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Legislative Assembly of Alberta

1:30 p.m.

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[The Speaker in the chair]

The Speaker: Hon. members, we will now be led in the singing of *God Save the Queen* by Ms Brooklyn Elhard. I'd invite you to participate in the language of your choice.

Hon. Members:

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.

Introduction of Guests

The Speaker: I'm not sure what it is, but I feel like there's a little enthusiasm and anticipation in our voices this afternoon, for good things that lie ahead, I'm sure.

Hon. members, I am pleased to introduce to you for a final time – well, I would never presuppose a decision of the Assembly, but it's certainly the last time I'm going to be introducing them. They are the retiring pages. We had the opportunity to celebrate them today over the lunch hour and read their letter to the Assembly yesterday, but I have invited them to have a different perspective on QP today. They are seated in the Speaker's gallery. I invite you to rise and receive the warm welcome of the Assembly. [Standing ovation]

Hon. members, also joining us in the galleries today are a group senior high school students and teachers from the Calvin Christian School in the constituency of Cardston-Siksika. I would ask that you rise and receive the warm welcome of the Assembly.

Also seated in the members' gallery today is Indra Ramayan, a guest of the Minister of Indigenous Relations. Please rise and receive the warm welcome of the Assembly.

I also have noticed a number of legislative staff members. All of us in this Assembly know that without those keen and capable and willing staff members, we are unable to do our roles. So if you are a legislative staffer and you're in the gallery today, please rise and receive the thanks of the Assembly.

Finally, seated in the members' gallery today are the family of Emma Hopper, the director of research and policy for the United Conservative caucus. Please join me in welcoming her parents and brother: Christopher Hopper, Michelle Hopper, and her brother Benjamin Hopper. Please rise, if you're able, and receive the warm welcome of the Assembly.

Members' Statements

Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview's 10th Anniversary Reflections

Mr. Bilous: Mr. Speaker, for the past 10 years I've had the honour of representing the people of Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview in this Chamber. I'd like to offer my congratulations to the members for Calgary-Hays and Cypress-Medicine Hat for also reaching this milestone of service. It has been and continues to be a thrill to be able to rise in this Chamber to highlight our constituents' concerns, raise their issues, and to be their representative in the House. That

is why each and every one of us was sent here, to stand up for our constituents and be their voice.

But we don't get here by ourselves. As I reflect on the last 10 years, I want to take the opportunity to thank the many people who helped me get here. I want to acknowledge first the people of Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, who for the past three elections have put their trust in me to stand up for them. While we all claim to represent the best constituencies in Alberta, I have to tell this House that I actually do represent the best constituency. A heartfelt thank you to the dedicated volunteers who worked so hard over the past 16 years to send me here, and the same to the team of staff that I've had the honour of working with over the past 10 years, both in my constituency office and here at the Legislature.

I want to thank the stakeholders, small businesses, entrepreneurs, and community organizations who I've worked with these past 10 years to serve Alberta and the people of Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview. I also want to thank my caucus colleagues, truly the hardest working caucus in the country. Importantly, I want to offer my thanks to the Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, a strong, compassionate, brilliant leader who I look forward to calling Premier after the next election. The last 10 years in this Assembly have taught me that it's critical that each and every member say thank you to each and every person who enabled us to have the opportunity and entrusted us to do this important work.

I'd like to close with the words of Margaret Mead. "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Calgary-Klein.

30th Legislature, Third Session, Reflections

Mr. Jeremy Nixon: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the spring session wraps up, I want to look back at the accomplishments of this Assembly. First, we marked a milestone in Alberta's recovery plan by passing Budget 2022. Our Minister of Finance presented a balanced budget for the first time in over a decade and delivered on a key commitment of this government to control spending and get our province's finances back on track. It's important for everyone to remember that the budget would not have been balanced if we had stayed on the same reckless spending trajectory of the NDP.

Alberta's government also continued to attract massive investment in aerospace, logistics, venture capital, manufacturing, and so much more while positioning Alberta for further investment in hydrogen, tourism, hemp, and film and television. To confront the rising cost of living driven by record inflation, the government eliminated the 13-cents-per-litre fuel tax and passed legislation to provide rebates on electricity bills. We know that Albertans are struggling with rising costs and recognize there's still more that needs to be done. Alberta's government continues to build on its strengths, support entrepreneurship, and promote diversification, through Alberta's recovery plan, into new and emerging sectors to attract investment and create more good-paying jobs for Albertans, which is helping to drive our unemployment rate to the lowest that it's been since 2015.

I also want to congratulate my friend and colleague from Highwood on passing the human tissue and organ donor act, Bill 205. Raising awareness and creating a mandatory referral process will save lives. I'd also like to congratulate and thank my colleague from Chestermere-Strathmore for championing Bill 10 and getting that important piece of legislation past the finish line. The Health Professions (Protecting Women and Girls) Amendment Act, 2022, brings up an uncomfortable topic, female genital mutilation. I

admire her work on this, and as a man I acknowledge that we need to have these conversations no matter how uncomfortable they may be.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, our government has fulfilled close to 90 per cent of our campaign promises.

Catholic Education

Mr. Rowswell: Today is World Catholic Education Day. Mr. Speaker, I'm so grateful to live in a province where diversity is celebrated and where families can send their children to a school that permeates faith in daily education. Catholic education has a long history in this province and, in fact, were the first schools in Alberta. As society changed, so did education. We now have public, francophone, independent, public charter, and home education as well, but throughout the years Catholic education has held fast and stayed a pillar of community and faith across the province. Alberta's government supports school choice and has proven over and over that we are committed to maintaining that long-successful tradition of school choice in our province.

Mr. Speaker, when the members opposite were in office, they made a systematic effort to dismantle educational choice in Alberta. In their dogmatic view, public schools are the only schools worth funding. The NDP may preach tolerance and respect for diversity, but we've seen how empty their talking points were. Unlike the members opposite, who would defund everything except public schools, we believe that it is parents' right to choose the type of education that is best for their child. That's why this government passed the Choice in Education Act, which reaffirms that parents have the right to choose the kind of education they feel is best for their children, and that includes Catholic education. Parents, teachers, and students of faith can be assured that Catholic education will remain Alberta strong under a UCP government.

1:40 Racism and Hate Crime Prevention

Mr. Deol: Mr. Speaker, for months we have seen the tragically increasing instances of hate crimes in Alberta. Between January and March 2022 Edmonton police investigated 23 hate-motivated crimes. This has almost doubled from 2021. People have been assaulted, harassed, threatened, and abused. This must stop. Every Albertan has the right to feel safe and secure in every city, town, village, community, and neighbourhood in Alberta. We need our government to do more to ensure that this will happen.

We need a government that takes action, but sadly, when given the opportunity to take a meaningful step forward, the UCP took us backwards. Bill 204, created after months and months of consultations and work with stakeholders and racialized Albertans and which addressed the need to collect race-based data, was shot down by the UCP, who refused to even allow the bill to be debated.

What's more, for over a year the recommendations of the government's own antiracism advisory committee have been sitting on the government's desk, with little action to get these completed. These are critical recommendations that would break down barriers to accessing the justice system, and so much more than this government is allowing remains.

This government needs to ensure that there are no structural barriers based on race, language, background, or any other criteria. This government needs to ensure that no Albertan is left behind or unable to access the institutions that work for them. But for over a year now racialized Albertans have been watching and waiting while this government fails to do what is required of them. Now, with the Premier's resignation and the months of infighting that we are facing, that means that these critical recommendations will

continue to be delayed and ignored. While the UCP fail to step up and address this issue, the Alberta NDP remain focused on tackling the root causes of racism.

Thank you.

United Conservative Party and Premier's Leadership

Mr. Williams: Mr. Speaker, in spite of the centennial crises Alberta has faced, we've accomplished more in these last years than we've seen in generations: the Alberta Indigenous Opportunities Corporation, with genuine reconciliation. We see a leading model for genuine care and treatment for those suffering from addiction and the opioid crisis. We see school curriculum and school choice embedded deep into our legislation and into the identity of Alberta. We have a roaring economy in the film industry, in fintech, in agrifood. We see forestry having its best year ever. Oil and gas is back. The truth is that we even have a balanced budget for the first time in 14 years. The Oilers are going to win the cup. Alberta is on a roll.

The truth is, Mr. Speaker, that we have done this together as Albertans, as legislators, as a United Conservative movement. We have done this together, and we owe our Premier a debt of gratitude and thanks for the sacrifices he has made for the sake of this province.

Mr. Speaker, the legacy of this Premier is going to be opportunities for generations of families for decades to come, and I could not be more proud to be saying that today. The truth is that it is easier to destroy something good than it is to create it. It is easier to tear something down than build it up, and there are members in this Legislature who have made their career, quite literally, out of tearing down our province and our movement. The saddest part is that they're not necessarily members of the NDP. I'm asking every one of us, as we go forward as Albertans into this new season for what we are called to do, to consider how we can build, how we can be like the example of the Premier, who led in selfless service for the good of the province, who can try and build something up rather than tear it down.

I believe the only risk that we have as Conservatives and Albertans is from the inside. The NDP will come out, and they will try and destroy us. That is baked in. The question is: will we as Conservatives take up this obligation we have for the betterment of Albertans and work together united?

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs.

Canadian Armed Forces in Edmonton

Ms Goehring: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I rise to speak about the Edmonton Salutes Committee, which was established in 1997. I've been honoured to work with this dedicated team since 2015 in my former role as the Alberta government liaison to the Canadian Armed Forces and currently as a community member at large. The committee's mandate is to promote and recognize our local military community contributions, both at home and abroad.

The Edmonton Salutes membership is drawn from the city of Edmonton, corporate Edmonton, surrounding municipalities, and the government of Alberta. Military members from the 3rd Canadian Division support group, HMCS *Nonsuch*, and the Canadian Forces recruiting centre, prairies and north detachment Edmonton, representing army, navy, and air force, each have a seat at the table. The committee has collaborated to promote and support initiatives such as the freedom of the city parades and ceremonies commemorating the centennial battles of victories and soldiers' sacrifices;

collaborating on the development of the former CFB Edmonton location, which is now the Griesbach neighbourhood; supporting the Military Family Resource Centre and other organizations seeking to recognize the military in the capital region; and supporting the arts by sharing experiences and honouring our Canadian Armed Forces stories in a variety of mediums.

I've been able to participate in troop deployments due to the hard work of this committee, and we were able to support soldiers as they departed to and/or returned from the Middle East and eastern Europe.

Times have changed, as have the needs. The MFRC, as a result, has really shown the character of doing more with less. As a result of COVID, it is estimated that the overall budget was cut by 15 per cent. The loss in fundraising dollars has been due to the inability to host fundraising events. With that in mind, I'm excited to share that the MFRC gala is returning, after a hiatus due to COVID, on June 4 and will be held on the eve of CAF Day. They are seeking donations, sponsorships, and auction items and, of course, hoping that individuals will be able to purchase tickets and attend. Let's show the MFRC our support.

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Calgary-Currie.

Government Record

Mr. Milliken: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Recently I was door-knocking in Calgary-Currie, and someone asked me: why do the NDP get to make these claims that never seem to come true, and when they get it wrong, they never apologize? I said: good question. The NDP did say that we would be blowing up mountains for coal mines and selling all of our parks, but none of that happened. We've all seen the lawn signs, and this will likely surprise you: the only government that sold a park since 2015 was actually the NDP. So the only ones actually trying to go breaking our parks was the NDP.

Health care and education. All they say is, "Cuts, cuts, cuts," but in the real world we are spending at record levels on both health care and education. The NDP also say that people are moving away in droves, but the data shows net migration into the province. They just ignore the data and keep getting it wrong. They said that we would fire nurses and cut their salaries, but we are hiring nurses, and we gave them a raise, something they never did. And when it comes to collective bargaining, the deal we struck with the nurses is evidence of a government that bargains in good faith.

Over the last three years what has come true? Well, we balanced the budget at \$70 oil. In April 2019, when we took over, oil was at 70 bucks, and there were billions in structural deficit. We brought back more jobs than we had before. Film productions are now part of traffic reports in Calgary. Under the NDP \$37 million was a good year for tech investment. Guess what? Under us \$500 million in the first quarter of this year alone, or just close to that.

So if you are looking for a responsible government, one that attracts investment, balances the budget, with sustainable support programs, then the choice is clear. It is not the NDP opposition, that always seems to cry wolf. Their track record of getting things wrong makes them the least trustworthy opposition in Canada. I think the NDP owe Albertans an apology for their alarmist fearmongering.

Thank you. [interjections]

The Speaker: Order. Order. Order.

Health Care Worker Education Funding

Mrs. Allard: Mr. Speaker, Alberta is back. Alberta's unemployment rate is at the lowest level since 2015. We're seeing rapid growth in every area of the province, from oil and gas to diversified high tech,

film and television, and agriculture. While this is an exciting time to be in Alberta, it also brings challenges. One of those is a shortage of skilled talent. Employers, students, and regional leaders across the province, including in my constituency of Grande Prairie, are concerned that today's training programs will not meet the needs of our workforce for tomorrow.

That's why I was pleased to join the hon. Minister of Advanced Education yesterday with representatives from Northwestern Polytechnic and Northern Lakes College in Grande Prairie to announce an investment of more than \$850,000 in new funding to create more than 340 new seats in health care related programs at their respective institutions. In particular, Northwestern Polytechnic will receive approximately \$417,000 to create 95 seats in the bachelor of science in nursing university transfer program, 48 seats in the practical nurse diploma program, and 48 seats in the health care aide certificate program: real answers to real problems. This supports both the health care system as a whole and the Grande Prairie region by training local staff to work at the newly opened Grande Prairie regional hospital.

These new seats are thanks to a total of \$171 million in targeted enrolment expansion funding under the Alberta at work initiative. Mr. Speaker, with this funding Alberta's postsecondary institutions will create nearly 10,000 additional seats in high-demand programs right across our province. Over 120 proposals were submitted to the minister by 23 institutions and scored against a rigorous evaluation method that included alignment with workforce and regional needs and learner demands.

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Mr. Speaker, the targeted enrolment expansion is the largest enrolment expansion in Alberta's history, and that happened under the UCP government. The investment announced yesterday will help Northwestern Polytechnic and Northern Lakes College expand their operations and enable them to continue the great work they do.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Government Record

Mr. Dang: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As Albertans have struggled through this pandemic, sacrificing their vacations, cancelling family dinners, and not seeing their loved ones, the UCP government spent their time flying to a tropical paradise.

While front-line workers fought tooth and nail to keep the health care system working and from crumbling in the midst of a pandemic, the then Health minister fired 11,000 of them and said that they could make their way to the unemployment line. If that wasn't enough, this government introduced a huge job-killing budget just like the one that cut over 300 public servants and 750 postsecondary education jobs as well as massive cuts to services that all Albertans depend on.

Rather than helping Albertans struggling with surging energy prices, they decided to spend tens of millions of dollars on a war room that couldn't be audited and had nothing to do but embarrass Albertans and draw eyes to what they thought was an anti-oil movie about Bigfoot.

At the end of the day, Albertans know that it doesn't matter who the next UCP leader is; the UCP is bad for Alberta and bad for Albertans. It's not focused on the things that matter to Alberta families. It's focused on itself and distracted by its internal disarray and infighting. Albertans are tired of being dismissed by this government and watching our province crumble under so-called leadership.

Albertans know that this government will never truly support them, and they are working, organizing, and fighting together. They are ready for change. Albertans will not let this government damage this province any longer, and they are out of chances to give this government that has only failed them at every turn. They've seen again and again what matters to this province, and it's obviously not the UCP. So we are ready to send them out and send them packing.

Thank you.

The Speaker: Hon. members, I wondered if the Government House Leader might be willing to make a request for unanimous consent to proceed to the remainder of the daily Routine. That will be followed by question period, which will still allow a 50-minute question period. Who knows what would be happening after QP, but perhaps you might be willing to . . .

Mr. Jason Nixon: Well, Mr. Speaker, I do suspect that most of us know what's going to happen after QP. If the House is interested, I would move for unanimous consent to finish the Routine so that we can do a full question period and then go home for the summer.

[Unanimous consent granted]

Tabling Returns and Reports

The Speaker: The Opposition House Leader.

Ms Gray: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have one tabling, just regarding Bill 17: a letter from the vice-president of the University of Alberta Graduate Students' Association.

The Speaker: Are there others?

Seeing none, we would typically be at points of order, and I'm only hoping that we can have a real quality question period that provides an opportunity for just what the Government House Leader suggested to happen.

Oral Question Period

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods has question 1.

Government Record

Ms Gray: Mr. Speaker, as we get ready to break for summer, the government should acknowledge that this sitting has been an absolute disaster: a no-help budget, more health care chaos, multiple failures to support Alberta families. The UCP refused to act on inflation, leaving Albertans with less. Instead of quick rebates, Albertans are suffering through a months-long saga of bureaucracy and buck-passing, endless political knife sharpening, like the member's statement we just heard from the Member for Peace River, culminating in the Premier's resignation. Why did the government spend so much time on themselves and no time helping Albertans?

Mr. Jason Nixon: Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to be part of a government over the last three years that has passed 137 pieces of legislation through this House, has worked tirelessly to defend our constituents, and in this session has removed the gas tax in the province to help people with inflation, brought in electricity rebates, gas rebates, and has stood up to Ottawa repeatedly while they have sold out Albertans to their Justin Trudeau boss inside Ottawa.

Ms Gray: Mr. Speaker, this government is collapsing, and they're taking our health care system with them. ERs are so blocked that

children are lining up outside of the hospital. We have more hallway medicine. EMS is in crisis. Doctors are leaving, and front-line workers are exhausted. Instead of support and stability, the government fired the AHS CEO, threatened wage cuts for respiratory therapists and health specialists, and they're working overtime to take insulin pumps away from diabetics. When the government stood up in an unfinished room filled with unstaffed hospital beds, were they surprised workers weren't standing with them? Because I wasn't.

Mr. Copping: Mr. Speaker, I'm proud of the work that our government is doing right now in investing in our health care system and investing in additional capacity. I've mentioned in this House numerous times that the system is under strain. It's under strain here in the province of Alberta, and it's under strain across the entire country given COVID, given the influenza A, and given the backlog of care that we've experienced because of COVID. But we are responding to that. We are investing significant dollars, the most dollars ever, into our health care system: \$600 million this year, \$1.8 billion over three years. We are investing in our health care system.

Ms Gray: Mr. Speaker, empty rooms do not save lives.

For four months straight the UCP government has failed to act on what matters. Utility rebates: failure. Stronger health care: failure. Modern curriculum: failure. Protecting the mountains: failure. Supporting tech companies.

Some Hon. Members: Failure.

Ms Gray: Fighting racism.

Some Hon. Members: Failure.

Ms Gray: Helping downtown Calgary.

Some Hon. Members: Failure.

Ms Gray: Standing up for women's rights.

Some Hon. Members: Failure.

Ms Gray: Upholding the public trust.

Some Hon. Members: Failure.

Ms Gray: Mr. Speaker, with this many failures, just who is really focused on supporting Albertans? It's Alberta's NDP.

Mr. Jason Nixon: Mr. Speaker, while the NDP focuses on theatre, this government is focused on defending Albertans. You want to know the greatest failure that has happened in this Legislature and in this city? It's the failure of the NDP to stand up for Alberta, to stand up for our industries, to stand up for our children, to stand up for our grandchildren. Shame on them as they stood time and time again in this Chamber, with their close allies in Ottawa. Albertans can rest assured this government is united and we're going to continue to stand up for them.

The Speaker: Now I know how a teacher feels on the last day of school.

The hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View.

Government Policies and Cost of Living

Ms Ganley: The UCP have sat in this House for 13 weeks this spring, and Albertans are worse off. The UCP passed a budget that

will charge Albertans billions of dollars in income taxes through bracket creep. They reduced the value of benefits to families, to seniors, to Albertans living with disabilities; jacked up the price of tuition and interest on student loans; removed the price protection on car insurance, and now it's more expensive. Why did the UCP spend this entire session making life more expensive for Albertans?

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

Mr. Toews: Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. That simply is not accurate. We have spent this entire session putting Albertans' interests first. We have brought forward a sustainable fiscal budget, a balanced budget for 2022. We positioned the economy for investment attraction and growth, creating tens of thousands of jobs, the lowest unemployment rate since 2015, since the NDP were in office.

Ms Ganley: And then there are utilities. The UCP removed the price protections on electricity, and bills soared. Natural gas prices have hit a 30-year high. The UCP spent literally the entire session of this Legislature failing to get rebates out the door. Even now they're prepared to scatter for the summer with their work still not done. We can't get a straight answer on when Albertans will see their natural gas rebate. So let's try one more time. To the Finance minister: when will Alberta families see the natural gas rebate?

The Speaker: The hon. the Minister of Finance.

Mr. Toews: Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the question from the member opposite, because in Budget 2022 we were clear. The natural gas rebate period would be October 1 to March 31. So I know that the Minister of Energy is working with utility companies to ensure that Albertans receive the natural gas rebate October 1, should natural gas prices trigger the rebate. [interjections]

The Speaker: Order.

Ms Ganley: There is no more help coming for Alberta families under this UCP. After spending the whole spring scheming and plotting against each other, they're now going to spend the whole summer scheming and plotting against each other some more. We need a new government. I'm going to continue to demand that this government do its job, but since it's clear they have zero sense of responsibility, I have a message for Albertans. The NDP is a unified team. We are energized, we are ready to lead, and we are always focused on what Albertans need, including money in your pockets.

2:00

Mr. Jason Nixon: Mr. Speaker, what you just saw there was fear. Do you know what the NDP knows? The United Conservative Party is united. We are going to continue to work each and every day for Albertans, and we're going to elect a new leader who will be the new Premier of this great province, and we will fight each and every day to make sure those socialists will never be on this side of the House again.

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

Public-Private Partnerships for School Construction

Member Loyola: The P3 school model is a proven failure in Alberta, but this UCP government loves to go back to the well of failed experiments. At Bessie Nichols school, one of the previous P3 failures, the private contractor wouldn't give the school control of

the thermostat during the coldest days, citing cost overruns. Let the kids freeze to make a buck: that's the model. But earlier today this government celebrated bringing in more P3 school contracts. They love the P3 model. To the Premier: as Albertans are already showing you the door, does this government really have to burden Albertans with more failed experiments that hurt our children?

Mr. Panda: Mr. Speaker, this morning I joined the MLA for Leduc-Beaumont in announcing the start of construction for five P3 high schools together with the local school boards, who agreed with me that we addressed their genuine concerns. We are fixing those past shortcomings, and we strengthened the contracts. They were happy with that.

Member Loyola: Albertans know that P3 school contracts are terrible for kids because they've seen the evidence first-hand. At Johnny Bright elementary school students were forced to walk through huge mud pits as high as their knees because the private contractor wanted to save a buck and wouldn't fix the drainage issues. Yet after a disastrous history with P3 school projects, this UCP government decided to strap the taxpayer to another bad deal. No wonder they're the least trusted government in the country. To the Premier: Albertans don't trust this government on P3 contracts or anything else, so why barrel ahead with something they don't want?

Mr. Panda: Mr. Speaker, Albertans trusted this Premier's campaign commitment of building more infrastructure under public-private financing . . . [interjections]

The Speaker: Order. I heard the question, and we'll hear the answer.

Mr. Panda: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Albertans trusted this Premier's campaign commitment to build more infrastructure under the P3 model, so they are seeing the value when we adopted the process to determine the value for money for all the investments. Albertans liked it. That's why we are implementing that.

Member Loyola: P3 school contracts got a failing grade throughout their history in Alberta, so no wonder this failure of a government is clamouring to bring them back. This is a government that looks over the abyss of disaster and then decides to jump, and you've got to ask why. Perhaps there is something in these contracts for the current Premier's friends and insiders, but there's certainly nothing here for Albertans. Will anyone on the front bench stand up for Albertans, say no to these terrible P3 deals, and stop selling out our kids and the taxpayers?

Mr. Panda: As I said, everybody on the front row here ran on that commitment to implement P3s, and Albertans gave us the mandate. Mr. Speaker, for that side profit is a bad word. They want to please their union bosses, who actually are okay with these P3 contracts as we addressed their concerns and we are hiring local skilled labour. Even their union bosses are onside.

Ministers' Offices Human Resources Policy Review

Ms Hoffman: On November 3 the current Premier announced that Jamie Pytel, the former Edmonton Integrity Commissioner, had been tasked with conducting a review of HR policies for government staff following the serious accusations of misconduct. It has now been over 200 days since the review was started. It is critical that the concerns raised by this former staff member, that resulted in the report being commissioned, are addressed. To the Minister of Finance, who is responsible for the public service and who is

rumoured to be looking at becoming the next Premier: has he seen the report, and will he commit to publicly releasing it and implementing all of its recommendations?

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

Ms Issik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For – I don't know – probably the sixth time I will say it again, that Ms Pytel's report will actually be submitted and the recommendations will be made public. We've said that all along, and that's exactly what will happen.

Thank you.

Ms Hoffman: The allegations raised by a former UCP staffer have been extremely serious, and that's why ensuring this report with all of its findings and recommendations needs to be released publicly – to date the report has not been released, nor have any of the findings or recommendations. To the Minister of Children's Services, who stated that she's looking at standing to be the next Premier: has she seen the report? Will she commit to publicly releasing it and implementing all of its recommendations?

Ms Issik: Okay. So I think this will be the seventh time, Mr. Speaker. The report will be submitted, and the recommendations will be made public, and there will be no comment from me or any other minister or member on a case that's before the courts.

Thank you.

Ms Hoffman: The Minister of Transportation and the Minister of Labour and Immigration have both stated that they're looking at becoming the next Premier. It's important to Albertans that they know that regardless of who sits in the Premier's chair next, the serious concerns of harassment made by a former UCP staffer are addressed. Will the Minister of Transportation or the Minister of Labour and Immigration or any other minister looking to become the next Premier stand up in this place, tell us if they've seen the report and if they will release it publicly and commit to implementing all of the recommendations?

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

Ms Issik: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know, I've said also many times how seriously we take the issue of sexual harassment and that sexual harassment should not happen in any workplace – not in any workplace – anywhere, especially in Alberta, period, full stop, end of sentence. We've made that very clear. They can keep going on about this report, but they've already asked, and I've already answered.

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Lethbridge-East.

Technology Industry Development

Mr. Neudorf: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think we can all agree that Alberta is a province of innovators and entrepreneurs. Where we may disagree in this Chamber is on whether or not we see and celebrate the development, growth, attraction, and success of our innovation and technology ecosystem. To the Minister of Jobs, Economy and Innovation: what specifically can you point to that is a clear indication that all members of this Assembly and all Albertans should celebrate our tech and innovation sector?

Mr. Schweitzer: Mr. Speaker, our tech sector in the province of Alberta is booming. Let's give this some context. Under the NDP in 2017 tech venture investment was \$37 million. Remember that number: \$37 million under the NDP. In the first quarter alone of 2022: \$466 million of venture capital. The city of Calgary was on

par with the well-known tech hub of Vancouver. Alberta is booming in tech, and we're looking forward to doing more.

The Speaker: The hon. Member of Lethbridge-East.

Mr. Neudorf: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Minister. Given that the left continues to downplay the growth and successes in this space and given that they cannot seem to stop themselves from criticizing the incredible investment we're seeing – I wonder if they don't understand how important this huge growth is – to the same minister: what do these increasing levels of venture capital investment indicate about Alberta's ecosystem?

Mr. Schweitzer: Mr. Speaker, it means jobs, jobs, and more jobs for Albertans and people looking for prosperity and opportunity. Right now the city of Calgary has the fastest growing tech labour force – get this – in all of North America. That happened under this government because we made the right investments in talent, in accelerators, in venture capital partnerships. Our government believes in diversification, and we have gotten the job done for Albertans.

The Speaker: The hon. member.

Mr. Neudorf: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I appreciate the minister's answer. Given that opportunity breeds opportunity and given that when tech professionals are looking for work, they want to have options and further given that the world is fighting over tech talent right at this moment, can the minister please share how Alberta is setting itself apart and what we are doing to funnel as much tech talent as possible into our province?

The Speaker: The hon. minister.

Mr. Schweitzer: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for that question. Right now – this is just a good-news story for our province – the unemployment rate in Alberta is 5.9 per cent. We haven't seen that level since before with other Conservative governments. Not once – let me say this; not once – under the failed NDP did they ever get the unemployment rate below 6 per cent. They failed Albertans. They failed to diversify our economy. This government has diversified Alberta's economy, and it's coming roaring back.

2:10 Support for Persons with Disabilities

Ms Renaud: There are alarming problems in disability services for children and adults. Alberta's Ombudsman has said that the AISH appeal processes are unfair and troubling as disabled appellants are not automatically accommodated. Accommodation in an AISH hearing at the very least should include the ability for an appellant to have a qualified advocate assist them during the appeal, but now appeal panel members, known as director's representatives, will be allowed to decide if they consent to the disabled appellant having a representative at the hearing. Why is the minister creating even more barriers for people with disabilities?

The Speaker: The hon. the Minister of Community and Social Services.

Mr. Luan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for the question. Taking care of the most vulnerable Albertans is important for this government. Giving them a fair chance to have a chance to hear about their case, challenging the administration through the appeal panel is important. With COVID online, remote hearings have been introduced in the process, but with COVID ending, we're incorporating the online and in-person processes together. With the

recommendations from the panel the department took the full acceptance of all the recommendations, and we're going to implement that.

Ms Renaud: Given that the Auditor General of Alberta has confirmed what we knew to be true, that the family support for children with disabilities, FSCD, program does not have effective oversight, and given that thanks to the AG report we now see that things like timely assessment, timely agreements have deteriorated under the UCP and given that we know the minister is hiding the wait-list, claiming that eligible families aren't waiting, that they're just in various planning stages, will the minister commit now to transparent reporting on all eligible families who are not yet receiving services, or will he continue to hide information from Albertans?

Mr. Luan: Mr. Speaker, it always surprises me how much the opposition critic doesn't do her homework and throws out all kinds of statements like this. This review covers the first two years that were under the NDP, so the latter part of this review is us. We're cleaning up the mess created by the NDP government. We're on top of that. We know there are some inconsistencies happening there. The department is committed. We're going to uplift the policies, guidelines. We're going to do training. Within 90 days we're going to implement all of those actions.

Ms Renaud: Given that the UCP has made life more difficult for disabled Albertans by cutting AISH and income supports but continue to mislead Albertans by saying that benefits are the highest in Canada, a deliberate untruth, and given that the UCP has slowed processes for disabled children and their families to receive FSCD supports – then they hide the wait-list data – and given that the UCP is in the process of making fair AISH appeal hearings even more difficult for appellants, will the government finally stop insulting and misleading with their spin and listen to disabled Albertans and their families? They need help, not spin.

Mr. Luan: Mr. Speaker, I can never be surprised by how the opposition critic will spin issues like this, confuse Albertans. Here are some facts. The \$1,685 per month AISH benefit today is the highest among provinces in Canada. On top of that, we added \$12 million to the disability budget, \$1.4 billion . . . [interjections]

The Speaker: Order. The minister needs the opportunity to be able to answer, and the Speaker should be able to hear him.

The hon. minister.

Mr. Luan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The current budget for AISH added \$12 million more; \$1.4 billion is the highest in Alberta's history. On top of that, we introduced prenatal benefits, again . . .

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Edmonton–Castle Downs.

Arts and Culture Funding

Ms Goehring: Mr. Speaker, this government continuously claims that they support our arts and culture sector. However, they haven't seen them put their money where their mouth is. The federal government announced that they will provide Alberta \$17.5 million for the major festivals and events support initiative and the tourism relief fund, yet members of our arts and culture industries have had to fight this UCP government for any ounce of support to get out from under the pandemic. Will the minister explain why the federal government had to come save Alberta's festivals and culture events and this government couldn't?

Mr. Orr: Mr. Speaker, that is more fork-tongued doublespeak from the NDP. It never ends. The reality is that the Culture budget this year for the department is up by \$38 million. Only in a deranged mind is an increase of \$38 million a decrease. So they need to start to speak the truth and speak it clearly, because we support the cultural industries. We're the only ones who put in a bill to support them, and we will continue to do so.

The Speaker: Out of an abundance of caution and a hope for no points of order in the remainder of question period, I might remind members to ensure that even in the boisterousness of the last day of session our language needs to be parliamentary, and we ought not be making accusations about other members.

Ms Goehring: Given that the stabilize program this government designed to help festivals and culture events through the pandemic could not be used for any retroactive costs organizations incurred throughout the pandemic and given that we have said many times in this House that the arts and culture industries were one of the hardest hit, being first to close and last to open, and given that retroactive funding is what our festivals, artists, venues, culture events, and tourism sector asked for, will the minister explain why he ignored these sectors and the professionals within them and commit to matching the federal dollars so we can support artists properly and help them grow in Alberta?

Mr. Orr: Oh, Mr. Speaker, the NDP are living in the past. The reality is . . . [interjections] They totally are because the reality is that now if you talk to the arts and culture sector, you talk to the booking agents, you talk to the artists – I talked to a band member this morning; I've talked to various arts groups – they're overwhelmed with bookings. People are filling the venues. The artists have got more bookings than they can handle. We provided \$37 million in stabilize funding, and it's worked. Alberta is back, so are the artists, and they're doing well.

Ms Goehring: Given that the federal government provided Alberta this money to help tourism projects adapt their products and services to create new experiences in hopes of attracting more visitors to the province and given that debt from the pandemic isn't all these organizations have to worry about – they're facing higher utility prices, taxes, and insurance under this government – and given that the tourism association of Alberta said that it could take up to 10 years to rebuild our tourism labour force, meaning we needed to start helping this sector yesterday, will the minister give our arts, culture, and tourism organizations a fighting chance, match the federal investment, and allow these groups to use the funding to climb out of debt from the pandemic?

Mr. Schweitzer: Mr. Speaker, we're working with Travel Alberta by providing them an additional \$63 million to jump-start the tourism industry and get it back to where it was before the pandemic. I find it disingenuous that the NDP failed the film and television industry and have the audacity to come in here and claim that they support the arts and culture community. They failed the film and television industry. This side of the aisle has more than doubled that industry, and they're on their way to becoming a billion-dollar-a-year industry because of the policies of this government.

Emergency Medical Services

Mr. Sigurdson: Back in January this government launched the Alberta Provincial EMS Advisory Committee to produce suggestions that will improve our emergency care system. Since January there

have been countless meetings discussing solutions to improve our air ambulance, rural dispatch, paramedic support, ground ambulance, and workforce planning, but many Albertans are concerned about the current issues that are still affecting EMS response times. To the Minister of Health: based on the current recommendations of the APEAC committee can you advise on any items being implemented to reduce response times?

The Speaker: The hon. the Minister of Health has the call.

Mr. Copping: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the member for that important question. I'd like to thank all members of the advisory committee for their ongoing hard work. The EMS advisory committee has identified 10 points of immediate action that will help address concerns. One initiative involves Strathcona county emergency services launching a pilot project leveraging the flexibility within the county's integrated fire-EMS model. This adds two community response units to provide advanced life-support care within the county. These community response units will be in addition to the four ground transport ambulances currently serving Strathcona county.

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Highwood.

Mr. Sigurdson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the minister for that answer. EMS workers are highly trained personnel who help save lives, but their job is associated with high levels of mental, physical, and emotional stress. These stresses can contribute to high rates of burnout, clinical depression, and physical conditions that hinder the EMS provider's ability to work in the field. One major goal of APEAC is to address these high levels of burnout. To the Minister of Health: can you please inform this House as to what is being done to provide real support to those front-line workers?

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Mr. Copping: Thanks again to the member for the question, Mr. Speaker. Alberta's front-line EMS workers rose to the challenge these past few years, and I want to thank them for their dedication to Albertans. The EMS advisory committee also recommended a pilot project in Spruce Grove, which we are implementing immediately and we announced earlier today. This allows two licensed paramedics to respond as a medical first response and change to an active-duty ambulance and transport a patient to hospital when an AHS resource isn't available. This will reduce pressures on local EMS and improve response times when it's most critical.

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Highwood.

Mr. Sigurdson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the minister for that answer. The current problems that exist are issues that have been building for years, and it is clear that we need our EMS system to provide stronger support to Albertans today and into the future tomorrow, so to the Minister of Health: what system changes in addition are being put in place to ensure greater accountability and transparency to make sure that our system is improving and will continue to improve in the years to come?

Mr. Copping: Thanks again to the member for another great question, Mr. Speaker. Again, stemming from the recommendations from the committee and from AHS, we are piloting a temporary exemption to allow emergency medical responders to staff more ambulances throughout the province. That means that, when necessary, two EMRs can transfer nonemergency patients without needing a paramedic onboard. Additionally, EMRs can now join an

advanced care paramedic to respond to emergency calls. This change puts us in line with other western provinces. I want to thank the member and all the committee members for their continued hard work, and I look forward to receiving their interim reports and their final report so we can continue to improve EMS services for Albertans.

Mr. Dang: Mr. Speaker, remember March 2020? Members of this House across party lines came together to praise health care and essential workers. Soon after the UCP government turned their backs on them and waged a war against Alberta's health care workers, and now as Alberta is recovering from the pandemic, the very same heroes are running on empty. This government's horrendous treatment of health care workers has literally driven them out of this province, so much so that this UCP government is struggling to hire more paramedics, but that's not going to be enough to solve the crisis in the province's emergency response system. Will the Minister of Health stand up today and accept that Alberta's emergency response system is struggling because of the bad decisions made by him and his UCP government?

The Speaker: The hon. the Minister of Health.

Mr. Copping: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As we've spoken in the House before, the health care system is under strain, including our emergency response system. It's not only under strain here in Alberta; it's under strain across the entire country. Not only COVID; we've had issues dealing with care that has been postponed, and we also are dealing with the opioid crisis. We understand there are issues, and we are investing to address those issues. As I just spoke earlier, not only did we put in Budget 2022 \$64 million additionally into emergency responses, but we're actually receiving recommendations from the advisory committee, and we're acting on them.

Mr. Dang: Given that there are currently 20 central Alberta communities with fully or partially closed hospitals, putting more pressure on surrounding communities and urban hospitals, and given that so far the only thing that this UCP government has promised central Albertans is that they will not pull back the extended temporary services until next March, can the minister promise that he will do what is right and necessary and finally offer every paramedic they're hiring permanent, full-time positions with benefits?

Mr. Copping: Mr. Speaker, we are doing what is right, and we're doing what is necessary. We are investing in capacity in our entire health care system; that is, \$600 million this year, \$1.8 billion over the next three years. This is in all aspects of it. We are focusing on EMS, as I indicated, \$64 million. We just announced yesterday an additional 19 units by September for EMS in Calgary and in Edmonton, and that's on top of the units that we've already announced, and we've already staffed in Airdrie and in other smaller communities across the province. I'm looking forward to further recommendations from the advisory committee. We will . . .

The Speaker: The hon. member.

Mr. Dang: Given that people living in these communities can see that it is not working and given that the situation is worsening daily, with more areas without any ambulances able to respond to emergency calls, and given that according to the Health Sciences Association of Alberta the current measures the government is taking so far are inadequate and far too slow, will the minister promise to do at least the bare minimum? Will he provide Albertans

with a clear, transparent, and up-to-date information portal about doctor recruitment and ambulance wait times?

Mr. Copping: Mr. Speaker, we are continuing to invest in our health care system, including emergency medical services. It's not just EMS. EMS is only one part of our system, and if EMS, when they go to the emergency department, can't off-load immediately in the emergency department, then that actually backs up our EMS system. We are addressing this by investing in the entire system. That includes continuing care, an additional \$200 million in Budget 2022 into continuing care to provide more spaces, which will help the flow through in our emergency departments. We are hiring more staff than ever: 800 more staff in emergency departments than four years ago under the previous government. We are investing in capacity in our health care system. We will deliver.

The Speaker: Now it's time for the hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View.

Keystone XL Pipeline Provincial Equity

Ms Ganley: Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. In March of 2020 Albertans woke to the news that the UCP government had bet \$7.5 billion on Trump winning the White House. This gamble came despite ongoing legal and political risk to the Keystone XL project, and ultimately the project was cancelled and the UCP lost \$1.3 billion of Albertans' money. Now we find out the UCP set up numbered companies in Delaware the day before the \$7.5 billion bet was made. Why is the government now in the business of setting up numbered companies in Delaware?

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

Mr. Toews: Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. The KXL project was certainly a project that was worthy of investment given the potential for wealth creation for future generations of Albertans – \$20 billion of wealth creation for future generations of Albertans – and I want to compare it to the crude-by-rail venture that the members opposite implemented when they were in power. They risked \$2.8 billion of Alberta's money, all of it failed, all of it lost, to move potentially a few barrels of oil.

Ms Ganley: Given that the project was cancelled, which means that the government still hasn't approved a single new pipeline despite its promises to do so, and given that the government has now filed a NAFTA challenge over the cancellation of the KXL but the lawsuit is based on the existence of the numbered companies and given that the numbered companies had to catch up on their unpaid taxes before the challenge could even proceed, is the UCP's entire legal strategy based on these numbered shell companies that can't even pay their taxes?

Mr. Toews: Again, Mr. Speaker, with respect to KXL we've been very transparent with Albertans. We were transparent on the risks, on the opportunities. We structured the deal so any losses would be limited, and we were transparent there. But what I want to say, and what I will not apologize for, is a government standing up for the oil and gas industry. We are seeing Trans Mountain go forward. We've seen Enbridge line 3 get completed. We've seen a whole group of optimizations, increased capacity. We're exporting record barrels of oil out of this province.

Ms Ganley: Given that TC Energy actually protected their shareholders in the deal and they have now said that the Keystone

XL won't be revived and given that the Premier continues to talk about trying to revive the Keystone project after losing \$1.3 billion, even saying he would contribute more of Albertans' money to the project, why weren't Alberta taxpayers protected like TC's shareholders in this deal? How much more of Albertans' money is this government going to risk on the project?

The Speaker: The Minister of Finance.

Mr. Toews: Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. We will continue to stand up for energy workers right across this province. The members opposite destroyed KXL. They destroyed Energy East. They destroyed Northern Gateway while they were in office. We're supporting the energy industry. We're exporting record barrels of oil every day, and on top of that we're seeing a more diversified economy. The economy is growing. Oil field workers are going back to work.

Energy Industry Surface Rights Payments Grazing Lease Renewal System

Mr. Long: Mr. Speaker, Alberta's Surface Rights Act allows companies interested in pursuing energy projects to rent land from private landowners to remove minerals, oil, and gas, perform mining or drilling, or construct related facilities. Despite these rental agreements, several of my constituents have informed me that many companies have failed to pay rent on wells and pipelines on their private property. To the Minister of Environment and Parks: who can my constituents contact for support related to unpaid rent by these companies?

Mr. Jason Nixon: Well, Mr. Speaker, it's important that the hon. member's constituents contact the Land and Property Rights Tribunal, who have the power, underneath section 36 of the Surface Rights Act, to compel companies to pay for their obligations when using surface access on his constituents' land. Further to that, they also have the ability to be able to have the government pay to compensate for surface rights disturbances when companies can't, and then the government will take over that debt with those companies. That's the best place for his constituents to go for relief.
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The Speaker: The hon. Member for West Yellowhead.

Mr. Long: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Minister. Given that the landowners have the onus of printing, completing, and submitting recovery of compensation forms to obtain payments for contractual agreements already in place and given that this is only a first step for the Surface Rights Board to provide the operator with a deadline to respond and does not terminate the lease and its associated responsibilities for abandonment and reclamation, to the same minister: how will you ensure this cycle of exploitation and abuse by companies against private citizens does not continue?

Mr. Jason Nixon: Well, Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Energy and the Minister of Municipal Affairs are working with the Alberta Energy Regulator and the Surface Rights Board to make sure they have adequate resources to be able to make sure that landowners can get access to justice and to have a fair process. The Surface Rights Board is there for both companies and for landowners to make sure that rules are followed. One of the greatest challenges that we had when we came into government was that this important board was underfunded. We worked with Treasury Board to get them proper resources. I'm proud to say that double the applications are moving through the surface rights system, and the ministers are

going to continue to make sure that farmers and landowners have access to justice.

The Speaker: The hon. member.

Mr. Long: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you again, Minister. Given that the Surface Rights Act also encompasses grazing lease applications and given that the current application processing time for lease transfers or applications is over two years and given that the onus is on the applicant to keep checking back to see where the application is in its process, once again to the Minister of Environment and Parks: what can be done to reduce these application processing times to allow landowners and lease seekers to maximize the proper use of the land?

Mr. Jason Nixon: Well, Mr. Speaker, the grazing lease renewal system was broken, no doubt about it. It was based entirely on a paper-based system that in some cases was a century old. Over the last couple of years the Alberta Environment and Parks department has been working to digitalize that system. It is now inside a digitalized system while we worked with our friends in red tape. I'm happy to say that, unlike under the NDP, when you were waiting two to six to seven years to get a lease renewed, now you're waiting about 30 days underneath this government.

The Speaker: The hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre is next.

Harcourt House Artist Centre in Edmonton

Mr. Shepherd: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For almost 35 years Harcourt House has been at the heart of Edmonton's visual arts community, providing affordable studio space for hundreds of artists, including Barbara Paterson, whose iconic statues of the Famous Five were created there and now sit on Parliament Hill and Calgary's Olympic Plaza. Their gallery has showcased thousands of Alberta artists. Their programs have provided arts education for thousands more, including Albertans living with disabilities. But two weeks ago the Minister of Infrastructure gave them six months' notice to vacate the building they've called home for over three decades, a move that could effectively end their operations. My question to the minister is simple: why?

Mr. Panda: The member opposite brought the issue up to me previously. Based on that, we actually extended the lease a couple of times. As you know, Mr. Speaker, these publicly owned properties: we had to look at what the best use of those properties is in the interest of Albertans. We haven't made the decision yet, but we're going to make those decisions very soon.

Mr. Shepherd: Mr. Speaker, given that in January of this year the board at Harcourt House requested an extension of their lease and given that in early March officials in the department said that that wouldn't be a problem, that they'd send the paperwork in a few weeks, but that was followed by months of silence before Harcourt received the minister's six-month notice in early May and given that it's a sharp pivot and an impossible timeline, one that will leave 42 artists with no place to work and Harcourt with no place to provide already funded programs, workshops, and exhibitions, to the minister: for the sake of the organization, the artists, all who depend on them, will you meet with them to discuss an extension?

Mr. Panda: Mr. Speaker, the officials in the Ministry of Infrastructure have been in discussion with the renters of the building. We were very co-operative with them, and we extended the lease a

few times. We also offered them alternate offers. We hope they come to the table with a reasonable offer.

Mr. Shepherd: Mr. Speaker, given that forcing Harcourt House to vacate their home of 34 years with six months' notice is effectively a death blow for the organization and the good work they do for the visual arts community and given that with soaring resource revenues we know this government is in a position to realize a multibillion-dollar surplus this year and given that the Minister of Culture recently toured the building, commented that its condition was much better than he had been led to believe, why is the Minister of Infrastructure rushing to sell this property so quickly at such great cost to Edmonton's visual arts community? The building is fine. This government is not short of cash. Why can they not extend this lease?

Mr. Panda: Mr. Speaker, the facts are that its six months' notice is not true. We have been talking to the renters of the building for years. Also, the building has deferred maintenance, so Infrastructure is conscious about the safety of the occupants. Also, if the occupants wanted to buy the thing, they can bring, you know, a reasonable offer so taxpayers' money is protected.

Support for LGBTQ2S-plus Albertans

Member Irwin: The last few months have been incredibly challenging for all Albertans, well, years, in fact. Isolation, loneliness, struggles with mental health: these are just some of the feelings that many of us can relate to. Members of Alberta's 2SLGBTQ-plus community, particularly youth, have found the pandemic especially challenging, but there is hope and there is joy on the horizon. As we near Pride Month, it's a time to celebrate, to come together safely but to also remember that Pride began as a protest. The fight continues until all members of our community are welcomed and loved. Can the UCP tell us how the Premier plans to celebrate Pride Month?

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

Ms Issik: Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm actually looking forward to Pride Month. We're planning to actually put flags up in both Edmonton and Calgary. I'm planning to actually do a number of round-tables and meet with a number of stakeholder groups. I actually plan and hope to go to some fun events, too. I'm really looking forward to Pride Month. I think it's a great time for everybody to really come together and understand our 2SLGBTQIA community, and I'm really happy about it.

Member Irwin: Given that just yesterday the Minister of Education stated that all students will see themselves in curriculum and that this is a minister and government that have shown from the outset that they're okay with a curriculum that marginalizes and omits diverse perspectives rather than uplifts and amplifies them and given that one of the very first acts of this Education minister was to make life harder for queer and trans kids through ramming through Bill 8, or Bill Hate, Minister, can you just explain to the House: how will 2SLGBTQ-plus students see themselves in curriculum? Please be specific.

The Speaker: The hon. the Minister of Education.

Member LaGrange: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are very proud of the fact that our schools are safe and warm and welcoming communities that welcome everyone. They're very inclusive. We did pass the Education Act, which does have comprehensive

LGBTQ2S-plus legislation in it. As well, in our K to 6 curriculum we are teaching our children not to bully, to be inclusive. We also teach them about different family structures in the new curriculum. In fact, there are instances where families look different: sometimes there are two moms, sometimes there are two dads, sometimes there are other family structures. We include everyone because we believe in everyone.

Member Irwin: Given that it's soon to be Pride Month and that while we want to celebrate, there's a lot of work to be done – we know that queer and trans youth face many barriers, including mental health challenges, substance use, suicide as well as an increased risk of homelessness, with as many as 30 per cent of unhoused youth identifying as queer or trans – and given that organizations that support these youth report more challenges than ever when trying to support these young people yet this government refuses to adequately fund this vital grassroots work, will the Minister of Community and Social Services commit in the House today to prioritizing funding for organizations that support unhoused youth?

The Speaker: The hon. the Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions.

Mr. Ellis: Well, thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for the question, because we support many organizations that, of course, help people in the trans community, the LGBT community, and we're proud to support them. We're going to continue to support them. I know I was out there with the minister of social services in the community of Chinatown today, and one of the biggest things, the biggest questions they had to me, the leaders within the community, was: who was their MLA? They didn't know who their MLA was. That, to me, is one of the bigger issues in the community of Edmonton right now. [interjections]

The Speaker: Order. Order. Order. [interjections] The hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo will come to order. [interjections] Order.

The hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod.

2:40

Oil and Gas Export

Mr. Reid: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Oil is in demand and an important resource for our international partners, and Alberta can help that demand. Alberta energy plays a key role in Canada's economy and should be a key resource in exports to other regions, just like the United States. I know that the Minister of Energy and the Premier recently travelled to Washington, DC, to discuss America's need of oil and other critical minerals which Alberta has. To the Minister of Energy: as a result of these discussions with U.S. officials, what progress can we expect to see that will benefit our oil and gas sector?

The Speaker: The hon. the Government House Leader.

Mr. Jason Nixon: Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was very proud to be in Washington recently with the Minister of Energy and the Premier, standing up for our energy resources. Most importantly, what we have learned is that we cannot trust Ottawa, unlike what the NDP has tried to do, which is make a coalition with Justin Trudeau and the federal Liberals in Ottawa. We can't trust Ottawa to defend this province. Instead, we've built our own diplomatic corps in Washington, and we continue to fight for our largest industry and make clear to our largest customer that we are here to

be able to provide the energy needs to the world. Unlike what the NDP have betted on, oil and gas in Alberta is not done.

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

Mr. Reid: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to the minister for his answer. Given that Alberta's oil and gas sector contributes an extensive amount to Canada's 3.7 billion barrels per day of oil exports and given that the overwhelming majority of oil exported comes from Alberta and given that 96 per cent of oil leaving Canada heads to the United States, to the same minister: how important would a North American energy alliance be for North American energy security and the betterment of Alberta's oil industry?

Mr. Jason Nixon: Well, Mr. Speaker, it would be absolutely critical for all of North America. It would make sure that we have energy security on our continent. Both governments, on the Canadian and the American side, would not have to use dictatorship countries to be able to provide our energy needs. This is why the Conservative government in Alberta continues to stand with our oil and gas industry, because we can provide clean, affordable energy to the entire world. Unfortunately, the NDP and the Liberals want to take our birthright and bury it in the ground, but rest assured that they're never going to get on this side of the House. We're going to continue to provide the world . . .

The Speaker: The hon. member.

Mr. Reid: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Given that the relationship between Canada and the United States should be strong when it comes to oil exports and given that Alberta is working hard to drive impact and create positive change such as a sustainable, low-carbon global economy, including getting to net zero by 2050, and given that one of the safest ways to move large amounts of oil safely is through pipelines, can the minister share with this House why projects like Keystone XL should continue to be a topic of conversation between the United States and our Canadian officials?

Mr. Jason Nixon: Well, Mr. Speaker, this is one of the most shocking things about the left when it comes to oil and gas transportation. They continue to block pipelines, which is the safest way to be able to move oil and gas products across the continent and the world, and instead try to force it into trains and other transportation methods which are significantly dangerous for the environment at times. It makes no sense, and it shows yet again that the Liberal-NDP coalition in Ottawa wants to shut down the oil and gas industry and let dictators provide our energy needs inside North America, but we're not going to let that happen. We're going to continue to make sure that we provide energy to the world.

The Speaker: Hon. members, this concludes the time allotted for Oral Question Period.

Statement by the Speaker

Remarks at the End of the Spring Sitting

The Speaker: Prior to calling on the hon. the Government House Leader, I would like to make a brief statement about the legislative session. As of May 24 the session had 35 days. House sittings: there were 68 of them counted separately, morning, afternoon, and evening; approximately 218 hours of sitting. That's the equivalent of watching *Gone with the Wind* 53 times. There were 20 evening sittings although a special thank you goes out to all members on behalf of the Legislative Assembly staff as there was no sitting that

went past midnight, which was the first time since the 28th Legislature, Third Session, 2014 to 2015.

The number of words transcribed was 1,742,987. When you consider that for this session and for the first time in over 20 years we had American sign language interpretation in the Chamber, not only is that a lot of transcribing; that's a lot of fast-moving sign as well.

With the Legislature Building and the galleries being reopened for the Third Session, we welcomed many visitors and guests. Joining us in the Speaker's gallery, there were 21 different groups of visitors, including ambassadors, elected officials, former members, and their families. Compare this to only 14 visitors introduced during the record-long Second Session of the 30th Legislature. We also had the privilege to take the opportunity to introduce 115 different guests throughout our proceedings, as all of you know, some with easier names to pronounce than others.

There have been no fewer than 215 seating plans published since 1906, but this session, for the first time, recognizes the new designation Honorary Member of Executive Council, as established by the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Recognition Act, which appoints members to Queen's Counsel.

Hon. members, on behalf of my office I'd like to say thank you, but more importantly on behalf of all Members of the Legislative

Assembly I'd like to say thank you to the table officers, the pages, *Hansard*, 315, the bills and *Journals* clerk as well as all staff of the Legislative Assembly Office, that go above and beyond during the extra long, difficult days that a legislative session brings.

With all that said, the hon. the Government House Leader.

Mr. Jason Nixon: Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to quickly echo your comments, I believe, on behalf of all 87 members of the Legislature. Through you to the table officers, the pages, the entire team of the Legislative Assembly Office, the Sergeant-at-Arms, security: thank you for all your hard work this session. They got us through another one.

Mr. Speaker, as well, through you to all members of the Chamber – opposition, independent, and government members – thank you for all your hard work this session. I wish you all the very best this summer. Travel safe. I look forward to seeing everybody in the fall.

With that, I am happy, Mr. Speaker, to advise you and the Assembly that pursuant to Government Motion 23 the business for the 2022 spring sitting is now concluded.

[Motion carried; the Assembly adjourned at 2:48 p.m. pursuant to Government Motion 23]

Bill Status Report for the 30th Legislature - 3rd Session (2022)

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

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Bill 1 — Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Recognition Act (\$) (Kenney)

First Reading — 4 (*Feb. 22, 2022 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 94-97 (*Mar. 7, 2022 aft., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 140-44 (*Mar. 10, 2022 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 230-34 (*Mar. 17, 2022 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Mar. 24, 2022 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2022 cQ-0.7]

Bill 2 — Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2022 (\$) (Toews)

First Reading — 110 (*Mar. 8, 2022 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 312-19 (*Mar. 22, 2022 aft.*), 391-95 (*Mar. 23, 2022 eve.*), 484-90 (*Mar. 29, 2022 aft.*), 565-71 (*Mar. 30, 2022 eve.*), 599-604 (*Apr. 19, 2022 morn.*), 661 (*Apr. 19, 2022 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 699-707 (*Apr. 20, 2022 aft., passed*)

Third Reading — 715-24 (*Apr. 20, 2022 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — 767 (*Apr. 21, 2022 aft.*) [Comes into force on various dates; SA 2022 c4]

Bill 3 — Special Days Act (Orr)

First Reading — 124 (*Mar. 9, 2022 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 327 (*Mar. 22, 2022 eve.*), 343-45 (*Mar. 22, 2022 eve.*), 346 (*Mar. 22, 2022 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 375-78 (*Mar. 23, 2022 aft.*), 379 (*Mar. 23, 2022 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 389-91 (*Mar. 23, 2022 eve., passed*)

Royal Assent — (*Mar. 24, 2022 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force March 24, 2022; SA 2022 cS-16.3]

Bill 4 — Municipal Government (Face Mask and Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination Bylaws) Amendment Act, 2022 (McIver)

First Reading — 110 (*Mar. 8, 2022 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 163-77 (*Mar. 14, 2022 aft.*), 360-66 (*Mar. 23, 2022 aft.*), 396 (*Mar. 23, 2022 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 519-23 (*Mar. 29, 2022 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 571-79 (*Mar. 30, 2022 eve., passed on division*)

Royal Assent — 767 (*Apr. 21, 2022 aft.*) [Comes into force April 21, 2022; SA 2022 c5]

Bill 5 — Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2022 (Sawhney)

First Reading — 202 (*Mar. 16, 2022 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 319-26 (*Mar. 22, 2022 aft.*), 469-71 (*Mar. 28, 2022 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 523-24 (*Mar. 29, 2022 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 537-43 (*Mar. 30, 2022 aft., passed*)

Royal Assent — 767 (*Apr. 21, 2022 aft.*) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2022 c6]

Bill 6 — Emblems of Alberta Amendment Act, 2022 (Orr)

First Reading — 228 (*Mar. 17, 2022 aft., passed*)
Second Reading — 502-505 (*Mar. 29, 2022 aft.*), 513-14 (*Mar. 29, 2022 eve., passed*)
Committee of the Whole — 562-65 (*Mar. 30, 2022 eve., passed*)
Third Reading — 594-98 (*Mar. 31, 2022 aft., passed*)
Royal Assent — 767 (*Apr. 21, 2022 aft.*) [Comes into force April 21, 2022; SA 2022 c3]

Bill 7 — Appropriation Act, 2022 (\$) (Toews)

First Reading — 272-73 (*Mar. 21, 2022 eve., passed*)
Second Reading — 310-11 (*Mar. 22, 2022 aft.*), 327-36 (*Mar. 22, 2022 eve.*), 345 (*Mar. 22, 2022 eve., passed on division*)
Committee of the Whole — 366-75 (*Mar. 23, 2022 aft.*), (*Mar. 23, 2022 eve.*), 395 (*Mar. 23, 2022 eve., passed on division*)
Third Reading — 411-14 (*Mar. 24, 2022 aft.*), 419 (*Mar. 24, 2022 aft., passed on division*)
Royal Assent — (*Mar. 24, 2022 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force March 24, 2022; c1]

Bill 8 — Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2022 (\$) (Toews)

First Reading — 297 (*Mar. 21, 2022 eve., passed*)
Second Reading — 311-12 (*Mar. 22, 2022 aft.*), 336-43 (*Mar. 22, 2022 eve.*), 345-46 (*Mar. 22, 2022 eve., passed on division*)
Committee of the Whole — 379-89 (*Mar. 23, 2022 eve.*), 395 (*Mar. 23, 2022 eve., passed on division*)
Third Reading — 414-19 (*Mar. 24, 2022 aft.*), 419 (*Mar. 24, 2022 aft., passed on division*)
Royal Assent — (*Mar. 24, 2022 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force March 24, 2022; c2]

Bill 9 — Public's Right to Know Act (Shandro)

First Reading — 309 (*Mar. 22, 2022 aft., passed*)
Second Reading — 447-54 (*Mar. 28, 2022 aft.*), 455-63 (*Mar. 28, 2022 eve.*), 643-51 (*Apr. 19, 2022 eve., passed*)
Committee of the Whole — 707-13 (*Apr. 20, 2022 aft., passed*)
Third Reading — 745-49 (*Apr. 21, 2022 morn., passed*)
Royal Assent — 767 (*Apr. 21, 2022 aft.*) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2022 cP-47]

Bill 10 — Health Professions (Protecting Women and Girls) Amendment Act, 2022 (Aheer)

First Reading — 408 (*Mar. 24, 2022 aft., passed*)
Second Reading — 463-69 (*Mar. 28, 2022 eve.*), 543-50 (*Mar. 30, 2022 aft.*), 604-10 (*Apr. 19, 2022 morn.*), 661 (*Apr. 19, 2022 eve., passed*)
Committee of the Whole — 1501-1504 (*May 25, 2022 eve., passed*)
Third Reading — 1507-11 (*May 26, 2022 morn., passed*)

Bill 11 — Continuing Care Act (Copping)

First Reading — 432 (*Mar. 28, 2022 aft., passed*)
Second Reading — 550-56 (*Mar. 30, 2022 aft.*), 634-42 (*Apr. 19, 2022 aft.*), 663-72 (*Apr. 20, 2022 morn.*), 865-71 (*Apr. 26, 2022 aft.*), 873-79 (*Apr. 26, 2022 eve.*), 891-97 (*Apr. 27, 2022 morn.*), 936-42 (*Apr. 27, 2022 aft.*), 1027-34 (*May 2, 2022 eve.*), 1074-82 (*May 3, 2022 aft.*), 1140-43 (*May 4, 2022 aft.*), 1300-01 (*May 10, 2022 eve., passed on division*)
Committee of the Whole — 1438-45 (*May 24, 2022 aft.*), 1447-55 (*May 24, 2022 eve., passed*)
Third Reading — 1461-69 (*May 25, 2022 morn., passed*)

Bill 12 — Trustee Act (Shandro)

First Reading — 483 (*Mar. 29, 2022 aft., passed*)
Second Reading — 651-61 (*Apr. 19, 2022 eve.*), 749-54 (*Apr. 21, 2022 morn., passed*)
Committee of the Whole — 858-65 (*Apr. 26, 2022 aft., passed*)
Third Reading — 903-09 (*Apr. 27, 2022 morn.*), 988-90 (*Apr. 28, 2022 aft., passed*)
Royal Assent — (*Apr. 29, 2022 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2022 cT-8.1]

Bill 13 — Financial Innovation Act (Toews)

First Reading — 535 (*Mar. 30, 2022 aft., passed*)
Second Reading — 624-33 (*Apr. 19, 2022 aft.*), 724-27 (*Apr. 20, 2022 eve.*), 807 (*Apr. 25, 2022 eve.*), 850-58 (*Apr. 26, 2022 aft., passed*)
Committee of the Whole — 925-36 (*Apr. 27, 2022 aft., passed*)
Third Reading — 943-48 (*Apr. 27, 2022 eve., passed*)
Royal Assent — (*Apr. 29, 2022 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force on proclamation; SA 2022 cF-13.2]

Bill 14* — Provincial Court (Sexual Assault Awareness Training) Amendment Act, 2022 (Issik)

First Reading — 535-36 (*Mar. 30, 2022 aft., passed*)
Second Reading — 672-81 (*Apr. 20, 2022 morn.*), 727-33 (*Apr. 20, 2022 eve., passed*)
Committee of the Whole — 1159-66 (*May 4, 2022 eve., passed with amendments*)
Third Reading — 1167-72 (*May 5, 2022 Morn., passed*)

Bill 15* — Education (Reforming Teacher Profession Discipline) Amendment Act, 2022 (LaGrange)

First Reading — 592 (*Mar. 31, 2022 aft., passed*)
Second Reading — 767-76 (*Apr. 21, 2022 aft.*), 825-32 (*Apr. 26, 2022 morn.*), 884-89 (*Apr. 26, 2022 eve.*), 923-25 (*Apr. 27, 2022 aft., passed*)
Committee of the Whole — 1065-67 (*May 3, 2022 aft.*), 1090-95 (*May 3, 2022 eve., passed with amendments*)
Third Reading — 1125-28 (*May 4, 2022 aft., passed*)

Bill 16 — Insurance Amendment Act, 2022 (Toews)

First Reading — 622 (*Apr. 19, 2022 aft., passed*)
Second Reading — 807-808 (*Apr. 25, 2022 eve.*), 832-37 (*Apr. 26, 2022 morn.*), 879-84 (*Apr. 26, 2022 eve.*), 897-903 (*Apr. 27, 2022 morn.*), 1034-37 (*May 2, 2022 eve., passed*)
Committee of the Whole — 1067-74 (*May 3, 2022 aft., passed*)
Third Reading — 1196-99 (*May 5, 2022 aft., passed*)

Bill 17* — Labour Statutes Amendment Act, 2022 (Madu)

First Reading — 766 (*Apr. 21, 2022 aft., passed*)
Second Reading — 968-75 (*Apr. 28, 2022 morn.*), 1128-40 (*May 4, 2022 aft., passed*)
Committee of the Whole — 1271-83 (*May 10, 2022 aft.*), 1334-51 (*May 11, 2022 aft., passed with amendments*)
Third Reading — 1427-38 (*May 24, 2022 aft., passed on division*)

Bill 18 — Utility Commodity Rebate Act (Nally)

First Reading — 693-94 (*Apr. 20, 2022 aft., passed*)
Second Reading — 735-45 (*Apr. 21, 2022 morn.*), 807 (*Apr. 25, 2022 eve., passed on division*)
Committee of the Whole — 808-22 (*Apr. 25, 2022 eve., passed*)
Third Reading — 822-23 (*Apr. 25, 2022 eve., passed*)
Royal Assent — (*Apr. 29, 2022 outside of House sitting*) [Comes into force April 29, 2022; SA 2022 cU-3.5]

Bill 19 — Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2022 (Glubish)

First Reading — 766 (*Apr. 21, 2022 aft., passed*)
Second Reading — 948-58 (*Apr. 27, 2022 eve.*), 959-68 (*Apr. 28, 2022 morn.*), 1021-27 (*May 2, 2022 eve.*), 1083-87 (*May 3, 2022 eve.*), 1180-83 (*May 5, 2022 morn.*), 1233-38 (*May 9, 2022 eve.*), 1456-59 (*May 24, 2022 eve., adjourned*)

Bill 20 — Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2022 (Shandro)

First Reading — 766 (*Apr. 21, 2022 aft., passed*)
Second Reading — 1087-90 (*May 3, 2022 eve.*), 1097-1105 (*May 4, 2022 morn.*), 1289-94 (*May 10, 2022 eve., passed*)
Committee of the Whole — 1305-16 (*May 11, 2022 morn., passed*)
Third Reading — 1365-68 (*May 11, 2022 eve.*), 1371-80 (*May 12, 2022 morn., passed*)

Bill 21 — Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2022 (Fir)

First Reading — 788 (*Apr. 25, 2022 aft., passed*)
Second Reading — 1045-52 (*May 3, 2022 morn.*), 1152-58 (*May 4, 2022 eve.*), 1176-80 (*May 5, 2022 morn.*), 1238-44 (*May 9, 2022 eve.*), 1294-1300 (*May 10, 2022 eve.*), 1353-62 (*May 11, 2022 eve., passed*)
Committee of the Whole — 1403-13 (*May 24, 2022 morn., passed*)
Third Reading — 1487-99 (*May 25, 2022 aft., passed*)

Bill 22 — Electricity Statutes (Modernizing Alberta's Electricity Grid) Amendment Act, 2022 (Nally)

First Reading — 922 (*Apr. 27, 2022 aft., passed*)
Second Reading — 1039-45 (*May 3, 2022 morn.*), 1105-14 (*May 4, 2022 morn.*), 1145-52 (*May 4, 2022 eve.*), 1172-76 (*May 5, 2022 morn., passed*)
Committee of the Whole — 1251-56 (*May 10, 2022 morn.*), 1283-88 (*May 10, 2022 aft.*), 1301-03 (*May 10, 2022 eve., passed*)
Third Reading — 1362-65 (*May 11, 2022 eve.*), 1380-88 (*May 12, 2022 Morn., passed*)

Bill 23 — Professional Governance Act (Madu)

First Reading — 1002 (*May 2, 2022 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1245-50 (*May 10, 2022 Morn.*), 1316-22 (*May 11, 2022 morn.*), (*May 11, 2022 eve., passed*)

Bill 24 — Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2022 (Nixon, JJ)

First Reading — 1426 (*May 24, 2022 aft., passed*)

Second Reading — 1501 (*May 25, 2022 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1504 (*May 25, 2022 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 1511-12 (*May 26, 2022 morn., passed*)

Bill 201 — Eastern Slopes Protection Act (Notley)

First Reading — 156 (*Mar. 14, 2022 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*), 432 (*Mar. 28, 2022 aft., committee recommendation that Bill not proceed reported to Assembly*), 789-95 (*Apr. 25, 2022 aft., debate on concurrence motion; not proceeded with*)

Bill 202 — Public Health (Transparency and Accountability) Amendment Act, 2022 (Loewen)

First Reading — 110 (*Mar. 8, 2022 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*), 309 (*Mar. 22, 2022 aft., committee recommendation that Bill proceed reported to Assembly*), 433-40 (*Mar. 28, 2022 aft., debate on concurrence motion; proceeded with*)

Second Reading — 1211-13 (*May 9, 2022 aft., adjourned*)

Bill 203 — Technology Innovation and Alberta Venture Fund Act (Bilous)

First Reading — 228 (*Mar. 17, 2022 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*), 693 (*Apr. 20, 2022 aft., committee recommendation that Bill not proceed reported to Assembly*), 796-801 (*Apr. 25, 2022 aft., debate on concurrence motion; not proceeded with*)

Bill 204 — Anti-Racism Act (Shepherd)

First Reading — 408 (*Mar. 24, 2022 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*), 788 (*Apr. 25, 2022 aft., committee recommendation that Bill not proceed reported to Assembly*), 1002-1008 (*May 2, 2022 aft., debate on concurrence motion; not proceeded with on division*)

Bill 205* — Human Tissue and Organ Donation (Mandatory Referral) Amendment Act, 2022 (Sigurdson, RJ)

First Reading — 592 (*Mar. 31, 2022 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*), 922 (*Apr. 27, 2022 aft., committee recommendation that Bill proceed reported to Assembly*), 1008-14 (*May 2, 2022 aft., debate on concurrence motion; proceeded with on division*)

Second Reading — 1213-27 (*May 9, 2022 aft., passed on division*)

Committee of the Whole — 1470-71 (*May 25, 2022 morn., passed with amendments*)

Third Reading — 1471-73 (*May 25, 2022 morn., passed*)

Bill 206 — Prohibiting Ownership of Agricultural Lands (Pension Plans and Trust Corporations) Act (van Dijken)

First Reading — 988 (*Apr. 28, 2022 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*)

Bill 207 — Traffic Safety (Tow Truck Warning Lamps) Amendment Act, 2022 (Rutherford)

First Reading — 988 (*Apr. 28, 2022 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*), 1400 (*May 12, 2022 aft., committee recommendation that Bill proceed reported to Assembly*)

Bill 208 — Post-Secondary Funding Assessment Act (Eggen)

First Reading — 1486 (*May 25, 2022 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*)

Bill Pr1 — Calgary Young Men's Christian Association Amendment Act, 2022 (Jones)

First Reading — 309 (*Mar. 22, 2022 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*), 1001 (*May 2, 2022 aft., reported to Assembly; proceeded with*)

Second Reading — 1371 (*May 12, 2022 morn., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1455-56 (*May 24, 2022 eve., passed*)

Third Reading — 1459 (*May 24, 2022 eve., passed*)

Bill Pr2* — Calgary Heritage Authority Amendment Act, 2022 (Nixon, JP)

First Reading — 309 (*Mar. 22, 2022 aft., passed; referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills*), 1001 (*May 2, 2022 aft., reported to Assembly; proceeded with with amendments*)

Second Reading — 1368-69 (*May 11, 2022 eve., passed*)

Committee of the Whole — 1504-1505 (*May 25, 2022 eve., passed with amendments*)

Third Reading — 1505 (*May 25, 2022 eve., passed*)

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