully, children regardless of vaccine status can now play sports together, but under the REP there is no requirement to provide access for unvaccinated children to play sports in REP facilities. To the minister: will the government please amend the REP to protect unvaccinated children from discrimination?

Mr. Copping: Thank you to the hon. member for the question. Mr. Speaker, we introduced the restrictions exemption program to reduce the spread of COVID-19. The REP is about balancing the need to protect Albertans but also to mitigate negative impacts. That's why although 12- to 17-year-olds are included in the provincial restrictions exemption program, youth sports are listed as an out-of-scope activity. Municipalities do have a role to play in reflecting local needs. We encourage all municipalities to understand that appropriate steps are taken and to also consider the needs of children. At the end of the day we need to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and limit the impact on Alberta's youth.

Mr. Stephan: Given that AHS says that justification for their vaccine mandates is public protection and given that a health worker with a negative rapid test result cannot spread COVID while a vaccinated employee with COVID can and given that high natural antibody protection can be higher than vaccine protection, to the minister: will the government please instruct AHS to provide choices of rapid testing or antibodies to avoid constructive dismissal of health care workers?

The Speaker: The hon. Minister of Health.

2:40

Mr. Copping: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the important question. Alberta Health Services brought in their vaccine mandate to make sure that we can continue to safely deliver services to Albertans. This is ultimately about protecting both patients and health care workers. As I've said many times, vaccines are the single most effective tool in our tool box when it comes to COVID-19, but I want to assure the member, the House, and all Albertans that we'll continue to work with AHS to ensure that their approach doesn't impact on providing front-line services to Albertans.

Mr. Stephan: Given that a minority of young adults have experienced adverse health reactions from one vaccine dose and given that some postsecondaries do not provide rapid testing options for students and given that when medical exemptions are improperly denied, students can be disfranchised from pursuing their education, to the minister: will the government put postsecondary schools under a type of REP requiring choices of rapid testing or antibodies for young adults?

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

Mr. Nicolaides: Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the member opposite may know, our universities, colleges, and polytechnics are out of scope in consideration for the restrictions exemption program. They do have the flexibility as per the directives from the chief medical officer of health to implement their own proof of vaccination programs according to parameters that they believe are most appropriate for their campuses and for their students and their population. Of course, happy to support them in the implementation of those measures. As autonomous institutions their boards of governors make those decisions themselves.

The Speaker: Hon. members, in 30 seconds or less we will return to the remainder of the daily Routine. If you're travelling on the roads this afternoon, please ensure you do so safely.

Notices of Motions

The Speaker: The Deputy Government House Leader.

Mr. Schow: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am rising pursuant to Standing Order 34(3) to advise the Assembly that on Monday, November 29, Written Question 5 will be accepted and that Written Question 4 will be dealt with. Also, on Monday, November 29, Motion for a Return 15 will be accepted, and motions for returns 14, 16, 17, and 18 will be dealt with.

Tabling Returns and Reports

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod has a tabling, followed by the Associate Minister of Red Tape Reduction.

Mr. Reid: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to table the requisite number of copies of the e-mail from Helen that I quoted in today's member's statement.

Ms Fir: Mr. Speaker, I rise to table the requisite number of copies of a column written in the November 24, 2021, issue of the *Edmonton Sun* by Dr. Bill Bewick of Fairness Alberta. The column exposes the hypocrisy of Monday's protest that blocked the High Level Bridge.

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. Shandro, Minister of Labour and Immigration, pursuant to the Land Surveyors Act the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association report of proceedings of the 112th AGM held April 14 to 16, 2021.

On behalf of Mr. Rutherford, chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act the office of the Auditor General results report for the year ended March 31, 2021; pursuant to the Election Act and the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act the 2020-21 annual report of the Chief Electoral Officer.

The Speaker: At approximately 2:18 the Deputy Government House Leader rose on a point of order.

Point of Order

Language Creating Disorder

Mr. Schow: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise on 23(j), “uses abusive or insulting language of a nature likely to create disorder.” I do not have the benefit of the Blues, but I have what would be a relatively close transcript. At the time that you had just mentioned, around 2:18, the Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat had said in his question, which ultimately went to the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General: “Given that this is the most corrupt and unpopular government Albertans have ever seen.” Certainly, unpopular would be a matter of debate, but calling someone or calling a government corrupt in this Chamber is certainly language to create disorder, Mr. Speaker. We also know that in this Chamber you cannot do indirectly what you cannot do directly. I believe that calling a government or an individual in this Chamber corrupt would certainly be unparliamentary, and I ask that that member apologize and retract that comment and refrain from using that kind of language in the future.

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat or others.

Mr. Barnes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Clearly, just a matter of debate. I went to great lengths not to call any individual or member corrupt. I called the government corrupt. We could debate this, from RCMP investigations to senior staff using the Premier’s offices to influence people at the AGM to ministers being investigated by the RCMP for voting, the Election Commissioner. It goes on and on. You know, again, my intention wasn’t to – this is a point of debate. I believe that this government has certainly gone down a path of corruption, and when you start to look at this bill that the basis of my question was on, the elections, it is a great, great concern to Albertans that we’re opening a door for influence from the Premier’s office to lead to who may get a contract, who may get a regulation, who may get a grant. That is not an area that Albertans want to go into. We believe in fairness, we believe in equality, and we believe in freedom. This government has gone down a different path, and that’s why this is just purely a matter of debate.

Thank you.

The Speaker: Are there others? The Opposition House Leader.

Ms Gray: I’ll make my submission to you very brief, Mr. Speaker, but I would have to agree with the member who just spoke. In the Official Opposition’s opinion, the language used would be a matter of debate, and I look forward to your ruling.

The Speaker: Are there others?

Seeing none, I am prepared to rule on the point of order. I would simply go as far as to say that making allegations about a government and whether they are corrupt or not is certainly something that has taken place in this Chamber in the past. I think members ought not enter into it lightly. It is certainly strong language that has the potential of creating disorder, so I’m going to provide a caution at this point in time and encourage members to use their ability for freedom of speech responsibly. But it’s not a point of order at this time. I consider this matter dealt with and concluded.

We are at Ordres du jour.

Orders of the Day

Government Bills and Orders Third Reading

Bill 85

Education Statutes (Students First) Amendment Act, 2021

[Adjourned debate November 24: Mr. Schmidt]

The Speaker: Hon. members, are there others wishing to join in the debate of Bill 85? The hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora has risen.

Ms Hoffman: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to rise today and vote on Bill 85 – I imagine we’ll vote on it – the Education Statutes Amendment Act, which the minister has chosen to title Students First.

[The Deputy Speaker in the chair]

I want to say up front very clearly that I do support the bill. I know that we are here to debate the bill in its final form, so that is what I’m going to do because, certainly, the final form of this bill and the title that has been chosen to be assigned to this bill by the minister don’t exactly seem to speak to the things that most families are contacting me to say would put students first.

For example, by far the number one issue that parents continue to reach out to my office every day about relates to the minister’s failed response to COVID and preventing children from getting COVID in schools. By far. Parents in my constituency, parents in constituencies across this province know that more could be done to put students first and protect their health and well-being. I would certainly have appreciated to see any of that reflected in this bill, and I’m sure that the correspondence that the minister is receiving follows a similar pattern.

2:50

Parents rightfully have very deep concerns about how this government has handled the COVID-19 response, particularly as it relates to their children, many of whom still aren’t eligible to be vaccinated, but fortunately children five to 11 are now eligible. Parents say: why is it that my child is getting vaccines for other things in school this week? This very week we know that there have been many media reports about children getting vaccines in school, for one thing, which actually means that they have to delay by 14 days their COVID-19 vaccine. “Why is it that my child isn’t getting their COVID-19 vaccine in school this week? If we can be vaccinating for other things, why can’t we be vaccinating for COVID?” That would put students and families first.

If you actually wanted to look at having massive uptake and reducing risk for children and staff, we could get rid of the barriers and make life easier for families. That certainly could get included in the final form of this bill. Instead, we have a minister, a Premier, and many MLAs, including the MLA for Red Deer-South, who just went on at great length trying to downplay the consequences directly on children.

Madam Speaker, I need to acknowledge that nearly 80,000 kids in Alberta who are school age have acquired COVID-19 already in this province. We don’t know how many of those got it at school, partially because this government made an intentional decision in the summer to get rid of testing, tracing, and isolation requirements for society, and we know that there was a massive push-back because many families were thinking about their children and they were putting their students first when they were thinking about their return back to school. Fortunately, the government reversed two out

of those three. They said: okay; if you are sick with COVID, you should probably stay at home. I can't believe the government had to reverse their position on that one. I can't believe that they made the decision originally to say: feel free to run rampant in the community with COVID, including its variants. But that's what the government said. They did reverse their mind on that one. That's good. They told people to stay home when they're sick and especially when they have COVID.

Number two, they said: okay; we will continue with tracing. Thank goodness, because we were on the eve of the fourth wave. The fourth wave was crashing onto our province, onto our communities, and students, who we were getting ready to have go back to school, were experiencing this. The government said: okay; we're going to continue with testing and isolation. But they said: tracing is out; we're not even going to try tracing. Many people within the government will continue to say and downplay the negative long-term consequences on children and families, and I think that that's dangerous, I think that that's cruel, and I think that it's resulted in far more suffering than was ever necessary in this province.

So the government decided that they were going to get rid of tracing. They were going to pretend that there was no need to actually trace where kids get cases, and as a direct consequence many schools had many, many cases. I know the minister tries to play silly, you know, with points in time when it comes to manipulating the numbers. But I will tell you that my neighbours, my friends whose children go to Westglen school: over 80 kids in that school got COVID this fall, and it's not a big school. It was about a quarter of their population, and many of them brought it home to their families, and many of those parents got breakthrough COVID and many of those grandparents also got COVID.

Even if we try to downplay the negative health consequences on those individual children – and I think it's dangerous to do that, because even in the last week we had a toddler in this province die who had COVID, so continuing to downplay the serious health consequences on children I think is dangerous. But there are also health consequences to the people who love them and who they engage with regularly.

So for the government to bring this bill into this place and to ask us to pass it in its final reading, in third, without acknowledging the significant issue that is front of mind for many Alberta families – if you actually wanted to put students first, you would focus on limiting risk that children are being told to face each and every day, because we do know that there are permanent negative health consequences for many children. Then we stand in this place and ask about children who have been harmed, and the government often says: one child is one too many. That is absolutely true. Madam Speaker, we are talking about nearly 80,000 children who are school age who've contracted COVID, many of whom, we can rightfully assume, contracted it in schools. We don't have the evidence because the minister has decided to stop tracing in schools, but it is fair to assume that that's absolutely the case given what's happening in this province.

Ms Issik: Point of order.

The Deputy Speaker: The hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore.

Point of Order Relevance

Ms Issik: Madam Speaker, I'm calling a point of order on 23(b), speaking to matters other than the question under discussion. This bill is about the credentials of teachers and how they are assessed,

particularly when there is misconduct, and the member across seems to be completely on the topic of COVID. I would just appreciate if we could speak about the bill.

The Deputy Speaker: The hon. Member for Edmonton-South.

Mr. Dang: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think this is clearly a matter of debate and not a point of order. I'd actually refer you to the ruling by Speaker Cooper on this exact point of order last night during debate in this place on this exact bill. My hon. colleague from Edmonton-Gold Bar was called on a similar point of order, and in Speaker Cooper's words – I'm paraphrasing, of course, without . . .

The Deputy Speaker: Hon. member, I know you're arguing a point of order, but we're now into the naming member territory, so I caution you.

Mr. Dang: Thank you, Madam Speaker. In the Speaker's words, in his words last night – I'm paraphrasing, of course. He elaborated that in third reading we are commenting on the final phase of the bill. In that context and having the ability to comment on the bill with relation to other matters which the government is doing and how we feel now that all of the amendments are completed in the committee process, certainly the widest latitude must be given to members. I think my hon. colleague here from Edmonton-Glenora is spending her time commenting on the bill in its final form and commenting on where the bill is lacking in its final form. I think that's certainly a matter of debate, and I would encourage you to rule as such and allow us to continue.

I know that the whip feels it's important to defend her minister, who does have an abysmal track record on COVID-19, does have an abysmal track record of protecting students in school, does have an abysmal track record in ensuring we have safe school spaces. I appreciate the deputy government whip wants to defend the minister and wants to defend the government, but at this time I think it is a matter of debate. We do have the opportunity to have these discussions and comment on how this government has failed Albertans, continues to fail families, and continues to fail this province.

Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker: Hon. members, I'm seeking clarification on matters that happened in this House earlier which, I understand, were in a committee phase; however, listening to the arguments here at hand – I'm actually shocked it took that long to call a point of order on the relevancy of this matter – while I think many of the points of the argument that were being made can be relevant to this bill, I'm just waiting for that to make a little bit more sense in the matter on hand.

So I ask the hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora to continue with her remarks with that in mind.

Ms Hoffman: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and I'm always happy to comply with your rulings. Just for further clarification, it was in third reading last night that the same point of order was called.

The Deputy Speaker: Sorry. Sorry. I don't make my ruling based on a previous ruling because I think there may be a discrepancy. Anyway, proceed with your remarks.

Ms Hoffman: Yeah. I respect the remarks of the Speaker and the context. I just wanted to make sure that the record reflected accurate information about what was recited here.

Debate Continued

Ms Hoffman: So I am indeed speaking to Bill 85, the education statutes. Students First is the name that's been coined by the minister, and I'm speaking about the final form of the bill. What Alberta parents continue to tell us is that the most important issue and what they would like to see the government act on is legislation to indeed put students first.

Last week we had the Alberta School Boards Association fall general meeting, and many trustees came up to me and said, "You know what would be great is if the government would use their legislation," of which we have an education bill before this House that we're considering, "to give clarity to school boards about what employment practices should be put in place when it comes to the letter that was written urging boards to have mandatory vaccine policies for staff. In terms of putting students first in this bill that we're considering, rather than the minister writing a letter urging us to do this, the minister could absolutely put these types of additions into this piece of legislation" that we are currently considering here in this Assembly.

That's one of the things that locally elected school board members told me would actually help them be able to do their job if the province would amend legislation, which they have open before this House, to give that clarity rather than continuing to try to divert responsibility away from oneself and onto another order of government that is indeed the creation of this order of government.

3:00

In terms of putting students first and the final form of the bill, again, Madam Speaker, many parents have told us how frustrated they are that in the first wave, not that long ago, more than 20,000 education support workers were terminated from their employment and that children, who should be put first, who should be protected in school – and I know that that is indeed what the minister attests to be the primary motivation, protecting children in schools. One of the best ways we could do that for disabled students is to give them that trusted loyal adult who is there alongside them to support them through their learning. Many parents have said: if you want to protect my child, don't cut their educational assistant.

We know that there are estimates that there would be 20,000 more students in school this year than last and 2,000 fewer teachers and educational assistants there to support them. This bill talks about the approximately dozens of teachers who don't belong in schools in every decade – that was a reference given in the bill briefing that we're talking about – dozens per decade that will be impacted by this legislation and whose names will be disclosed. That I have no problem with. I support this bill and what it does, but it could go so much further. We could support students by making sure the government actually put them first and funded properly for them to have the educational assistants and teachers they need to be successful in school.

We could put students first by ensuring the government actually addressed the serious ventilation concerns that Dr. Deena Hinshaw, our chief medical officer of health in this province, highlighted for the ministers both of Education and Health last November, a year ago, saying that this was a serious concern and that this should be prioritized. Yet the government chose to spend less than 20 per cent, I think it was, or maybe between 20 and 25 per cent – no, it was less than 20 per cent – of the money that was available for infrastructure on actual ventilation systems. The minister will say: well, you know, that's up to local decision-makers, local autonomy. But it's actually the minister's responsibility to make sure children are safe at school. We've seen that the minister has no problem firing or ripping up ministerial orders, condemning individuals, but when it

comes to the opportunity to set out an opportunity to make things safer for kids and put students first in schools, time and time again the minister has come up very short in that regard.

While I don't object to the clauses in this bill, I absolutely object to characterizing this as being enough to actually put students first, because it isn't. We know that nearly 80,000 school-aged children in Alberta have contracted COVID. We know that 20,000 more students are in school and that 2,000 fewer teachers and educational assistants are there to support them. We know that this curriculum, that is being forced on many schools, has been damaging to Alberta students. We know that partners want to put students first. They want to fulfill the intent of this bill and the preamble that has gone along with it, that has been recited many times by this minister. They want to be able to put students first, and they need the tools and supports necessary to do that.

I know that the parents who continue to reach out and ask for this government to do more to protect their children deserve to have that said in this place. Again, I want to say that I am fine and happy to support this bill, the education statutes amendment act, in its form. I think it could go so much further. I think that this is not a step backwards, which is why I'm willing to support it. To the teachers who have said to me, "I'll get a criminal record check every month if the minister will just put my educational assistant back in the classroom so that the children in my class can get the support they need," know that we are fighting for you and the supports that you need, through you, Madam Speaker, because every child in every school deserves to go there feeling safe. Their parents deserve to know that the chief medical officer's advice has been taken into serious consideration. They should be able to hug their child when they come home at the end of the day, knowing that their child has been protected and that they're not bringing home increased risk, and that certainly hasn't been the case for most Alberta children over the last two years under this minister's leadership.

Again, I'm willing to support this bill. I wish the minister was willing to put things in this bill that would go far further to increase safety for children at school and set them up for success. Every child deserves an opportunity to learn in a safe environment and to have the right adults there to support them along that journey. The minister's words are lovely. The actions have been far from sufficient.

Again, to reiterate, there have been means made available, but the minister has failed to make them a priority. Last year the Education budget was underspent by such a significant amount, and we've put forward recommendations on how that money could be allocated this year to put students first, to fulfill the intentions or the words that have been ascribed to this bill.

One, for example, was the addition of a mental health therapist for each and every school. Many parents have told me what a big difference this would make in their lives. Even those who have the means to be able to pay for outside counselling services say that adding one more appointment to their list, adding one more task, having to transport their child has made life much more difficult this year, and we know that many, many, many can't afford those services privately. So having a mental health therapist available at each and every school would be an example of how we could demonstrate that we're putting children first.

The Deputy Speaker: Are there other members wishing to speak to the bill?

Seeing none, would the hon. Minister of Education like to participate?

Member LaGrange: I would. Thank you, Madam Speaker. To start with, it would take me hours to correct the misinformation that

the member opposite from Edmonton-Glenora just shared, and I apologize that I don't have hours here to correct all of the information. But I will start by saying . . .

Mr. Dang: Point of order.

The Deputy Speaker: The hon. Member for Edmonton-South on a point of order.

Point of Order Allegations against a Member

Mr. Dang: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Under 23(h), (i), and (j) I think that certainly accusing a member of this place, and in this case the Member for Edmonton-Glenora, of spreading misinformation to the House is essentially the same as saying that the member is misleading the House. I would suggest that certainly if the minister wants to refer broadly to opposition and opposition caucuses, then she should restrict her comments to that, and I hope that you will be able to rule in that way.

Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker: The hon. Minister of Justice.

Mr. Madu: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is not a point of order. This is a matter of debate. The hon. Minister of Education has every right to point out inaccuracies contained in the speech that we just heard from the Member for Edmonton-Glenora. There is nothing in the standing orders that would suggest that this is a point of order. It's a matter of debate, and I urge that you rule as such.

The Deputy Speaker: Are you providing additional comments?

Mr. Sabir: I think that was the very definition of a point of order, when you are accusing, singling out a member and saying that they are telling misinformation. The minister has every right to disagree and provide alternative facts, but I don't think that within the standing orders a minister can get up and accuse any member of this House, single out that member, and say that they shared misinformation. So it is clearly a point of order.

The Deputy Speaker: Thank you for providing the additional comment, which I think is helpful for my ruling.

As we are 20 seconds into the hon. minister's speech, I think there might be plenty of time to explain things and why she makes the statements that she does, which I will allow, and I'm sure she is about to make those points.

The hon. Minister of Education.

Debate Continued

Member LaGrange: Well, thank you, Madam Speaker. Yes, there are many things that I could share in terms of the facts that are around COVID and all of the other things that were being discussed – the mandatory vaccine policy, curriculum – all of which have nothing to do with Bill 85. Bill 85, the Education Statutes (Students First) Amendment Act, 2021, is about disciplinary matters with teachers and teacher leaders.

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I listened carefully, Madam Speaker, to all of the debate, and I have to say that there was no debate. I guess that in one sense I have to think that this is a positive thing, that in fact we got it right. There was nothing – nothing – that the members opposite were able to criticize us on. There was nothing. There were no amendments made. They spent all of their time talking about the title versus the

content of what this bill is. They spent most of their time addressing personal attacks on myself and on my ministry and on Alberta Health for all of the great work that Alberta Health did in terms of contact tracing and contact notification versus, actually, the substance of this bill.

It was disappointing that the members opposite continue to play politics with everything. It was just so disheartening to see that, in fact, I believe the members opposite would prefer to leave things status quo, a status quo that really puts the value more on the perpetrator than on the victim. It seems to highlight that the perpetrator should have more consideration than the victim. Madam Speaker, I totally disagree with that. I was raised that when you see something that's wrong, you go and fix it. When I started seeing cases cross my desk, some of the most egregious cases I've seen, of young children being abused by people they should value and who should be protecting them – their teachers, their coaches in their schools – that's unacceptable. The fact that we don't want to make that process better, that we don't want to make it more transparent, that we don't want parents to have more confidence that we're dealing with these cases transparently and in a timely manner: that's unacceptable.

Madam Speaker, I brought forward Bill 85, and I'm proud that I brought it forward. It is not redundant. It is not a distraction. It is what is right. It is what is needed. I'm glad to hear that the members opposite want a further, larger conversation that we can do more. I agree that we can do more. I am proud of my record of defending children. I've done it all my life. I'm a mother of seven, a grandmother of seven. I have worked as a rehab practitioner with the developmentally disabled. I have looked after the underdog all my life, and I'm not going to stop now. I really want this bill to go through. I do believe that we can do more, and I welcome everyone to join me in doing more.

Thank you.

[Motion carried; Bill 85 read a third time]

Bill 82

Mineral Resource Development Act

The Deputy Speaker: The hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain.

Mr. Turton: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I rise today to move third reading of Bill 82, the Mineral Resource Development Act, on behalf of the Minister of Energy.

I am thankful to stand here today as the passage of this bill will help Alberta capitalize on our potential to become a preferred international producer and supplier of critical and rare-earth minerals and mineral products while strengthening and diversifying the province's economy. Minerals are critical in supporting overall economic growth, the deployment of clean energy technologies, and the global shift towards a lower carbon economy. The Mineral Resource Development Act would streamline and consolidate regulatory oversight to one entity by establishing the AER as the full life cycle regulator for metallic and industrial minerals.

This legislation in combination with the Responsible Energy Development Act would provide the legislative authority to the AER to regulate both brine-hosted and hardrock mineral resources, including lithium, vanadium, and many other critical minerals. It would ensure safe, efficient, orderly, and responsible development, from exploration through reclamation.

Madam Speaker, there's a clear interest from industry and investors looking to explore and develop minerals within Alberta. Some companies have pilot projects either proposed or under way.

Now, that being said, industry needs certainty. The passage of Bill 82 will provide exactly that. This legislation will help position the province as an attractive and competitive place for mineral investment and spur growth in that sector. Alberta has the opportunity to be at the forefront of a global mineral supply chain because of a wealth of natural resources and its proven track record for being a global leader in responsible development. We are confident that by creating regulatory certainty and implementing Alberta's mineral strategy and action plan, investment will follow.

To conclude, I'd like to thank all my colleagues in the House for supporting this bill, that will help Alberta capitalize on our potential, and in addition the Minister of Energy for her incredible undertaking in the series of engagements to gain expert feedback. These engagements include key communities, including Indigenous groups, government agencies, industries, environmental nongovernment organizations, research institutes, municipalities, financial advisers, and land- and mineral owner groups. Without this important work, we would not be standing here today and making profits in our incredible province that we all call home.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker: Any members wishing to join the debate? The hon. Member for Edmonton . . .

Mr. Bilous: Beverly-Clareview.

The Deputy Speaker: Beverly-Clareview. My apologies. Great riding.

Mr. Bilous: Thank you, Madam Speaker. There's a part of me that wanted to make a tiny little sarcastic joke. I will refrain as my memory has – sometimes I've struggled to recall the riding names of all 86 other members. My pleasure to rise to speak to Bill 82, Mineral Resource Development Act. I indicated when I spoke on this bill in second reading that I had a few questions for the minister, but much of this bill I was in support of. I'm happy to declare that I will be supporting Bill 82 because I do believe that this bill helps to unlock significant potential that Alberta has.

We know we have world-class expertise when it comes to development of our energy sector. I would argue that we're second to none. Many of my family continue to work in the oil and gas sector, have worked internationally in many different countries, and time and time again they receive feedback that Canadian expertise is second to none. In fact, many companies that run into challenges internationally when they're trying to work with the geology of their location will call in Canadians because of the expertise that we have and our work ethic, Madam Speaker, and most of those Canadians are Albertans.

Here we have an opportunity, Madam Speaker, to pursue the development of rare-earth minerals. We know that the demand will continue to increase exponentially. In fact – I found it interesting – I believe it's Hertz, the company, that has placed an order for 100,000 Teslas. They want to take their entire fleet and turn them into electric vehicles. That order alone will require a significant amount of rare-earth minerals. We also know – and this is where I didn't hear a lot of speakers talk about this point. But for me one of the advantages of this bill, of course, is to unlock a resource that we haven't been actively pursuing. Of course, these materials or minerals hold incredible value, and that value is growing, as I just said. I mean, those minerals are used in many different components and parts, from aerospace to automobile to a variety of uses.

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But the other aspect of this that I think is absolutely critical is that by pursuing the development of rare-earth minerals and critical

minerals, Alberta is helping to position Canada as a self-sufficient country. What I mean by that, Madam Speaker: you might be surprised to learn that China is the world producer of rare-earth minerals – they also are currently the number one consumer – and that China has an overwhelming majority of rare-earth minerals. As we've seen in and through the pandemic as supply chains have been interrupted – we're continuing to see the impacts of those disrupted supply chains – it's absolutely critical that jurisdictions and countries like Canada do everything that we can to assure our independence and to become self-sufficient. By focusing on production of rare-earth materials here in Alberta, Alberta will help Canada achieve that independence and that self-sufficiency.

The impact of this goes far beyond the province of Alberta. My hope, Madam Speaker, is that the rest of the country will acknowledge the incredible importance that Alberta and Alberta's energy sector continue to play for Canadians across this country and that Alberta will help our country to be self-sufficient when it comes to the use of these materials, let alone the value that's going to be unlocked for the province in the form of royalties and, of course, supporting companies that in turn pay taxes which benefit all Albertans. So this is welcome news.

I do want to applaud the Minister of Energy for the fact that the AER is going to be the body who will be responsible for setting out the framework. I think there is no better choice than the AER to be taking this on. They have incredible areas of expertise that already exist here. As I mentioned to the minister in second reading, my hope is that there will be new funding that will go to the AER to ensure that they're able to staff up with these new responsibilities that will now be placed on them. If we want to provide them with the tools to be successful, then my hope is that the government will commit to that and that the men and women who work in the AER will not be overburdened with new responsibilities without any new resources in the form of FTEs and otherwise.

Now, I did mention that one of the things this government did that was disappointing was to cut hundreds of staff out of the AER. In fact, close to 30 per cent of the AER staff was let go since the UCP formed government. Now, during second reading the Minister of Energy was nodding her head when I talked about providing additional resources to the AER to be able to undertake this very important task. I'm not aware of a dollar amount or an FTE number, but my hope is that the government will do what they need to to support them.

You know, I probably should have listed some of the rare-earth elements and critical minerals, which, of course, is a very, very broad categorization of a number of minerals and materials and rare earths, from lithium to copper to cobalt to chromium to nickel and uranium, and the list goes on. It's actually quite a significant list, Madam Speaker. With this bill we will see new developments.

I know that one of the questions was around timelines, on how quickly the AER will be able to stand up the framework to ensure that companies can get going. I would love to ask the government and the Minister of Energy to provide updates to the Chamber on the progression once this bill is passed and even, quite frankly, Madam Speaker, with the tabling of this legislation and during this debate. I would imagine it works similarly with the energy sector as it does with other sectors where – you know, I'll give you an example. When under the NDP government we announced the investor tax credit. As it was being debated in the Chamber, interest was pouring in as word spread that that was being introduced.

Now, of course, nobody can presume that a piece of legislation will pass through the House before it is in fact debated and voted, but I would imagine, with the tabling of this bill, that companies' interests have been piqued. We've sent a signal to Alberta companies, first and foremost and most importantly, and to

Canadian companies and international companies that Alberta has a significant stockpile of these important resources and that we're taking steps forward to provide a pathway for companies to unlock these resources and to bring these to the market.

That is all positive, Madam Speaker. I do request that from time to time the government, whether it be the Minister of Energy or the associate minister, provide an update on the amount of interest that's been generated and hope – well, I believe that through the AER they will in fact track this as they do track the extraction and development of our other natural resources.

With that, Madam Speaker, again, since I was first elected in this Chamber, in 2012, I have no problems and no issues with giving credit where credit is due. Yes, of course, I will do my job as a member of the Official Opposition and hold this government to account and to be critical when it demands, but I also will give credit where credit is due. I support this bill. I appreciate the government bringing it forward, and I look forward to hearing the positive impact that this will have on the Alberta economy and the new jobs that will be created through this.

Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker: Thank you, hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview.

Are there any other members wishing to join the debate? The hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday.

Mr. Carson: Well, thank you, Madam Speaker. It's an honour to rise to speak to Bill 82, the Mineral Resource Development Act, a second time here today. I agree with many of the comments that we just heard from the Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, first and foremost that it's important that we put a framework in place to address the global demand that we are seeing for rare-earth elements or minerals and that we should be doing everything we can to make sure we are a part of this growing industry. There is no doubt an opportunity for these minerals and rare earths in our province. We've seen that already, and it's important that we put a framework in place to ensure that we are a part of that.

We heard some comments regarding market share across international jurisdictions. No doubt the current supply chain offers many things to be concerned about in terms of, again, market share and the idea that other jurisdictions are totally ahead of the game compared to us. We need to make sure, especially when it comes to being able to get these resources in a timely manner, that we are a part of that and also make sure that we are able to get value for the resources.

Again, I agree that a regulatory regime or framework is an important step in moving this sector forward. I think it's a welcome change from what we had heard from this government in the beginning of their mandate, that diversification was a luxury. So I'm happy to see that we're starting to see some movement though again we see a framework here. There are a lot of things to be left wanting or a lot of necessary regulations that are going to have to follow after this legislation is passed, if that were to be the case.

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While we see the start of an industry here and maybe an ability to move things forward so we can start having conversations about the extraction of these minerals here in our province, there is, again, a lot left to be discussed, and I hope that that will be done in a transparent manner. There are many questions and details in terms of regulations that are going to have to be left up to the government and to the AER to develop later. That's always a concern, whether we're talking about this legislation or anything else that we are expected to vote on and say that, yes, we support the framework.

The fact is that we haven't seen the final product. We don't know how it's going to look after everything is said and done.

I think the concern about subsurface rights has been raised through this debate, and, you know, I'm not totally sure we've received the answers we need on that. Again, I can appreciate that maybe these discussions are still happening. I think another question might be around royalties of these resources as they are being extracted. Those are a few important questions that we still need to address, and hopefully we will hear more about that as this legislation moves forward.

Again, when we are talking about giving these new responsibilities to the AER, I think it's so important to reflect on the decisions that this government has made to lay off 300 people within that department. The fact is that we are talking about quite a substantial change to legislation and the way that we deal with these processes, but I would hope to have the confidence that there are going to be enough staff in place to handle these major changes. The fact is that when we talk about timelines for getting these requests approved and when we talk about ensuring resource development in the most environmentally friendly way as possible, I mean, these are things that are important to Albertans and important to myself.

I think that we need to ensure that AER has the right staff. I'm sure they do, but I do have to question the decision to lay off 300 staff within that department and whether or not we maybe lost some staff that were very likely experienced within this industry. That continues to be a concern for me. I would also wonder if the government currently believes that they have the staff in place to manage this effectively even with I believe we heard around 30 per cent of the ministry staff being released or cut, if we had potentially lost some of the expertise specifically around rare-earth minerals.

Again, I think it's important that we do see movement on this in terms of making sure that we can play a part in growing our market share on this. The fact is that we will see a shift, especially when we're talking about the development of whether it be EVs, whether it be wind turbines, from fuel-intensive to material-intensive energy systems, and we need to ensure that we are ready for those changes. Again, when we compare – obviously, not necessarily apples to apples. There's quite some difference between when we look at the oil and gas sector or the need for fuelling our vehicles, for instance, compared to minerals for building those vehicles. Quite different, obviously. If we see market disruptions to our fuel supply, we will instantly feel those concerns and constraints as we wouldn't necessarily be able to fuel our vehicles, but when we look at the extraction of these minerals, if we start seeing shortages, we are going to find that we aren't able to take action in terms of production of turbines and production of EVs and stronger batteries that go into these vehicles and such.

It does present a different concern in terms of disruption of our markets and our ability to produce and manufacture products, which is also going to be something that we should be concerned about and I imagine has been a consideration as the advisory panel went through the process of drafting this legislation and as the ministry went through that process as well. The fact is that I think that considering the resources that we have in this province, if we have a framework that is in place that is ensuring that it's done as environmentally friendly as possible, this is a great opportunity for Alberta to take part in this as a solution to some of the global challenges that we're facing, not only on a supply chain side of things but also on an emissions reduction side of things as well.

Again, we heard from the previous minister, but we've heard the discussion raised quite often about the fact that South Africa and the Democratic Republic of the Congo are responsible for some 70 per cent of global production of platinum and cobalt and that China

accounted for 60 per cent of global RE production in 2019, which is actually down from 80 per cent in the 2010s. The fact is that I think it's important that Alberta gets a piece of this and that we are part of the solution when we talk about emissions reductions and moving to cleaner climate and taking action on climate change, so I'm happy to see this legislation at this point move forward even, I would say, with the questions that I have.

With that, Madam Speaker, we have raised some other concerns in terms of questions that we have been hearing regarding liabilities for landowners that I'm not sure have necessarily been addressed, so I look forward to seeing how those discussions carry forward as the legislation moves forward. You know, we haven't as an opposition or as a public in general been able to see a what-we-heard report, as far as I know. We haven't fully been able to see the discussion that the government has been having, if other concerns have come up, again, specific to liabilities or subsurface rights. We haven't necessarily gotten those answers from the government, which is always frustrating, again, when we're being asked to support something, even, in this case, a framework for something, that the government hasn't been able to share a lot of the concerns that we have brought forward.

I guess the last piece that I would just raise is that while it is important to get into the development of these resources and ensure that there is a framework in place and tackle things like liabilities and royalties and those sorts of things, I think we also need to consider the idea of how we are going to ensure the long-term sustainability of these resources, just like we should with any other resource. Something that we haven't necessarily heard enough about is the recycling of these rare-earth materials. I think there is a lot to be said about these resources already being out in our communities, whether it be through batteries or other products, and the need to recycle them so that we can get as much, I guess, for lack of better terms, bang for our buck from these resources that we are developing to ensure, again, the long-term sustainability of such resources. I would be interested to hear if the government heard any of that through their consultations from their Mineral Advisory Council, if that is something that we might see in the future, opportunities for Albertans to take part in that or opportunities for manufacturers to potentially be offering those services so that we are ensuring, again, if we are able to recycle those resources, that we are in fact doing so.

With that, Madam Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to speak to this. I look forward to seeing this framework further developed as it moves forward if it is to be accepted by the Legislative Assembly. I think that there is a really good opportunity here. I, again, look forward to seeing how it moves forward.

Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker: The hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore.

Mrs. Aheer: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Again, very, very happy to speak to this piece of legislation. One of the things I think that's really interesting – and I really appreciate the debate and thank you so much. One of the members had brought up earlier regarding the market with the rare-earth minerals. It's interesting because if you look a few years back, China did hold the market – I think it was 70 per cent that they were producing at that time – but also had flooded the market. It depresses the prices of the rare-earth minerals, which makes it really difficult for other jurisdictions to be competitive. It's wonderful to see that there is an ability now to have other jurisdictions come forward and be able to participate in that market. Ultimately, I think it will mean that all of us will get better prices and better market availability of all of the critical,

strategic rare-earth metals and minerals that we're looking at producing here in the province.

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One of the wonderful things about these materials is that they're spread out all throughout Alberta. I was speaking with the Minister of Energy a couple of days ago just about extraction of some of that, and she was explaining about how the brine – it's very little disturbance. The brine goes in and is able to bring the minerals out, and then it is separated. We talk about, like, the amazing amount of jobs that will be possible, but if we think about it, too, it's not just the extraction, but we have mine production process, separation, and then the conversion. If we're talking about electric vehicles or windmills in particular, the magnets are the most important piece of that that works in those machines. So the ability to be able to do that – also, what's been really interesting is seeing other countries like, well, in California in particular, in the United States, and also out east is the downstream need and protection of what the rare-earth minerals will mean for all of us here in our country. It's so much more than diversification; it works alongside oil and gas.

I know we've been talking a lot about that in the Chamber this week and really defending the sectors that are so important to Alberta, but it's really incredible, again, once you see the people of this province who have the capacity to be able to scale up on projects like these and work alongside industries that are already a lifeblood not only for our province but for Canada. One of the companies that had recently done an article was the Calgary-based E3 Metals in the Leduc formation. That's the lithium hydroxide, I think, that the member was talking about.

Some of the numbers that are coming out for growth in our province – just in this one particular metal it could be expected to grow to \$528.5 million by the end of this year. Just that, and that is – and when you project out, the actual projects may not even be fully going forward until 2025-2027. That goes to show you how much opportunity that there is in the province not only for the jobs and economy, which is something all of us in here care about, but the ability to attract talent into our province.

We had a huge exodus of geoscientists and geospecialists that left the province just after 2015. The idea that we'll be able to attract some of that talent back, not to mention some of the young people that are going into sciences and environmental sciences right now in universities that will be able to stay in this province and be able to respectfully and responsibly produce new things that are coming out of the earth, that is going to put Alberta as a leader. It's so exciting. We talk all the time about the education of our young people and then attracting them and keeping them here also. The opportunities for that are incredible.

Also, in the studies of the weather and the environment as well. When we talk about increasing public geoscience, it talks about the risk of reductions from weather, earthquakes, tornadoes, and volcanoes and all of these other things, but it helps us to understand the impacts relative to what could happen and how it is that we are responsibly developing these things.

Also, to secure our economic future in so many other ways that are going to – if you think about it, we are just, you know, a few years out from the potential of what could happen with these resources and what that will mean to the next generation coming up in our province, what it's going to mean for those next generations of families and where we see education. This is one of the reasons why the government has been so unbelievably focused on the jobs in the trades, the sciences, and STEM, in particular with women coming into science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, because the field is heavily underrepresented, and we need so many more of these brilliant women coming into a field where they can

actually study in this province, work in this province, contribute to this province in a way that is going to really move us forward in that energy transition.

When we hear people talking about energy transitions, it always ends up going to a negative discussion because people think that it's one or the other, but it's not like that. It's actually about combining the incredible resources that we have now, what we have access to now, making sure that we're responsibly developing those, making sure that they're getting to other countries, too, to pull them out of energy poverty, to make sure that other countries are also having capacity to grow. As those middle classes grow – and education is attributed to that. Energy is actually directly related to the education of the populations, especially those that do not have access to it. We are wanting to attract all of that brain power here to Alberta. There is so much room and space and ability to grow here. These kinds of opportunities are going to do nothing short of bringing a tremendous amount of talent while also developing the incredible talent that we actually have here.

Thank you to the member for talking about the AER, too. It is phenomenal to see this organization be able to come forward, be able to supply the needed regulations in order to make sure – and the most important thing about the AER is that it will have the full life cycle regulation of the metallic and industrial minerals. That's everything from regulatory oversight – that will be assigned to that entity, that responsibility – but also in conjunction with the Responsible Energy Development Act. That's where that legislation will be provided to regulate mineral resources to ensure their safe and efficient and responsible development. So it's exciting.

When we think, too, about the sustainability, the AER is doing a sustainability assessment as well to look at how it is that we bring the rare-earth metals out of the earth and the impacts of production on the regulations so that they're making sure that they're stringent and that none of these waste products – I know that we've talked about this before – are going into our water. Alberta has incredible background on our environmental prowess, particularly because we've had the most important environmental and social governance over the last 20 years, more than anywhere else in Canada, let alone in North America, Madam Speaker.

We were also talking about vehicle production, battery making, renewable energy systems, and tech manufacturing. I speak about this all the time. I have a lot of solar panels on my house. Many of the times what I've spoken about is that we had to order them from another country. They were shipped across the ocean from another country. We had them put on our house. We had to facilitate the infrastructure in order to hold up those solar panels. But in the next 10 to 15 years, Madam Speaker, where are they going to go? Where is it going to be recycled? Where is that environmental return on the investment? What are we going to do with that?

The opportunities here for recycling – in fact, I believe it was in 2019 or 2018 in Quebec, in Montreal, actually, that there was a producer that was looking at how to recycle and how to be able to reuse some of these materials. So there are humongous opportunities in that, too. I look forward to that.

We often wonder what we've contributed positively to the environment by having our solar panels on our house. We're always concerned about what's going to happen once they have reached their life cycle and where they will go and how those will be reused, recycled, or returned to wherever they need to go in order to not fill up our landfills. As you know, in my riding, Madam Speaker, there are a ton of opportunities for solar that are happening right now. These are going to be interesting discussions that we have, going forward, to see not only how we build the infrastructure but what we're going to do post-usage with all of those materials.

I want to just say thank you so much for the opportunity to speak. To use my colleague's words about unlocking this resource, it's fantastic that we have the opportunity to do that. I don't think that it's going to take us long to catch up. I think that the opportunity to be able to create the jobs and the economy and be able to work in step with the environment is going to be a beautiful opportunity. I can't wait to see the kind of investments that are going to come into the province as a result of this.

Thank you, Madam Speaker, for the opportunity.

The Deputy Speaker: The hon. Member for Sherwood Park.

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Mr. Walker: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It's an honour to rise to speak to this bill, and I'm really enjoying seeing the unanimity, the support for this bill across the aisle and here on the government side. This is absolutely amazing. This is a good bill, well thought out, with the background, of course, of the mineral strategy and the action plan as well.

I am pleased to rise as the Member for Sherwood Park to speak in support of Bill 82, the Mineral Resource Development Act, as well, Madam Speaker. In my time that I have to speak, I want to just, first, talk about, from an overview perspective, how this is the right time to be putting this bill, in third reading now, to the Legislature, and I urge all members to support it. Alberta has been built through vision: visionary leaders, visionary businesspeople, entrepreneurs, and, frankly, politicians who have graced this Chamber over 116 years. When you look back at Alberta's history, from Premiers Haultain all the way through to Klein, for example, the prosperity that we enjoy today is due to us standing on the shoulders of such people across Alberta but also notable Premiers.

Premiers Haultain through Brownlee had visions for railways to unite Alberta and, of course, Alberta with the rest of Canada. Premier Ernest Manning had a vision for energy infrastructure, and we all have prospered from those visions. Of course, Premier Lougheed had a vision for developing the oil sands, and that really paid amazing dividends and is central to our prosperity today. What I see in this bill, Bill 82, the Mineral Resource Development Act, is a similar exciting vision put forward by our Minister of Energy, the Premier, and the government as a whole.

I am very hopeful, and I heard great comments from the opposition as well as other government members on how optimistic we are on this exciting vision laid forth. This area of critical and rare-earth minerals is growing. The demand is growing hugely in the world as we move towards a low-carbon economy and for other uses as well that were mentioned in all the wonderful speeches I've greatly enjoyed this afternoon. Very edifying, Madam Speaker.

What I want to point out is that this is visionary and positive as legislation because it's diversifying our economy. It stems also from the Alberta recovery plan, which was launched in the summer of 2020, and there are sections included in there on that. Then we have the mineral action plan and strategy, and then we get to the tabling of this legislation now. There has been so much thoroughness, thoughtfulness, and planning, including great stakeholder engagement from various stakeholders: First Nations, industry, other partners and players. So I think this has been a thoroughly well-researched bill.

Now, Alberta's potential in this area is vast. We have a skilled workforce, as we heard earlier from speakers, I think the Member for Chestermere-Strathmore as well as the Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview. We already have the skills and the potential. We have the entrepreneurial drive. E3 has been mentioned by a couple of speakers. E3 is also a member of the Sherwood Park chamber of commerce. I've had meetings with them, and I'm really

excited to see what they can do to help grow this great industry with critical and rare-earth minerals.

The world demand is there. For example, we were hearing about electric vehicle demand for the lithium battery. I know that Ford and GM, for example, are both deploying capital of up to \$30 billion – GM: \$35 billion, Ford: \$30 billion – to electrify their vehicles by I believe 2030-ish, give or take, as are the Japanese car makers, and Volkswagen is really leading the pack on this. This is big. We could help supply these auto makers with critical and rare-earth minerals, including lithium. This is a really big deal. The rich world especially wants these minerals to produce electronics, critical infrastructure. Wind and solar were mentioned, which is great. There are so many great uses for this, electronics as well.

Let's do some high-end manufacturing here in Canada. I liked the Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview's comments on national self-reliance. I wholeheartedly agree, and I see that thought process here regarding supply chains, as has been laid clear, the vulnerability of international supply chains, especially in terms of experiencing the COVID-19 pandemic, Madam Speaker.

When you look for examples, you have Japan, the European Union, Canada, and the United States all identifying at least 30, by my last count, critical minerals that they have need of for their economies to thrive, for their people to do their business, and when you put those four economies together, that is almost half of world GDP. They are saying that they want what Alberta has, and we're saying – this House, including myself, Madam Speaker – that we have the skill set, we have the drive, and now we have the legislation and we certainly have the vision to get it done.

This will be like Peter Lougheed's vision to develop the oil sands. This is the new vision of economic diversification, multigenerational wealth production for Albertans as a global leader into the 21st century, to the midpoint and well beyond. I'm excited about that. I'm extremely excited in that Alberta can be a leader, and we're seeing it here in Bill 82.

Now, these are mature democracies, the ones I just mentioned, Madam Speaker. We are happy Alberta is a democratic place that respects human rights, the rule of law, free and fair elections, so aligning with these other great countries like the United States, the European Union – of course, a supernational block – and Japan, makes so much sense on so many levels. I'm just glad that Alberta has so many of these resources to help supply these great countries and our own – ultimately, national self-reliance is most important – but there's also a global challenge and a global opportunity here. It's been mentioned by many speakers, and I thank them for their enlightening comments.

Can I just do a time check, Madam Speaker?

The Deputy Speaker: You have seven and a half minutes.

Mr. Walker: Seven and a half minutes. Thank you.

The global challenge, to begin with, Madam Speaker, as we've heard in this House today – and I'm so glad it's in *Hansard* because it's an important point – is that China accounts for the majority of world production of rare-earth metals, and they are blessed with, I believe, a third of the rare-earth metal supply within their country. That's great. Good for them.

However, ultimately, China is an authoritarian country, and we have seen geopolitically, for at least the last decade, China engaging in behaviour in the world which is nothing that Alberta or Canada would, you know, condone in certain regards. We've seen China weaponize rare-earth metals before, including against Japan in 2010. So just like we have the most ethical, responsible oil and natural gas in the world, we need to be producing and having the most ethical, responsible rare-earth minerals in the world, because

Canada and Alberta are friends to all. We also deeply believe in human rights and democracy, and we would never weaponize our commodities.

That's why Alberta also needs to stand up. As F.D.R. said in the Second World War, America would be the "arsenal of democracy." As we promote our oil as the most energy efficient and ethical, we also should be promoting – and I see it in this bill – our critical and rare-earth mineral industry as being one of the most environmentally responsible, human rights compliant, and, again, coming from a democratic jurisdiction and country. That is important.

You know, Russia has been weaponizing oil and gas for a long time and bullying other countries. The world needs more Canadian oil and gas, but it also needs more Canadian rare-earth minerals to balance the authoritarian powers, geopolitically speaking. Madam Speaker, we need that, so I thank you for the comments I heard earlier on those points. That is a concern. We need to balance the global supply of critical and rare-earth minerals, including for the democratic world, those who believe in human rights, freedoms, and free and fair elections, and to never ever, ever weaponize resources for political or geopolitical purposes. Alberta, Canada: we don't do that; we don't believe in that.

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Also, cobalt: it was mentioned earlier, I believe, by the Member for Edmonton-West Henday, and I greatly appreciated his comments. You know, a lot of cobalt that is produced now, I believe, comes out of central Africa, Madam Speaker, in the Congo. Of course, human rights and labour, the environmental record there: there are concerns. Here we have a stellar environmental, human rights, and labour record in Alberta, in Canada. Rather than countries and companies engaging in business where the minerals come from conflict jurisdictions or, as I was saying previously with regard to China, authoritarian jurisdictions, the world needs more Alberta, more Canadian rare-earth minerals.

This visionary strategy and the legislation itself, which clarifies the regulatory framework, which is really important because, as I understand it, there was earlier, before this – one of the reasons and the purpose for the importance of Bill 82, Madam Speaker, is to clarify and strengthen the regulatory oversight of the mineral sector, because, unlike other natural resources in our province such as oil and gas, there have been no specific resource conservation statutes to help guide the responsible development of metallic and industrial minerals, so it's important that we get a framework in place. This is what Bill 82 does to ensure that we can develop these resources responsibly. Through the AER there's a one-window location for the regulatory oversight, and I also strongly support that. Again, the AER will be the full life cycle regulator for Alberta's mineral resources.

Again, the demand is just overwhelming, a 500 per cent increase in the production of minerals, the World Bank predicts, Madam Speaker, of many of the resources I spoke of, specifically lithium and cobalt but also graphite, just to feed the clean energy demand alone. Alberta has always been a leader in energy production, and we will continue to be not only in fossil fuel, which is great and will be around for a long time, but also, as we move towards a low-carbon economy, wind and solar, which will depend greatly on lithium and other mineral products.

I guess I would say, at the end, that a section that I think is really important in the bill, Madam Speaker, is part 1 of the bill because in part 1 it defines key terms, which is really important. This is really – as we said, there were no previous statutes on this area, so we needed to implement a regulatory framework, which we have now in Bill 82. In part 1 there are key sections defined specifically,

which is so important as we're moving towards our first regulatory framework, which over time will be tweaked and amended as time goes on.

I would just say that I again urge all members to support this bill. This is a visionary piece of legislation that will create multigenerational wealth, just as we saw previously from Premiers Haultain to Lougheed and Klein. I strongly support it. The world needs more democratically produced critical and rare-earth minerals.

Thank you so much, Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker: Are there any other members wishing to join the debate? The hon. Member for Calgary-McCall.

Mr. Sabir: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will just be brief. It's a pleasure to rise and speak to Bill 82, Mineral Resource Development Act. As was mentioned, this act is trying to set up a regime for the development of rare-earth minerals in Alberta. Certainly, Alberta is blessed with many resources. With the discovery of oil and gas in 1954, since then oil and gas has been and continues to remain the driving economic force of this province, but we do have many other resources. We do have potential to build on that and create an economy which is more than oil and gas and which is based on many different industries and which realizes the full potential of our province.

While I was looking at the legislation, without going into too much detail, I think I'm pleased to see a section added there, the purposes of the act. It clearly outlines that the purpose of this act is to develop the resources in the common interest of Albertans, who own all these resources, and as Albertans we are part owner of these resources. The constituents we represent are the owner of the resources, and as their elected representatives I think it's incumbent on us that we develop these resources, that are owned by Albertans, in their best interest.

The second thing. I think it sets out a regulatory regime and designates the Alberta Energy Regulator to regulate that in the best interest of Albertans, again.

A few other things are mentioned with respect to the responsible management of wells, facilities, well sites, facility sites, mines, mine sites. Again, it's good to see that listed in the purpose of this act because from 1954 to 2021 I think we have come a long way. We have learned a lot, and based on that experience, based on that

practical experience, we should be adopting the good practices. We should be also looking at things that didn't go very well. For instance, there is an ongoing issue about abandoned wells and attached liability, environment liability, with that. While developing these minerals, we should also be mindful of all those things, that we are taking the best practices and developing these minerals in the best way possible and in the best interest of all Albertans.

I can also see that there are quite a few things that are listed as the purposes of the act: to control pollution and to ensure the protection of the environment and public safety in the development of mineral resources in Alberta. I think that's also important, that as we develop these resources, we also make sure that we are doing it in a way that is good for the economy, that's good for the environment. As we have said many times before, it's quite possible to develop the economy in a way that is responsible and that is also good for the environment. Lastly, I will say, "to provide for the timely and useful collection, appraisal and dissemination of information relating to mineral resources in Alberta."

I think, without getting into the nitty-gritty details of all the sections, the purpose outlined by this act is very clear, that these resources are owned by Albertans. It clearly states that they need to be developed in the best interest of Albertans and that there needs to be an efficient management of these wells, these resources – that is the regulatory regime – and they need to be developed in a way that is good for the economy and for the environment. If the government tries to follow through on this, what they have listed in this act, I think all Albertans will be better off for that.

With that, I will take my seat, and I will be voting in support of this bill. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker: Any other speakers to Bill 82?

Seeing none, would the hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain like to close debate?

Mr. Turton: Waived.

[Motion carried; Bill 82 read a third time]

Ms Issik: Well, Madam Speaker, I move that the Assembly adjourn until 1:30 p.m. on Monday, November 29, 2021.

[Motion carried; the Assembly adjourned at 4:10 p.m.]

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Bill 1 — Critical Infrastructure Defence Act (Kenney)

First Reading — 4 (*Feb. 25, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 12-18 (*Feb. 26, 2020 morn.*), 96-98 (*Mar. 2, 2020 aft.*), 791-98 (*May 27, 2020 morn., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 859-91 (*May 28, 2020 morn., passed*)

Third Reading — 861-69 (*May 28, 2020 morn., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Jun. 17, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force June 17, 2020; SA 2020 cC-32.7]

Bill 2* — Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Amendment Act, 2020 (Hunter)

First Reading — 30 (*Feb. 26, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 857-58 (*May 28, 2020 morn.*), 1004-09 (*Jun. 2, 2020 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1238-44 (*Jun. 9, 2020 eve., passed with amendments*)

Third Reading — 1364-70 (*Jun. 15, 2020 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Jun. 17, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force June 17, 2020; SA 2020 c9]

Bill 3 — Mobile Home Sites Tenancies Amendment Act, 2020 (Glubish)

First Reading — 30 (*Feb. 26, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 431-46 (*Apr. 7, 2020 morn.*), 458-65 (*Apr. 7, 2020 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 465-76 (*Apr. 7, 2020 aft.*), 477-507 (*Apr. 7, 2020 eve.*), 572-83 (*Apr. 8, 2020 eve.*), 659-66 (*May 6, 2020 morn., passed*)

Third Reading — 703-09 (*May 7, 2020 morn., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*May 12, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2020 c8]

Bill 4 — Fiscal Planning and Transparency (Fixed Budget Period) Amendment Act, 2020 (Toews)

First Reading — 62 (*Feb. 27, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 858 (*May 28, 2020 morn.*), 869-75 (*May 28, 2020 morn.*), 933-35 (*Jun. 1, 2020 aft.*), 970-72 (*Jun. 1, 2020 eve.*), 1040-43 (*Jun. 2, 2020 eve.*), 1077 (*Jun. 3, 2020 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1257-66 (*Jun. 10, 2020 aft.*), 1311-16 (*Jun. 11, 2020 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 1442 (*Jun. 17, 2020 aft.*), 1452-55 (*Jun. 17, 2020 aft., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Jun. 26, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force June 26, 2020; SA 2020 c14]

Bill 5 — Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act, 2020 (Toews)

First Reading — 110 (*Mar. 3, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 224-32 (*Mar. 17, 2020 aft., passed on division*), 222-23 (*Mar. 17, 2020 aft.*)

Committee of the Whole — 232-33 (*Mar. 17, 2020 aft.*), 234-41 (*Mar. 17, 2020 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 241 (*Mar. 17, 2020 aft.*), 242-48 (*Mar. 17, 2020 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Mar. 20, 2020 outside of House Sitting*) [Comes into force on various dates; SA 2020 c3]

Bill 6 — Appropriation Act, 2020 (S) (Toews)

First Reading — 215 (*Mar. 17, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 216-22 (*Mar. 17, 2020 aft., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 222 (*Mar. 17, 2020 aft., deemed passed on division*)

Third Reading — 222 (*Mar. 17, 2020 aft., deemed passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Mar. 20, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force March 20, 2020; SA 2020 c1]

Bill 7 — Responsible Energy Development Amendment Act, 2020 (Savage)

First Reading — 827 (*May 27, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 858-59 (*May 28, 2020 morn.*), 891-99 (*May 28, 2020 aft.*), 972-76 (*Jun. 1, 2020 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1266-72 (*Jun. 10, 2020 aft.*), 1370-75 (*Jun. 15, 2020 eve.*), 1406-11 (*Jun. 16, 2020 aft.*), 1413 (*Jun. 16, 2020 eve.*), 1479-81 (*Jun. 17, 2020 eve.*), 1539-40 (*Jun. 22, 2020 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 1636-37 (*Jun. 24, 2020 aft., adjourned*), 1678-79 (*Jun. 25, 2020 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Jun. 26, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force June 26, 2020; SA 2020 c16]

Bill 8* — Protecting Survivors of Human Trafficking Act (Schweitzer)

First Reading — 431 (*Apr. 7, 2020 morn., passed*)

Second Reading — 509-21 (*Apr. 8, 2020 morn.*), 551-58 (*Apr. 8, 2020 aft.*), 559-72 (*Apr. 8, 2020 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 593-618 (*Apr. 8, 2020 eve.*), 671-73 (*May 6, 2020 morn., passed with amendments*)

Third Reading — 709-12 (*May 7, 2020 morn., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*May 12, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force May 12, 2020, except Part 2, which comes into force on July 1, 2020; SA 2020 cP-26.87]

Bill 9 — Emergency Management Amendment Act, 2020 (Madu)

First Reading — 276 (*Mar. 20, 2020 morn., passed*)

Second Reading — 277-80 (*Mar. 20, 2020 morn., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 280-82 (*Mar. 20, 2020 morn., passed*)

Third Reading — 282-83 (*Mar. 20, 2020 morn., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Mar. 20, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force March 20, 2020; SA 2020 c2]

Bill 10 — Public Health (Emergency Powers) Amendment Act, 2020 (Shandro)

First Reading — 296-97 (*Mar. 31, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 307-20 (*Apr. 1, 2020 morn.*), 337-44 (*Apr. 1, 2020 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 354-57 (*Apr. 1, 2020 aft.*), 407-09 (*Apr. 2, 2020 morn.*), 426-28 (*Apr. 2, 2020 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 428-29 (*Apr. 2, 2020 aft., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Apr. 2, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force April 2, 2020; certain sections took effect on earlier dates; SA 2020 c5]

Bill 11 — Tenancies Statutes (Emergency Provisions) Amendment Act, 2020 (Glubish)

First Reading — 297 (*Mar. 31, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 298-301 (*Mar. 31, 2020 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 301-03 (*Mar. 31, 2020 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 303-05 (*Mar. 31, 2020 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Apr. 2, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on various dates; SA 2020 c6]

Bill 12 — Liabilities Management Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 (Savage)

First Reading — 297 (*Mar. 31, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 320-25 (*Apr. 1, 2020 morn.*), 344-49 (*Apr. 1, 2020 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 350-54 (*Apr. 1, 2020 aft.*), 401-05 (*Apr. 2, 2020 morn., passed*)

Third Reading — 406 (*Apr. 2, 2020 morn., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Apr. 2, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2020 c4]

Bill 13 — Emergency Management Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2) (Madu)

First Reading — 431 (*Apr. 7, 2020 morn., passed*)

Second Reading — 521-26 (*Apr. 8, 2020 morn.*), 537-51 (*Apr. 8, 2020 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 583-93 (*Apr. 8, 2020 eve.*), 619-35 (*Apr. 9, 2020 morn.*), 648-57 (*Apr. 9, 2020 aft.*), 673-74 (*May 6, 2020 morn.*), 688-99 (*May 6, 2020 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 699-701 (*May 6, 2020 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*May 12, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force May 12, 2020, with exceptions; SA 2020 c7]

Bill 14 — Utility Payment Deferral Program Act (Nally)

First Reading — 687 (*May 6, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 724-45 (*May 7, 2020 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 758-86 (*May 8, 2020 morn., passed*)

Third Reading — 786-90 (*May 8, 2020 morn., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*May 12, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force May 12, 2020, with certain provisions having effect as of March 18, 2020; SA 2020 cU-4]

Bill 15 — Choice in Education Act, 2020 (LaGrange)

First Reading — 887-88 (*May 28, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 937-54 (*Jun. 1, 2020 eve.*), 1011-40 (*Jun. 2, 2020 eve.*), 1058-67 (*Jun. 3, 2020 aft.*), 1228-38 (*Jun. 9, 2020 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1375-78 (*Jun. 15, 2020 eve.*), 1470-79 (*Jun. 17, 2020 eve.*), 1541-51 (*Jun. 22, 2020 eve.*), 1575-88 (*Jun. 23, 2020 aft.*), 1620-25 (*Jun. 24, 2020 aft.*), 1639-47 (*Jun. 24, 2020 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 1657-59 (*Jun. 24, 2020 eve., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Jun. 26, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force September 1, 2020; SA 2020 c11]

Bill 16 — Victims of Crime (Strengthening Public Safety) Amendment Act, 2020 (Schweitzer)

First Reading — 888 (*May 28, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 954-70 (*Jun. 1, 2020 eve.*), 1109-12 (*Jun. 3, 2020 eve.*), 1127-35 (*Jun. 4, 2020 aft.*), 1179-81 (*Jun. 8, 2020 eve.*), 1209-22 (*Jun. 9, 2020 aft.*), 1285-96 (*Jun. 10, 2020 eve., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 1428-29 (*Jun. 16, 2020 eve.*), 1455-59 (*Jun. 17, 2020 aft.*), 1551-55 (*Jun. 22, 2020 eve.*), 1588-90 (*Jun. 23, 2020 aft.*), 1647-50 (*Jun. 24, 2020 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 1676-78 (*Jun. 25, 2020 aft., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Jun. 26, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force June 26, 2020, with exceptions; SA 2020 c18]

Bill 17 — Mental Health Amendment Act, 2020 (Shandro)

First Reading — 1125 (*Jun. 4, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1203-09 (*Jun. 9, 2020 aft.*), 1272-74 (*Jun. 10, 2020 aft.*), 1316-23 (*Jun. 11, 2020 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1396-1406 (*Jun. 16, 2020 aft.*), 1413 (*Jun. 16, 2020 eve.*), 1461-70 (*Jun. 17, 2020 eve.*), 1605-08 (*Jun. 23, 2020 eve.*), 1630-36 (*Jun. 24, 2020 aft.*), 1650-54 (*Jun. 24, 2020 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 1675-76 (*Jun. 25, 2020 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Jun. 26, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on proclamation, with exceptions; certain sections come into force on June 26, 2020; SA 2020 c15]

Bill 18 — Corrections (Alberta Parole Board) Amendment Act, 2020 (Schweitzer)

First Reading — 912 (*Jun. 1, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 989-1004 (*Jun. 2, 2020 aft.*), 1011 (*Jun. 2, 2020 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1413-24 (*Jun. 16, 2020 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 1655 (*Jun. 24, 2020 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Jun. 26, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2020 c12]

Bill 19 — Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Amendment Act, 2020 (Shandro)

First Reading — 989 (*Jun. 2, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1079-98 (*Jun. 3, 2020 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1424-28 (*Jun. 16, 2020 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 1495-97 (*Jun. 18, 2020 aft.*), 1555-56 (*Jun. 22, 2020 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Jun. 26, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2020 c17]

Bill 20 — Real Estate Amendment Act, 2020 (Glubish)

First Reading — 1057 (*Jun. 3, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1125-27 (*Jun. 4, 2020 aft.*), 1169-79 (*Jun. 8, 2020 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1185-90 (*Jun. 8, 2020 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 1279-85 (*Jun. 10, 2020 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Jun. 17, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2020 c10]

Bill 21* — Provincial Administrative Penalties Act (Schweitzer)

First Reading — 1125 (*Jun. 4, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1181-85 (*Jun. 8, 2020 eve.*), 1296-97 (*Jun. 10, 2020 eve.*), 1355-57 (*Jun. 15, 2020 aft.*), 1442-52 (*Jun. 17, 2020 aft.*), 1819-22 (*Jul. 8, 2020 morn., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1983-99 (*Jul. 14, 2020 aft.*), 2071-74 (*Jul. 15, 2020 eve., passed with amendments*)

Third Reading — 2264-68 (*Jul. 21, 2020 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Jul. 23, 2020 aft.*) [Comes into force on proclamation, with exceptions; SA 2020 cP-30.8]

Bill 22 — Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2020 (Hunter)

First Reading — 1301-02 (*Jun. 11, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1591-95 (*Jun. 23, 2020 eve.*), 1655-57 (*Jun. 24, 2020 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1798-1804 (*Jul. 7, 2020 eve.*), 1879 (*Jul. 8, 2020 eve.*), 1939-57 (*Jul. 13, 2020 eve.*), 1965-66 (*Jul. 13, 2020 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 2050-51 (*Jul. 15, 2020 aft.*), 2053-59 (*Jul. 15, 2020 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Jul. 23, 2020 aft.*) [Comes into force on various dates; SA 2020 c25]

Bill 23* — Commercial Tenancies Protection Act (Fir)

First Reading — 1392 (*Jun. 16, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1529-35 (*Jun. 22, 2020 aft.*), 1601-05 (*Jun. 23, 2020 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1879-80 (*Jul. 8, 2020 eve., passed with amendments*)

Third Reading — 2181-83 (*Jul. 20, 2020 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Jul. 23, 2020 aft.*) [Comes into force July 23, 2020, with certain sections taking effect March 17, 2020; SA 2020 cC-19.5]

Bill 24 — COVID-19 Pandemic Response Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 (Shandro)

First Reading — 1494 (*Jun. 18, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1537-39 (*Jun. 22, 2020 eve.*), 1569-75 (*Jun. 23, 2020 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1625-30 (*Jun. 24, 2020 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 1679-81 (*Jun. 25, 2020 aft., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Jun. 26, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force June 26, 2020, with certain sections taking effect on earlier dates; SA 2020 c13]

Bill 25 — Protecting Alberta Industry From Theft Act, 2020 (Schweitzer)

First Reading — 1494 (*Jun. 18, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1719-35 (*Jul. 6, 2020 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1804-05 (*Jul. 7, 2020 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 1904-05 (*Jul. 9, 2020 aft.*), 2031-32 (*Jul. 14, 2020 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Jul. 23, 2020 aft.*) [Comes into force on various dates; SA 2020 c24]

Bill 26 — Constitutional Referendum Amendment Act, 2020 (Schweitzer)

First Reading — 1568 (*Jun. 23, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1735-41 (*Jul. 6, 2020 eve.*), 1764-72 (*Jul. 7, 2020 aft.*), 1845-56 (*Jul. 8, 2020 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1964-65 (*Jul. 13, 2020 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 2081-86 (*Jul. 15, 2020 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Jul. 23, 2020 aft.*) [Comes into force July 23, 2020; SA 2020 c20]

Bill 27 — Alberta Senate Election Amendment Act, 2020 (Schweitzer)

First Reading — 1568 (*Jun. 23, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1741-47 (*Jul. 6, 2020 eve.*), 1772-79 (*Jul. 7, 2020 aft.*), 1822-27 (*Jul. 8, 2020 morn.*), 1899-1904 (*Jul. 9, 2020 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1999-2001 (*Jul. 14, 2020 aft.*), 2074-76 (*Jul. 15, 2020 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 2076-81 (*Jul. 15, 2020 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Jul. 23, 2020 aft.*) [Comes into force July 23, 2020; SA 2020 c19]

Bill 28 — Vital Statistics (Protecting Albertans from Convicted Sex Offenders) Amendment Act, 2020 (Glubish)

First Reading — 1619 (*Jun. 24, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1704-17 (*Jul. 6, 2020 aft.*), 1779-82 (*Jul. 7, 2020 aft.*), 1856-60 (*Jul. 8, 2020 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1880-82 (*Jul. 8, 2020 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 1896-99 (*Jul. 9, 2020 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Jul. 23, 2020 aft.*) [Comes into force July 23, 2020; SA 2020 c26]

Bill 29 — Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 2020 (Madu)

First Reading — 1619-20 (*Jun. 24, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1784-97 (*Jul. 7, 2020 eve.*), 1962-63 (*Jul. 13, 2020 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 2163-81 (*Jul. 20, 2020 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 2239-64 (*Jul. 21, 2020 eve., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Jul. 23, 2020 aft.*) [Comes into force September 1, 2020; SA 2020 c22]

Bill 30* — Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 (Shandro)

First Reading — 1695 (*Jul. 6, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1783-84 (*Jul. 7, 2020 eve.*), 2032-37 (*Jul. 14, 2020 eve.*), 2086-2103 (*Jul. 15, 2020 eve.*), 2189-97 (*Jul. 20, 2020 eve.*),

2210-27 (*Jul. 21, 2020 aft.*), 2289-96 (*Jul. 22, 2020 aft.*), 2313-28 (*Jul. 22, 2020 eve.*), 2360-61 (*Jul. 23, 2020 aft., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 2432-475 (*Jul. 27, 2020 eve.*), 2512-20 (*Jul. 28, 2020 aft.*), 2523-31 (*Jul. 28, 2020 eve., passed with amendments*)

Third Reading — 2539-61 (*Jul. 28, 2020 eve.*), 2562-69 (*Jul. 28, 2020 eve., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Jul. 29, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force July 29, 2020, with exceptions; SA 2020 c27]

Bill 31 — Environmental Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 (Nixon, JJ)

First Reading — 1760 (*Jul. 7, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1878 (*Jul. 8, 2020 eve.*), 2023-31 (*Jul. 14, 2020 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 2233-39 (*Jul. 21, 2020 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 2309-12 (*Jul. 22, 2020 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Jul. 23, 2020 aft.*) [Comes into force July 23, 2020; SA 2020 c21]

Bill 32 — Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020 (Copping)

First Reading — 1760 (*Jul. 7, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1861-63 (*Jul. 8, 2020 eve.*), 2003-23 (*Jul. 14, 2020 eve.*), 2051-53 (*Jul. 15, 2020 aft.*), 2059-69 (*Jul. 15, 2020 aft.*), 2147-62 (*Jul. 20, 2020 aft.*), 2268-73 (*Jul. 21, 2020 eve.*), 2296-307 (*Jul. 22, 2020 aft.*), 2328-40 (*Jul. 22, 2020 eve.*), 2361-63 (*Jul. 23, 2020 aft., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 2404-32 (*Jul. 27, 2020 eve.*), 2475-85 (*Jul. 27, 2020 eve.*), 2502-12 (*Jul. 28, 2020 aft.*), 2531-39 (*Jul. 28, 2020 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 2569-78 (*Jul. 28, 2020 eve.*), 2579-86 (*Jul. 28, 2020 eve., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Jul. 29, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on various dates; SA 2020 c28]

Bill 33* — Alberta Investment Attraction Act (Fir)

First Reading — 1760-61 (*Jul. 7, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1807-19 (*Jul. 8, 2020 morn.*), 1927-37 (*Jul. 13, 2020 aft.*), 2117-27 (*Jul. 16, 2020 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 2227-31 (*Jul. 21, 2020 aft.*), 2233 (*Jul. 21, 2020 eve.*), 2340-44 (*Jul. 22, 2020 eve.*), 2312-13 (*Jul. 22, 2020 eve.*), 2363-65 (*Jul. 23, 2020 aft., passed with amendments*)

Third Reading — 2401-04 (*Jul. 27, 2020 eve.*), 2485-88 (*Jul. 27, 2020 eve., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Jul. 29, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2020 cA-26.4]

Bill 34 — Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 (Nixon, JJ)

First Reading — 1839 (*Jul. 8, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1966-69 (*Jul. 13, 2020 eve.*), 2116-17 (*Jul. 16, 2020 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 2117 (*Jul. 16, 2020 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 2312 (*Jul. 22, 2020 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Jul. 23, 2020 aft.*) [Comes into force on various dates; SA 2020 c23]

Bill 35 — Tax Statutes (Creating Jobs and Driving Innovation) Amendment Act, 2020 (Toews)

First Reading — 2616 (*Oct. 20, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 2666-81 (*Oct. 21, 2020 aft.*), 2741-55 (*Oct. 26, 2020 eve.*), 2803-15 (*Oct. 27, 2020 eve.*), 2841-47 (*Oct. 28, 2020 aft.*), 2860-69 (*Oct. 28, 2020 eve.*), 2940-43 (*Nov. 2, 2020 eve.*), 2986-94 (*Nov. 3, 2020 eve.*), 3072-83 (*Nov. 5, 2020 aft.*), 3126-36 (*Nov. 16, 2020 eve.*), 3208-12 (*Nov. 17, 2020 eve.*), 3265-72 (*Nov. 18, 2020 eve.*), 3361-65 (*Nov. 23, 2020 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 3834 (*Dec. 7, 2020 eve.*), 3886-92 (*Dec. 8, 2020 eve., passed on division*)

Third Reading — 3900 (*Dec. 8, 2020 eve.*), 3903-09 (*Dec. 8, 2020 eve., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Dec. 9, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force December 9, 2020, with certain sections having effect on various dates; SA 2020 c40]

Bill 36 — Geothermal Resource Development Act (Savage)

First Reading — 2616 (*Oct. 20, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 2696-2706 (*Oct. 22, 2020 aft.*), 2755-60 (*Oct. 26, 2020 eve.*), 2925-29 (*Nov. 2, 2020 eve.*), 2974-78 (*Nov. 3, 2020 aft.*), 3121-24 (*Nov. 16, 2020 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 3224-32 (*Nov. 18, 2020 aft.*), 3292-94 (*Nov. 19, 2020 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 3336-42 (*Nov. 23, 2020 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Dec. 9, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2020 cG-5.5]

Bill 37* — Builders' Lien (Prompt Payment) Amendment Act, 2020 (Glubish)

First Reading — 2665 (*Oct. 21, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 2774-84 (*Oct. 27, 2020 aft.*), 2828-38 (*Oct. 28, 2020 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 3024-29 (*Nov. 4, 2020 aft.*), 3031-48 (*Nov. 4, 2020 eve.*), (*Nov. 24, 2020*), 3398-3401 (*Nov. 24, 2020 aft., passed with amendments*)

Third Reading — 3529-30 (*Nov. 25, 2020 eve.*), 3544-45 (*Nov. 26, 2020 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Dec. 9, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2020 c30]

Bill 38 — Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 (Madu)

First Reading — 2665-66 (*Oct. 21, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 2795-2800 (*Oct. 27, 2020 eve.*), 2838-41 (*Oct. 28, 2020 aft.*), 2884-93 (*Oct. 29, 2020 aft.*), 2960-65 (*Nov. 3, 2020 aft.*), 3124-26 (*Nov. 16, 2020 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 3232-36 (*Nov. 18, 2020 aft.*), 3419-24 (*Nov. 24, 2020 eve.*), 3503-13 (*Nov. 25, 2020 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 3611-14 (*Nov. 30, 2020 eve., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Dec. 9, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force December 9, 2020, with exceptions, and with section 6 taking effect January 1, 2021; SA 2020 c37]

Bill 39* — Child Care Licensing (Early Learning and Child Care) Amendment Act, 2020 (Schulz)

First Reading — 2827 (*Oct. 28, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 2883-84 (*Oct. 29, 2020 aft.*), 2929-40 (*Nov. 2, 2020 eve.*), 2979-86 (*Nov. 3, 2020 eve.*), 3206-08 (*Nov. 17, 2020 eve.*), 3272-76 (*Nov. 18, 2020 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 3357-61 (*Nov. 23, 2020 eve.*), 3401-09 (*Nov. 24, 2020 aft.*), 3411-19 (*Nov. 24, 2020 eve.*), 3513-25 (*Nov. 25, 2020 eve., passed with amendments*)

Third Reading — 3685 (*Dec. 1, 2020 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Dec. 9, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force February 1, 2021; SA 2020 c31]

Bill 40 — Forests (Growing Alberta's Forest Sector) Amendment Act, 2020 (Dreeshen)

First Reading — 2696 (*Oct. 22, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 2784-93 (*Oct. 27, 2020 aft.*), 2800-03 (*Oct. 27, 2020 eve.*), 2849-59 (*Oct. 28, 2020 eve.*), 2965-74 (*Nov. 3, 2020 aft.*), 3136-38 (*Nov. 16, 2020 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 3424-27 (*Nov. 24, 2020 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 3606-11 (*Nov. 30, 2020 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Dec. 9, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force May 1, 2021, with exceptions; SA 2020 c34]

Bill 41 — Insurance (Enhancing Driver Affordability and Care) Amendment Act, 2020 (Toews)

First Reading — 2882 (*Oct. 29, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 2915-24 (*Nov. 2, 2020 eve.*), 3011-23 (*Nov. 4, 2020 aft.*), 3051-58 (*Nov. 4, 2020 eve.*), 3164-73 (*Nov. 17, 2020 aft.*), 3255-65 (*Nov. 18, 2020 eve.*), 3276 (*Nov. 18, 2020 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 3679-85 (*Dec. 1, 2020 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 3700-07 (*Dec. 2, 2020 morn.*), 3753-58 (*Dec. 2, 2020 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Dec. 9, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force December 9, 2020, except part of section 3, which has effect January 1, 2022; SA 2020 c36]

Bill 42 — North Saskatchewan River Basin Water Authorization Act (Nixon, JJ)

First Reading — 2907 (*Nov. 2, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 3009-11 (*Nov. 4, 2020 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 3048-51 (*Nov. 4, 2020 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 3072 (*Nov. 5, 2020 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Dec. 9, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force December 9, 2020; SA 2020 cN-3.6]

Bill 43 — Financing Alberta's Strategic Transportation Act (McIver)

First Reading — 2956 (*Nov. 3, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 3150-64 (*Nov. 17, 2020 aft.*), 3276-80 (*Nov. 18, 2020 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 3594-3605 (*Nov. 30, 2020 eve.*), 3687-3700 (*Dec. 2, 2020 morn.*), 3721-33 (*Dec. 2, 2020 aft.*), 3751-53 (*Dec. 2, 2020 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 3784-88 (*Dec. 3, 2020 aft., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Dec. 9, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force December 9, 2020; SA 2020 cF-13.5]

Bill 44 — Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 (Toews)

First Reading — 2956 (*Nov. 3, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 3115-21 (*Nov. 16, 2020 eve.*), 3354-57 (*Nov. 23, 2020 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 3591-93 (*Nov. 30, 2020 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 3685 (*Dec. 1, 2020 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Dec. 9, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force December 9, 2020; SA 2020 c33]

Bill 45 — Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2) (Allard)

First Reading — 3006 (*Nov. 4, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 3175-79 (*Nov. 17, 2020 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 3525-29 (*Nov. 25, 2020 eve.*), 3654-65 (*Dec. 1, 2020 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 3685 (*Dec. 1, 2020 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Dec. 9, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force January 1, 2021; SA 2020 c38]

Bill 46 — Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2) (Shandro)

First Reading — 3071 (*Nov. 5, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 3176-92 (*Nov. 17, 2020 eve.*), 3342-54 (*Nov. 23, 2020 eve.*), 3459-65 (*Nov. 25, 2020 morn.*), 3614-22 (*Nov. 30, 2020 eve.*), 3675-76 (*Dec. 1, 2020 aft.*), 3788-93 (*Dec. 3, 2020 aft., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 3823-34 (*Dec. 7, 2020 eve.*), 3853-60 (*Dec. 8, 2020 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 3869 (*Dec. 8, 2020 eve.*), 3872-79 (*Dec. 8, 2020 eve., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Dec. 9, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force December 9, 2020, with exceptions; SA 2020 c35]

Bill 47 — Ensuring Safety and Cutting Red Tape Act, 2020 (\$) (Copping)

First Reading — 3070-71 (*Nov. 5, 2020 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 3192-206 (*Nov. 17, 2020 eve.*), 3236-45 (*Nov. 18, 2020 aft.*), 3367-73 (*Nov. 24, 2020 morn.*), 3427-41 (*Nov. 24, 2020 eve.*), 3445-59 (*Nov. 25, 2020 morn.*), 3622-28 (*Nov. 30, 2020 eve.*), 3630-42 (*Dec. 1, 2020 morn.*), 3743-51 (*Dec. 2, 2020 eve., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 3763-70 (*Dec. 3, 2020 morn.*), 3893-3900 (*Dec. 8, 2020 eve., passed on division*)

Third Reading — 3901-02 (*Dec. 8, 2020 eve.*), 3910-16 (*Dec. 8, 2020 eve., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Dec. 9, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on proclamation, with exceptions; SA 2020 c32]

Bill 48* — Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2020 (No. 2) (Hunter)

First Reading — 3096 (Nov. 16, 2020 aft., passed)

Second Reading — 3247-55 (Nov. 18, 2020 eve.), 3387-98 (Nov. 24, 2020 aft.), 3441-43 (Nov. 24, 2020 eve., passed)

Committee of the Whole — 3665-75 (Dec. 1, 2020 aft.), 3733-40 (Dec. 2, 2020 aft.), 3759-62 (Dec. 2, 2020 eve.), 3834-36 (Dec. 7, 2020 eve.), 3861-68 (Dec. 8, 2020 aft., passed on division)

Third Reading — 3869-70 (Dec. 8, 2020 eve.), 3879-86 (Dec. 8, 2020 eve., passed on division)

Royal Assent — (Dec. 9, 2020 outside of House sitting) [Comes into force on December 9, 2020, with exceptions; SA 2020 c39]

Bill 49* — Labour Mobility Act (Kenney)

First Reading — 5647 (Oct. 25, 2021 aft., passed)

Second Reading — 5680-95 (Oct. 26, 2021 aft.), 5709-17 (Oct. 26, 2021 eve.), 5728-37 (Oct. 27, 2021 morn.), 5802-07 (Oct. 28, 2021 morn.), 5951-61 (Nov. 2, 2021 eve., passed)

Committee of the Whole — 6175-85 (Nov. 16, 2021 eve., passed; amendments agreed to)

Third Reading — 6293-95 (Nov. 18, 2021 aft.), 6358-65 (Nov. 23, 2021 morn., passed)

Bill 50 — Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2020 (\$) (Toews)

First Reading — 3502 (Nov. 25, 2020 aft., passed)

Second Reading — 3545-52 (Nov. 26, 2020 aft., passed)

Committee of the Whole — 3587-91 (Nov. 30, 2020 eve., passed)

Third Reading — 3677-79 (Dec. 1, 2020 eve.), 3685 (Dec. 1, 2020 eve., passed)

Royal Assent — (Dec. 9, 2020 outside of House sitting) [Comes into force December 9, 2020; SA 2020 c29]

Bill 51* — Citizen Initiative Act (Madu)

First Reading — 4058 (Mar. 16, 2021 aft., passed)

Second Reading — 4340-41 (Apr. 7, 2021 aft.), 4567-73 (Apr. 14, 2021 eve.), 4690-97 (Apr. 20, 2021 aft., passed on division)

Committee of the Whole — 5159-86 (Jun. 2, 2021 eve., passed with amendments)

Third Reading — 5398-5401 (Jun. 9, 2021 aft., passed)

Royal Assent — (Jun. 17, 2021 outside of House sitting) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2021 cC-13.2]

Bill 52 — Recall Act (Madu)

First Reading — 4028-29 (Mar. 15, 2021 aft., passed)

Second Reading — 4633-42 (Apr. 19, 2021 eve.), 4846-58 (May 25, 2021 aft., passed)

Committee of the Whole — 5403-24 (Jun. 9, 2021 eve., passed)

Third Reading — 5542-48 (Jun. 15, 2021 aft., passed on division)

Royal Assent — (Jun. 17, 2021 outside of House sitting) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2021 cR-5.7]

Bill 53 — Service Alberta Statutes (Virtual Meetings) Amendment Act, 2021 (Glubish)

First Reading — 3971 (Mar. 9, 2021 aft., passed)

Second Reading — 4043-44 (Mar. 15, 2021 aft.), 4129-30 (Mar. 18, 2021 aft., passed)

Committee of the Whole — 4245-49 (Mar. 24, 2021 eve., passed)

Third Reading — 4252-53 (Mar. 24, 2021 eve., passed)

Royal Assent — (Mar. 26, 2021 outside of House sitting) [Comes into force August 15, 2020, except for section 5, which comes into force March 26, 2021; SA 2021 c3]

Bill 54 — Irrigation Districts Amendment Act, 2021 (Dreeshen)

First Reading — 3992 (Mar. 10, 2021 aft., passed)

Second Reading — 4212-14 (Mar. 24, 2021 aft.), 4291-4302 (Apr. 6, 2021 aft., passed)

Committee of the Whole — 4361-66 (Apr. 7, 2021 eve., passed)

Third Reading — 4396-99 (Apr. 8, 2021 aft., passed)

Royal Assent — (Apr. 22, 2021 aft.) [Comes into force April 22, 2021; SA 2021 c5]

Bill 55 — College of Alberta School Superintendents Act (LaGrange)

First Reading — 3979 (Mar. 9, 2021 aft., passed)

Second Reading — 4044-45 (Mar. 15, 2021 aft.), 4107-10 (Mar. 17, 2021 aft.), 4302-08 (Apr. 6, 2021 aft.), 4453-56 (Apr. 12, 2021 eve., passed)

Committee of the Whole — 4594-601 (Apr. 15, 2021 aft., passed)

Third Reading — 4788-93 (Apr. 21, 2021 eve., passed)

Royal Assent — (Apr. 22, 2021 aft.) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2021 cC-18.8]

Bill 56 — Local Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (McIver)

First Reading — 4005 (*Mar. 11, 2021 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 4045 (*Mar. 15, 2021 aft.*), 4309-17 (*Apr. 6, 2021 eve.*), 4342-60 (*Apr. 7, 2021 aft.*), 4367-82 (*Apr. 7, 2021 eve.*), 4400-04 (*Apr. 8, 2021 aft.*), 4435-53 (*Apr. 12, 2021 eve.*), 4657-63 (*Apr. 19, 2021 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 4877-83 (*May 25, 2021 eve.*), 4953-58 (*May 26, 2021 eve.*), 4970 (*May 27, 2021 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 5186-87 (*Jun. 2, 2021 eve.*), 5297-5302 (*Jun. 8, 2021 morn.*), 5439-41 (*Jun. 10, 2021 morn.*), 5579-85 (*Jun. 16, 2021 morn., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Jun. 17, 2021 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on various dates; SA 2021 c11]

Bill 57* — Metis Settlements Amendment Act, 2021 (Wilson)

First Reading — 4005 (*Mar. 11, 2021 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 4045-46 (*Mar. 15, 2021 aft.*), 4501-12 (*Apr. 13, 2021 eve.*), 4573-80 (*Apr. 14, 2021 eve., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 4743-52 (*Apr. 21, 2021 aft.*), 4883-88 (*May 25, 2021 eve.*), 4971-77 (*May 27, 2021 aft., passed; amendments agreed to*)

Third Reading — 5189-95 (*Jun. 3, 2021 morn.*), 5222 (*Jun. 3, 2021 aft., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Jun. 17, 2021 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on various dates; SA 2021 c12]

Bill 58 — Freedom to Care Act (Aheer)

First Reading — 4180 (*Mar. 23, 2021 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 4214-15 (*Mar. 24, 2021 aft.*), 4456 (*Apr. 12, 2021 eve.*), 4560-67 (*Apr. 14, 2021 eve.*), 4682-90 (*Apr. 20, 2021 aft.*), 4726-27 (*Apr. 20, 2021 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 5343-52 (*Jun. 8, 2021 eve.*), 5496-5507 (*Jun. 14, 2021 eve.*), 5549-60 (*Jun. 15, 2021 eve.*), 5585 (*Jun. 16, 2021 morn.*), 5599-5603 (*Jun. 16, 2021 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 5603-08 (*Jun. 16, 2021 aft.*), 5609-13 (*Jun. 16, 2021 aft.*), 5622-25 (*Jun. 16, 2021 eve., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Jun. 17, 2021 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force September 1, 2021; SA 2021 cF-25.4]

Bill 59 — Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2021 (\$) (Toews)

First Reading — 4083 (*Mar. 16, 2021 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 4099-4102 (*Mar. 17, 2021 aft.*), 4110-15 (*Mar. 17, 2021 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 4130-38 (*Mar. 18, 2021 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 4215-20 (*Mar. 24, 2021 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Mar. 26, 2021 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force March 26, 2021; SA 2021 c2]

Bill 60 — Appropriation Act, 2021 (\$) (Toews)

First Reading — 4099 (*Mar. 17, 2021 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 4180-99 (*Mar. 23, 2021 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 4220-33 (*Mar. 24, 2021 aft.*), 4249-52 (*Mar. 24, 2021 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 4268-76 (*Mar. 25, 2021 aft., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Mar. 26, 2021 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force March 26, 2021; SA 2021 c1]

Bill 61 — Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2021 (Glubish)

First Reading — 4150 (*Mar. 22, 2021 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 4341-42 (*Apr. 7, 2021 aft.*), 4512-13 (*Apr. 13, 2021 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 4752-59 (*Apr. 21, 2021 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 4793-94 (*Apr. 21, 2021 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Apr. 22, 2021 aft.*) [Comes into force April 22, 2021, with sections 2(a), 5, 9 and 10 coming into force on proclamation; SA 2021 c7]

Bill 62 — Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 (Hunter)

First Reading — 4393-94 (*Apr. 8, 2021 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 4675-82 (*Apr. 20, 2021 aft.*), 4760-61 (*Apr. 21, 2021 aft.*), 4759 (*Apr. 21, 2021 aft.*), 5011-19 (*May 31, 2021 eve.*), 5106-11 (*Jun. 1, 2021 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 5124-31 (*Jun. 2, 2021 morn.*), 5199-207 (*Jun. 3, 2021 morn., passed*)

Third Reading — 5222-23 (*Jun. 3, 2021 aft.*), 5291-97 (*Jun. 8, 2021 morn.*), 5367-74 (*Jun. 9, 2021 morn.*), 5430-33 (*Jun. 10, 2021 morn., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Jun. 17, 2021 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on various dates; SA 2021 c16]

Bill 63 — Police (Street Checks and Carding) Amendment Act, 2021 (Madu)

First Reading — 4340 (*Apr. 7, 2021 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 4699-704 (*Apr. 20, 2021 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 5074-81 (*Jun. 1, 2021 aft.*), 5083 (*Jun. 1, 2021 eve.*), 5144-54 (*Jun. 2, 2021 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 5456-59 (*Jun. 10, 2021 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Jun. 17, 2021 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2021 c14]

Bill 64 — Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021 (Nixon, JJ)

First Reading — 4416 (*Apr. 12, 2021 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 4475-87 (*Apr. 13, 2021 aft.*), 4547-60 (*Apr. 14, 2021 eve.*), 4642-57 (*Apr. 19, 2021 eve.*), 4821-32 (*May 25, 2021 morn.*), 4858-62 (*May 25, 2021 aft.*), 4864-71 (*May 25, 2021 eve., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 4871-77 (*May 25, 2021 eve.*), 4890-4900 (*May 26, 2021 morn.*), 4931-34 (*May 26, 2021 aft.*), 4935-37 (*May 26, 2021 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 4938-44 (*May 26, 2021 eve.*), 4946-53 (*May 26, 2021 eve., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*May 27, 2021 aft.*) [Comes into force May 27, 2021; SA 2021 c8]

Bill 65 — Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (Shandro)

First Reading — 4394 (*Apr. 8, 2021 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 4526-35 (*Apr. 14, 2021 aft.*), 4759-60 (*Apr. 21, 2021 aft.*), 4766-79 (*Apr. 21, 2021 eve.*), 4809-17 (*Apr. 22, 2021 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 5064-74 (*Jun. 1, 2021 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 5283-88 (*Jun. 7, 2021 eve.*), 5257 (*Jun. 7, 2021 eve.*), 5363-67 (*Jun. 9, 2021 morn., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Jun. 17, 2021 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force June 17, 2021, except sections 1, 3 and 7, which come into force on proclamation; SA 2021 c10]

Bill 66 — Public Health Amendment Act, 2021 (Shandro)

First Reading — 4416 (*Apr. 12, 2021 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 4487-88 (*Apr. 13, 2021 aft.*), 4489-501 (*Apr. 13, 2021 eve.*), 4535-46 (*Apr. 14, 2021 aft.*), 4704-19 (*Apr. 20, 2021 eve.*), 4779-88 (*Apr. 21, 2021 eve.*), 4900-4904 (*May 26, 2021 morn., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 5083-97 (*Jun. 1, 2021 eve.*), 5338-43 (*Jun. 8, 2021 eve.*), 5507 (*Jun. 14, 2021 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 5570-75 (*Jun. 15, 2021 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Jun. 17, 2021 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on proclamation, with exceptions; SA 2021 c15]

Bill 67 — Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Education Act (Nicolaidis)

First Reading — 4468 (*Apr. 13, 2021 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 4593-94 (*Apr. 15, 2021 aft.*), 4719-26 (*Apr. 20, 2021 eve.*), 5097-5106 (*Jun. 1, 2021 eve.*), 5113-24 (*Jun. 2, 2021 morn., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 5272-83 (*Jun. 7, 2021 eve.*), 5386-98 (*Jun. 9, 2021 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 5433-39 (*Jun. 10, 2021 morn.*), 5459 (*Jun. 10, 2021 aft., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Jun. 17, 2021 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2021 cS-7.88]

Bill 68 — Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (Madu)

First Reading — 4614 (*Apr. 19, 2021 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 4808 (*Apr. 22, 2021 aft.*), 5019-32 (*May 31, 2021 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 5154-57 (*Jun. 2, 2021 aft.*), 5159 (*Jun. 2, 2021 eve, passed*)

Third Reading — 5195-99 (*Jun. 3, 2021 morn.*), 5222 (*Jun. 3, 2021 aft., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Jun. 17, 2021 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on proclamation, except section 1, which has effect January 1, 2021; SA 2021 c9]

Bill 69 — Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (Nixon, JJ)

First Reading — 4592 (*Apr. 15, 2021 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 5288-89 (*Jun. 7, 2021 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 5424 (*Jun. 9, 2021 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 5424 (*Jun. 9, 2021 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Jun. 17, 2021 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on various dates; SA 2021 c13]

Bill 70 — COVID-19 Related Measures Act (Gotfried)

First Reading — 4806 (*Apr. 22, 2021 aft., passed*)
Second Reading — 5331-38 (*Jun. 8, 2021 eve.*), 5357-63 (*Jun. 9, 2021 morn.*), 5425-30 (*Jun. 10, 2021 morn.*), 5485-96 (*Jun. 14, 2021 eve.*), 5516-22 (*Jun. 15, 2021 morn.*), 5536-42 (*Jun. 15, 2021 aft., passed on division*)
Committee of the Whole — 5560-64 (*Jun. 15, 2021 eve.*), 5568-70 (*Jun. 15, 2021 eve.*), 5615-20 (*Jun. 16, 2021 eve., passed*)
Third Reading — 5620-21 (*Jun. 16, 2021 eve.*), 5625-31 (*Jun. 16, 2021 eve., passed on division*)
Royal Assent — (*Jun. 17, 2021 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force March 1, 2020; SA 2021 cC-31.3]

Bill 71 — Employment Standards (COVID-19 Vaccination Leave) Amendment Act, 2021 (Copping)

First Reading — 4763 (*Apr. 21, 2021 eve., passed*)
Second Reading — 4763-64 (*Apr. 21, 2021 eve., passed*)
Committee of the Whole — 4764-65 (*Apr. 21, 2021 eve., passed*)
Third Reading — 4766 (*Apr. 21, 2021 eve., passed*)
Royal Assent — (*Apr. 22, 2021 aft.*) [Comes into force April 21, 2021; SA 2021 c4]

Bill 72 — Preserving Canada's Economic Prosperity Act (Savage)

First Reading — 4844 (*May 25, 2021 aft., passed*)
Second Reading — 4916-29 (*May 26, 2021 aft.*), 5032-37 (*May 31, 2021 eve.*), 5046-51 (*Jun. 1, 2021 morn.*), 5039-45 (*Jun. 1, 2021 morn.*), 5189 (*Jun. 3, 2021 morn.*), 5221-22 (*Jun. 3, 2021 aft., passed on division*)
Committee of the Whole — 5352-56 (*Jun. 8, 2021 eve., passed*)
Third Reading — 5455-56 (*Jun. 10, 2021 aft., passed on division*)
Royal Assent — (*Jun. 17, 2021 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force May 1, 2021; SA 2021 cP-21.51]

Bill 73 — Infrastructure Accountability Act (Panda)

First Reading — 5647 (*Oct. 25, 2021 aft., passed*)
Second Reading — 5675-79 (*Oct. 26, 2021 aft.*), 5697-5709 (*Oct. 26, 2021 eve.*), 5719-28 (*Oct. 27, 2021 morn.*), 6011-23 (*Nov. 3, 2021 eve.*), 6099-6104 (*Nov. 15, 2021 eve.*), 6185-86 (*Nov. 16, 2021 eve.*), 6202-05 (*Nov. 17, 2021 morn.*), 6274-80 (*Nov. 18, 2021 morn., passed*)

Bill 74 — Advanced Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (Nicolaidis)

First Reading — 5673 (*Oct. 26, 2021 aft., passed*)
Second Reading — 5773-93 (*Oct. 27, 2021 eve.*), 5807-12 (*Oct. 28, 2021 morn.*), 5826-34 (*Oct. 28, 2021 aft.*), 5895-5908 (*Nov. 2, 2021 morn.*), 6027 (*Nov. 3, 2021 eve., passed on division*)
Committee of the Whole — 6230-40 (*Nov. 17, 2021 aft.*), 6241-44 (*Nov. 17, 2021 eve., passed*)
Third Reading — 6421-30 (*Nov. 24, 2021 morn., passed*)

Bill 75 — Arts Professions Recognition Act (Orr)

First Reading — 5673-74 (*Oct. 26, 2021 aft., passed*)
Second Reading — 5752-71 (*Oct. 27, 2021 aft.*), 5936-39 (*Nov. 2, 2021 aft.*), 5963-70 (*Nov. 3, 2021 morn.*), 6023-27 (*Nov. 3, 2021 eve.*), 6061-70 (*Nov. 4, 2021 aft., passed*)
Committee of the Whole — 6226-30 (*Nov. 17, 2021 aft.*), 6341-49 (*Nov. 22, 2021 eve., passed*)

Bill 76 — Captive Insurance Companies Act (Toews)

First Reading — 5750 (*Oct. 27, 2021 aft., passed*)
Second Reading — 5825-26 (*Oct. 28, 2021 aft.*), 5944-51 (*Nov. 2, 2021 eve.*), 5986-6003 (*Nov. 3, 2021 aft.*), 6145-52 (*Nov. 16, 2021 aft., passed*)
Committee of the Whole — 6415-20 (*Nov. 23, 2021 eve., passed*)
Third Reading — 6498-6505 (*Nov. 25, 2021 morn., passed*)

Bill 77 — Municipal Government (Restoring Tax Accountability) Amendment Act, 2021 (McIver)

First Reading — 5823-24 (*Oct. 28, 2021 aft., passed*)
Second Reading — 5928-36 (*Nov. 2, 2021 aft.*), 6039-48 (*Nov. 4, 2021 morn.*), 6112-17 (*Nov. 15, 2021 eve.*), 6244-50 (*Nov. 17, 2021 eve., passed*)
Committee of the Whole — 6349-51 (*Nov. 22, 2021 eve., passed*)

Bill 78 — Alberta Housing Amendment Act, 2021 (Pon)

First Reading — 5845-46 (*Nov. 1, 2021 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 6029-39 (*Nov. 4, 2021 morn.*), 6126-32 (*Nov. 16, 2021 morn.*), 6187-97 (*Nov. 17, 2021 morn.*), 6335-41 (*Nov. 22, 2021 eve., adjourned on amendment*)

Bill 79 — Trails Act (Nixon, JJ)

First Reading — 5919 (*Nov. 2, 2021 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 6104-12 (*Nov. 15, 2021 eve.*), 6460-66 (*Nov. 24, 2021 aft., adjourned*)

Bill 80 — Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 (No. 2) (Fir)

First Reading — 6060 (*Nov. 4, 2021 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 6119-26 (*Nov. 16, 2021 morn.*), 6353-58 (*Nov. 23, 2021 morn.*), 6436-38 (*Nov. 24, 2021 morn., adjourned on amendment*)

Bill 81 — Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2) (Madu)

First Reading — 6060 (*Nov. 4, 2021 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 6144-45 (*Nov. 16, 2021 aft.*), 6167-75 (*Nov. 16, 2021 eve.*), 6405-14 (*Nov. 23, 2021 eve.*), 6480-87 (*Nov. 24, 2021 eve., adjourned on amendment*)

Bill 82 — Mineral Resource Development Act (Savage)

First Reading — 6060 (*Nov. 4, 2021 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 6152-65 (*Nov. 16, 2021 aft.*), 6261-68 (*Nov. 18, 2021 morn., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 6493-98 (*Nov. 25, 2021 morn., passed*)

Third Reading — 6527-33 (*Nov. 25, 2021 aft., passed*)

Bill 83 — Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2021 (Nixon, JJ)

First Reading — 6084 (*Nov. 15, 2021 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 6250-58 (*Nov. 17, 2021 eve.*), 6268-74 (*Nov. 18, 2021 morn., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 6466-70 (*Nov. 24, 2021 aft.*), 6471-73 (*Nov. 24, 2021 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 6505-11 (*Nov. 25, 2021 morn., passed*)

Bill 84 — Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2021 (Glubish)

First Reading — 6084 (*Nov. 15, 2021 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 6392-97 (*Nov. 23, 2021 aft.*), 6430-36 (*Nov. 24, 2021 morn., passed*)

Bill 85 — Education Statutes (Students First) Amendment Act, 2021 (LaGrange)

First Reading — 6143 (*Nov. 16, 2021 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 6399-6405 (*Nov. 23, 2021 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 6473-80 (*Nov. 24, 2021 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 6487-91 (*Nov. 24, 2021 eve.*), 6524-27 (*Nov. 25, 2021 aft., passed*)

Bill 86 — Electricity Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (Nally)

First Reading — 6218 (*Nov. 17, 2021 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 6449-60 (*Nov. 24, 2021 aft., passed*)

Bill 201 — Strategic Aviation Advisory Council Act (Gotfried)

First Reading — 62 (*Feb. 27, 2020 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*), 136 (*Mar. 5, 2020 aft., reported to Assembly; proceeded with*)

Second Reading — 914-26 (*Jun. 1, 2020 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1156-61 (*Jun. 8, 2020 aft.*), 1337-47 (*Jun. 15, 2020 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 1514-22 (*Jun. 22, 2020 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Jun. 26, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force December 31, 2020; SA 2020 cS-19.8]

Bill 202 — Conflicts of Interest (Protecting the Rule of Law) Amendment Act, 2020 (Ganley)

First Reading — 136 (*Mar. 5, 2020 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*), 1149-56 (*Jun. 2, 2020 aft., Committee recommendation that Bill not proceed reported to Assembly*), 1156 (*Jun. 8, 2020 aft., debate on concurrence motion; not proceeded with on division*)

Bill 203 — Pension Protection Act (Gray)

First Reading — 1148 (*Jun. 8, 2020 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*), 1839 (*Jul. 8, 2020 aft., reported to Assembly; not proceeded with*)

Bill 204 — Voluntary Blood Donations Repeal Act (Yao)

First Reading — 1839 (*Jul. 8, 2020 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*), 2288 (*Jul. 22, 2020 aft., reported to Assembly; proceeded with*)

Second Reading — 2379-93 (*Jul. 27, 2020 aft., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 2720-33 (*Oct. 26, 2020 aft.*), 2908-09 (*Nov. 2, 2020 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 3096-3103 (*Nov. 16, 2020 aft., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Dec. 9, 2020 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force December 9, 2020; SA 2020 c41]

Bill 205* — Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month Act (Singh)

First Reading — 2718 (*Oct. 26, 2020 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*), 3070 (*Nov. 5, 2020 aft., reported to Assembly; proceeded with*)

Second Reading — 3103-08 (*Nov. 16, 2020 aft.*), 3307-14 (*Nov. 23, 2020 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 3813-14 (*Dec. 7, 2020 aft.*), 3948-59 (*Mar. 8, 2021 aft.*), 4036-37 (*Mar. 15, 2021 aft., passed with amendments*)

Third Reading — 4158-64 (*Mar. 22, 2021 aft., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Mar. 26, 2021 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force January 1, 2021; SA 2021 cG-5.4]

Bill 206 — Property Rights Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 (Glasgo)

First Reading — 2827 (*Oct. 28, 2020 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*), 3223-24 (*Nov. 18, 2020 aft., reported to Assembly; proceeded with*)

Second Reading — 3314-21 (*Nov. 23, 2020 aft.*), 4037-42 (*Mar. 15, 2021 aft.*), 4417-19 (*Apr. 12, 2021 aft., passed on division*), 4419 (*Apr. 12, 2021 aft., referred to Select Special Committee on Real Property Rights*)

Bill 207* — Reservists' Recognition Act (Rutherford)

First Reading — 3224 (*Nov. 18, 2020 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*), 3719 (*Dec. 2, 2020 aft., reported to Assembly; proceeded with*)

Second Reading — 4419-29 (*Apr. 12, 2021 aft.*), 4616-20 (*Apr. 19, 2021 aft., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 5476-79 (*Jun. 14, 2021 aft.*), 5653-56 (*Oct. 25, 2021 aft.*), 5850-59 (*Nov. 1, 2021 aft., passed; amendments agreed to*)

Third Reading — 6088-96 (*Nov. 15, 2021 aft., passed on division*)

Bill 208 — Alberta Investment Management Corporation Amendment Act, 2020 (Phillips)

First Reading — 3782 (*Dec. 3, 2020 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*), 4005 (*Mar. 11, 2021 aft., Committee recommendation that Bill proceed reported to Assembly*), 4029-36 (*Mar. 15, 2021 aft., debate on concurrence motion; not proceeded with on division*)

Bill 209 — Cost of Public Services Transparency Act (Stephan)

First Reading — 3806-07 (*Dec. 7, 2020 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*), 4005 (*Mar. 11, 2021 aft., reported to Assembly; proceeded with*)

Second Reading — 4620 (*Apr. 19, 2021 aft., adjourned*)

Bill 211* — Municipal Government (Firearms) Amendment Act, 2020 (Glasgo)

First Reading — 3849 (*Dec. 8, 2020 aft., passed*), 3930 (*Feb. 25, 2021 aft., moved to Government Bills and Orders*)

Second Reading — 4006-15 (*Mar. 11, 2021 aft.*), 4102-07 (*Mar. 17, 2021 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 4326-28 (*Apr. 6, 2021 eve., passed with amendments*)

Third Reading — 4399-4400 (*Apr. 8, 2021 aft., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — (*Apr. 22, 2021 aft.*) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2021 c6]

Bill 212 — Official Sport of Alberta Act (Yaseen)

First Reading — 3849 (*Dec. 8, 2020 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*), 4088 (*Mar. 17, 2021 aft., Committee recommendation that Bill proceed reported to Assembly*), 4151-58 (*Mar. 22, 2021 aft., debate on concurrence motion; proceeded with on division*)

Bill 213 — Traffic Safety (Maximum Speed Limit for Provincial Freeways) Amendment Act, 2021 (Turton)

First Reading — 3992 (Mar. 10, 2021 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills), 4179 (Mar. 23, 2021 aft., reported to Assembly; proceeded with)

Bill 214 — Eastern Slopes Protection Act (Notley)

First Reading — 4340 (Apr. 7, 2021 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Public Members' Private Bills), 4667 (Apr. 20, 2021 aft., Committee recommendation that Bill proceed reported to Assembly), 5242-49 (Jun. 7, 2021 aft., debate on concurrence motion; proceeded with)

Bill 215 — Seniors Advocate Act (Sigurdson, L)

First Reading — 4592 (Apr. 15, 2021 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Public Members' Private Bills), 4806 (Apr. 22, 2021 aft., Committee recommendation that Bill proceed reported to Assembly), 5249-51 (Jun. 7, 2021 aft., debate on concurrence motion), 5471-73 (Jun. 14, 2021 aft., debate on concurrence motion), 5652-53 (Oct. 25, 2021 aft., debate on concurrence motion), 5846-49 (Nov. 1, 2021 aft., debate on concurrence motion; proceeded with)

Bill 216 — Fire Prevention and Fire Services Recognition Act (Lovely)

First Reading — 4592 (Apr. 15, 2021 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Public Members' Private Bills), 4843 (May 25, 2021 aft., reported to Assembly; proceeded with)

Bill 217 — Polish-Canadian Heritage Day Act (Williams)

First Reading — 4969-70 (May 27, 2021 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills), 5220 (Jun. 3, 2021 aft., reported to Assembly; proceeded with)
Second Reading — 5631-32 (Jun. 16, 2021 eve., passed)
Committee of the Whole — 5633 (Jun. 16, 2021 eve., passed)
Third Reading — 5633-34 (Jun. 16, 2021 eve., passed)
Royal Assent — (Jun. 17, 2021 outside of House sitting) [Comes into force June 17, 2021; SA 2021 cP-18.3]

Bill 218 — Provincial Parks (Protecting Park Boundaries) Amendment Act, 2021 (Schmidt)

First Reading — 4970 (May 27, 2021 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills), 5237 (Jun. 7, 2021 aft., Committee recommendation that Bill proceed reported to Assembly), 5473-74 (Jun. 14, 2021 aft., debate on concurrence motion), 5653 (Oct. 25, 2021 aft., debate on concurrence motion), 5849-50 (Nov. 1, 2021 aft., debate on concurrence motion), 6084-88 (Nov. 15, 2021 aft., debate on concurrence motion; proceeded with on division)

Bill 219 — Workers' Compensation (Expanding Presumptive Coverage) Amendment Act, 2021 (Sweet)

First Reading — 5220 (Jun. 3, 2021 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Public Members' Public Bills), 5454 (Jun. 10, 2021 aft., Committee recommendation that Bill proceed reported to Assembly), 5474-76 (Jun. 14, 2021 aft., debate on concurrence motion), 5653 (Oct. 25, 2021 aft., debate on concurrence motion), 6316-21 (Nov. 22, 2021 aft., debate on concurrence motion; proceeded with on division)

Bill 220 — Employment Standards (Expanding Bereavement Leave) Amendment Act, 2021 (Walker)

First Reading — 5534 (Jun. 15, 2021 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills), 5985 (Nov. 3, 2021 aft., Committee recommendation that Bill proceed reported to Assembly; debate on concurrence motion to take place Monday, November 15, 2021), 6321-27 (Nov. 22, 2021 aft., debate on concurrence motion; proceeded with)

Bill Pr1 — The Sisters of the Precious Blood of Edmonton Repeal Act (Williams)

First Reading — 1125 (Jun. 4, 2020 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills), 3292 (Nov. 19, 2020 aft., reported to Assembly; proceeded with)
Second Reading — 3629-30 (Dec. 1, 2020 morn., passed)
Committee of the Whole — 3740 (Dec. 2, 2020 aft., passed)
Third Reading — 3740-41 (Dec. 2, 2020 aft., passed)
Royal Assent — (Dec. 9, 2020 outside of House sitting) [Comes into force December 9, 2020; SA 2020 c42]

Bill Pr2 — The United Church of Canada Amendment Act, 2021 (Phillips)

First Reading — 4416-17 (*Apr. 12, 2021 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*),
4843-44 (*May 25, 2021 aft., reported to Assembly; proceeded with*)

Second Reading — 5045 (*Jun. 1, 2021 morn., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 5045 (*Jun. 1, 2021 morn., passed*)

Third Reading — 5045-46 (*Jun. 1, 2021 morn., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Jun. 17, 2021 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force June 17, 2021; SA 2021]

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