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Tuesday, February 25, 2020

This being the first Day of the Second Session of the Thirtieth Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, for the despatch of business pursuant to a Proclamation of Her Honour the Honourable Lois Mitchell, CM, AOE, LLD, Lieutenant Governor, dated the 12th day of February in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty;

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly read the Proclamation as follows:

[GREAT SEAL]
CANADA
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

LOIS MITCHELL, Lieutenant Governor.

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom, Canada, and Her Other Realms and Territories, QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

PROCLAMATION

TO OUR FAITHFUL, the MEMBERS elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta and to each and every one of you

GREETING

WHEREAS it is Our will and pleasure by and with the advice and consent of Our Executive Council of Our Province of Alberta to prorogue the First Session of the Thirtieth Legislature of Alberta:

Frank Bosscha, Deputy Attorney General

WE DO hereby prorogue, effective February 24, 2020, the said Legislature; and

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient for certain causes and considerations to convene the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta for the Second Session of the Thirtieth Legislature, WE DO WILL that you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, on Tuesday, the 25th day of February, 2020, at the hour of THREE o'clock in the afternoon, at Our City of Edmonton, personally be and appear, for the despatch of business, to treat, act, do and conclude upon those things which, in the Legislature of Our Province of Alberta, by the Common Council of Our said Province, may, by the favour of God, be ordained.

HEREIN FAIL NOT

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of Alberta to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS: THE HONOURABLE LOIS MITCHELL, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of Alberta, this 12th day of February in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty and in the Sixty-ninth Year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

DOUG SCHWEITZER, Provincial Secretary.

The Speaker entered the Assembly and took the Chair. After delivering the opening day prayer, he invited Cara McLeod, accompanied by the Royal Canadian Artillery Band, to lead the Members of the Assembly and guests in singing Canada's National Anthem.

Speech From the Throne

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members of the Legislative Assembly, fellow Albertans:

I speak to you as Alberta's vice-regal representative of Our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth II. It is my duty to open the Second Session of the 30th Legislature with the legislative program of Her Majesty's Government.

I begin by acknowledging someone here today whose ancestry vividly illustrates the origins of our province and our people. In the late 1700s a young Englishman named James Curtis Bird arrived in Rupert's Land as an employee of the Hudson's Bay Company. He rose to become chief factor of Edmonton House and located the post on the North Saskatchewan River Valley flats, not far from where we are gathered today. The settlement that grew up around it is now a metropolis of 1.3 million, this great capital city.

James Bird married a Cree woman named Mary Oo-Menahomisk. Their children included James, a trader, interpreter, and frontiersman, who lived among the Blackfoot in southern Alberta and married a Peigan woman named Sarah Bull's Heart. His brother William married a Metis woman named Venus Hay, a union that produced 12 children, including William Jr., who farmed on the river flats just east of here and in the 1870s built a mill, after which the city's beautiful Mill Creek Ravine park is named.

Many thousands of Albertans can trace their ancestry to these Cree-Blackfoot-Anglo origins, including our special guest today, Roy Bird from Sherwood Park. Roy is the proud great-great-grandson of James Curtis and Mary and is president of the Northern Alberta Pioneers and Descendants Association. Thank you, Roy, for sharing your story that says so much about who we are and where we came from.

Stories like these from Alberta's rich history remind us how far we have come together, of the great things we have achieved, and of the potential stretching out before us: a river of infinite possibilities as broad and deep as the mighty North Saskatchewan, that nurtured Indigenous communities here for millennia.

In our 116th year as a province Alberta faces some of the biggest challenges we have ever met, but our history proves that Albertans are tough, resilient people. Together we will overcome these challenges. Together we will grow and prosper. Doing so will require that my Government take strong measures to renew our economy, bring order to our finances, and secure a fair deal for Alberta.

Getting Alberta back to work is my Government's central priority. My Government will introduce a comprehensive, long-term blueprint for jobs. It will focus on restoring investor confidence by making Alberta the freest, fastest-moving, and lowest-taxed province. With the job creation tax cut, we already have the lowest tax rate on job creators in Canada and are on track to achieve one of the lowest rates on the continent. This, plus cutting unnecessary red tape by at least one third, is restoring our competitive edge to make Alberta a magnet for investment and job creation.

My Government will introduce several Bills making it easier, faster, and less expensive for businesses, community groups, and governments to deliver services and create jobs.

My Government will also continue implementing its skills-for-jobs agenda to prepare Albertans for fulfilling future careers. We need more young people to recognize that there is a parity of esteem between experiential and academic learning and between trades and professions, young people like Cecile Bukmeier, who is with us today.

A strong-willed, independent-minded Albertan, Cecile rejected outdated advice and chose trades training after high school. She is now a successful autobody tradesperson, an instructor at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, the Skills Canada 2015 alumni of the year, and a medallist for Canada at the WorldSkills Competition. Thank you, Cecile, for inspiring a new generation to pursue excellence through the trades.

As part of the blueprint for jobs my Government will unveil the 2020 capital plan, committing \$6.4 billion to strengthen our infrastructure while creating jobs.

My Government will continue to advance the diversification of our economy, catalyzing job creation and growth in energy, agriculture, forestry, advanced technology – including artificial intelligence and medical technology – aviation and aerospace, finance and fintech, tourism, and other industries. Key to our success in all of these areas will be the social and economic mobility of our people. Through initiatives like the Indigenous Opportunities Corporation, my Government will partner with Indigenous communities to create unprecedented opportunities for investment, jobs, and prosperity.

Opportunities for newcomers will be increased by providing faster credential recognition through the Fairness for Newcomers Action Plan and by introducing the new Alberta Advantage Immigration Program, that will attract entrepreneurs to start new businesses and invest here.

Restoring investor confidence in Alberta's economy is essential. That is why my Government will establish a new investment promotion agency with funds set aside in the 2019 budget to expand Alberta's profile in key capital markets around the world.

My Government will also continue leading Canada in breaking down costly trade barriers. This includes efforts to bring more provinces into the New West Partnership Trade Agreement and leading by example on labour mobility by unilaterally recognizing other provinces' professional and trade qualifications, wherever feasible.

Alberta is now producing and shipping more energy products than at any point in our history. However, significantly expanding our access to established and new markets remains critical to our economic future, in part to reduce oil price differentials that diminish the great value of our natural resources. That is why my Government will do everything within its power to ensure the completion of the Trans Mountain expansion and Keystone XL pipelines while supporting and pursuing other projects to ship Alberta energy to the world. Growing efforts to landlock and phase out Alberta energy production will not succeed. My Government recognizes that the global energy supply is moving towards lower-emitting sources, but that includes the oil and gas we will produce here in Alberta for decades to come.

We will not surrender global energy markets to dictatorships that spread conflict and extremism around the world. The Government of Alberta is prepared to do whatever it takes to develop our resources responsibly and get them to global markets to compete with and displace energy from some of the world's worst regimes. In part that means working with industry to continue reducing the environmental impact of our energy. The Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction program will continue to invest in technology that makes Alberta the global leader in environmentally responsible nonrenewable resource extraction. Alberta will continue working with the Government of Canada to obtain an equivalency agreement on new methane regulations that further reduce emissions while minimizing the cost for industry. Through these and other policies we will support the growing efforts of major Alberta energy producers to achieve the goal of net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

But that is not all. When regulatory uncertainty, hostility by the federal government, or pressure from special interest groups inhibits investment in Alberta resource development, my Government will act. Like the Government of the late Premier Lougheed, Alberta is prepared to invest directly and support companies and Indigenous groups, when necessary, to ensure the future of responsible resource development.

Through these and other efforts to stimulate jobs and growth, my Government will do everything it can to reduce unacceptably high levels of unemployment and get people back to work.

My Government's second key priority for the new session is getting our fiscal house in order and ensuring that Albertans get full value for their tax dollars. We are wasting two billion tax dollars this year on interest payments to bankers and bondholders, money that could be left in the hands of taxpayers or spent on health care and education. Without action we will end up wasting billions more on debt interest payments, which means billions less on public services.

As the MacKinnon panel confirmed, Alberta spends far more per person than other big provinces, but we often get poorer outcomes for that spending, from life expectancy and surgical wait times to high school completion and university enrolment. We cannot continue to spend more for less while going deeper into debt.

My Government will work with the public service to contain costs and protect front-line services by carefully reducing overall spending by less than 3 per cent. This excludes the budgets for health care, education, community and social services, and children's services, where budgets are being maintained at or increased to record high levels.

Preserving a high-quality public healthcare system is essential. My Government will move forward with implementation of its surgical wait times initiative and other reforms that put patients, not politics, at the centre of medicare. In doing so, Alberta will be informed by universal, publicly funded healthcare systems in Canada and Europe, with the goals of increasing patient choice, reducing wait times, and improving health outcomes. Albertans will never have to pay out of pocket for medically necessary care.

Our overarching goal is to make life better for Albertans. That is why my Government will implement a renewed mental health and addictions strategy, backed by an additional \$140 million in support. Far too many Albertans have become trapped by addiction in recent years. Every one of them needs love and compassion. They also need access to treatment and recovery services, which is why the Government is funding the creation of at least 4,000 additional treatment spaces.

With us today is a man whose life story embodies these truths. Calgarian Samuel Stordy succumbed to opioid addiction as a teenager and overdosed many times. He did not get his life back until he undertook treatment and started down the path to recovery. Samuel now works as a youth addiction counsellor. He is living proof that treatment works and recovery is possible. Congratulations, Samuel. Thank you for being an inspiration.

My Government will introduce legislation to protect the vulnerable by enhancing public safety. This includes an act to protect survivors of human trafficking, part of our action plan to fight human trafficking and combat the scourge of this modern form of slavery.

My Government will amend the Vital Statistics Act to prevent convicted sexual offenders from covering their tracks by legally changing their names.

My Government will table Bills to toughen sanctions against impaired driving and to protect minors from risks associated with vaping.

Amendments will be proposed to the Victims of Crime Act to strengthen financial benefits for victims.

At the heart of the Alberta advantage is our strong, pluralistic public education system. That is why my Government will introduce a choice in education act, to reaffirm that parents have primary responsibility for their children's education. This law will be the first in Canada to incorporate the language of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, stating that "parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children."

My Government will also implement recommendations of the curriculum review committee, including its call for a refocus on teaching core competencies, depoliticizing the curriculum, and standardized testing.

To further make life better for Albertans, my Government will undertake significant reforms to strengthen democracy in Alberta, including the tabling of a citizen initiative act that will allow Albertans to put important issues to a referendum; a recall act, allowing constituents to remove their MLAs, municipal councillors, mayors, and school board trustees from office between elections; Bills to enact fixed dates for provincial elections and provincial budgets; statutory provisions to get big money out of Alberta politics by introducing donor contribution limits to so-called political action committees while prohibiting party-affiliated groups from circumventing donation limits; amendments banning foreign money from Alberta politics by making it illegal for foreign entities to contribute to third-party advertisers; and amendments to the Alberta Taxpayer Protection Act requiring a referendum before a consumer carbon tax can be imposed.

Finally, my Government will do everything within its power to stand up for our province and get a fair deal for Alberta. Thank you to the members of the Fair Deal Panel and the tens of thousands of Albertans who attended their town halls or contributed to their deliberations. Sadly, the panel's work was made more difficult by the sudden passing of one of its members, Jason Goodstriker.

Chief Goodstriker was a proud leader of the Blackfoot people, an Alberta patriot who dedicated himself to the preservation of Indigenous culture and to helping First Nations become partners in prosperity through resource development, but most importantly, he was a loving father, and a husband to Tiffany, who is with us today. Thank you, Tiffany, for sharing your husband with Alberta.

My Government will table legislation to advance our province's objectives for a fair deal within the Canadian federation. This will include an act to protect critical infrastructure, to address the illegal blockades we have seen across Canada, to increase the penalties for blocking roads, railways, and other infrastructure, and to clarify that in Alberta police do not have to wait for a warrant to act in the face of illegal activity and uphold the rule of law; amendments to the Constitutional Referendum Act to clarify the referendum process and allow for the holding of referendums not related to constitutional issues; amendments to the Alberta Senate Election Act to update the election rules for the next Senate election in conjunction with the municipal elections in the fall of 2021; and legislation to replace the federal

parole board with a provincial parole board in charge of parole eligibility and terms for provincial prisoners.

Following the report of the Fair Deal Panel other Bills may be tabled to give effect to its recommendations.

This summarizes my Government's legislative program for the Second Session of the 30th Legislature. It is an ambitious, practical program that will stimulate investment, job creation, and growth and get Alberta back to work. It will achieve fiscal responsibility, strengthen our democracy, and protect the vulnerable, and it will arm Alberta with more of the tools our province needs to stand up for our right to a fair deal within the Canadian federation.

Members of the Legislative Assembly, thank you for all your efforts on behalf of your constituents. I invite you to exercise your utmost wisdom as you chart the future course of our beloved province, and may the blessings of Almighty God rest upon your counsels as you work to keep Alberta strong and free.

Tabling Documents

The Speaker informed the Assembly he had obtained a copy of the Speech of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, which was laid on the Table.

Sessional Paper 1/2020

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Ordered that Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, have leave to introduce a Bill entitled "Critical Infrastructure Defence Act". Hon. Mr. Kenney accordingly presented the Bill and the same was received and read a First time.

Government Motions

1. Moved by Hon. Mr. Kenney:

Be it resolved that the Speech of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor to this Assembly be taken into consideration Wednesday, February 26, 2020.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Intersessional Deposits

Pursuant to Standing Order 38.1(3), the following documents were deposited with the Clerk of the Assembly and are deemed to have been laid before the Assembly:

Mr. Ellis, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s20(2):

Report of the Auditor General dated December 2019, entitled "Alberta Advanced Education, Report on Post-secondary Institutions, 2019", deposited on December 19, 2019

Sessional Paper 554/2019

Hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Labour and Immigration, pursuant to the Chartered Professional Accountants Act, cC-10.2, s28(2):

Chartered Professional Accountants Alberta Annual Report 2018/19, deposited on December 19, 2019

Sessional Paper 555/2019

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks, pursuant to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, cE-12, s34(2):

Environmental Protection and Security Fund Annual Report, April 1, 2018, to March 31, 2019, deposited on January 15, 2020

Sessional Paper 556/2019-20

Hon. Mr. Nicolaides, Minister of Advanced Education, pursuant to the Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act, cA-42, s6(2):

Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board Annual Report 2018-2019, deposited on January 24, 2020

Sessional Paper 557/2019-20

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s39(3):

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 01/20, Regulations Exemption and Variance Amendment Order (No. 2), deposited on January 24, 2020

Sessional Paper 558/2019-20

Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Paramedics 2019 Annual Report, deposited on February 4, 2020

Sessional Paper 559/2019-20

Hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Labour and Immigration, pursuant to the Veterinary Profession Act, cV-2, s6.1(2):

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association 2018 Annual Report, deposited on February 7, 2020

Sessional Paper 560/2019-20

Hon. Mr. Glubish, Minister of Service Alberta, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-25, s86:

Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Annual Report 2016-2017, deposited on February 13, 2020

Sessional Paper 561/2019-20

Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Annual Report 2017-2018, deposited on February 13, 2020

Sessional Paper 562/2019-20

Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Annual Report 2018-2019, deposited on February 13, 2020

Sessional Paper 563/2019-20

Mr. Ellis, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Child and Youth Advocate Act, cC-11.5, s21(4):

Standing Committee on Legislative Offices Report on the Review of the Office of the Child and Youth Advocate 2018-2019 Annual Report, February 2020, deposited on February 14, 2020

Sessional Paper 564/2019-20

Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health:

Pursuant to the Mental Health Act, cM-13, s47(2), Mental Health Patient Advocate 2018/19 Annual Report, deposited on February 14, 2020

Sessional Paper 565/2019-20

Pursuant to the Alberta Health Act, cA-19.5, s6(2), Alberta Health Advocate 2018/19 Annual Report, deposited on February 14, 2020

Sessional Paper 566/2019-20

Hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Labour and Immigration, pursuant to the Land Surveyors Act, cL-3, s9(4):

Alberta Land Surveyors' Association Report of Proceedings of the One Hundred and Tenth Annual General Meeting, deposited on February 19, 2020

Sessional Paper 567/2019-20

Mr. Ellis, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s20(2):

Report of the Auditor General dated February 2020, entitled "Alberta Education, Processes to Manage the Student Class Size Initiative Followup", deposited on February 21, 2020

Sessional Paper 568/2019-20

Report of the Auditor General dated February 2020, entitled "Alberta Health Services, Wave One Implementation of Connect Care Clinical Information System", deposited on February 21, 2020

Sessional Paper 569/2019-20

Report of the Auditor General dated February 2020, entitled "Alberta Infrastructure, Fort McMurray Residential Facility-Based Care Centre (Willow Square) Project Management", deposited on February 21, 2020

Sessional Paper 570/2019-20

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:41 p.m. until Wednesday, February 26, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

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

Government Motions

2. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly resolve into Committee of the Whole, when called, to consider certain Bills on the Order Paper.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

3. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly resolve into Committee of Supply, when called, to consider supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

5. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the membership of the following committees of the Assembly be replaced as follows:

Standing Committee on Legislative Offices (11 Members)

Schow (Chair)	Nixon (Calgary-Klein)	Sweet
Sigurdson (Deputy Chair) (Highwood)	Rutherford	van Dijken
Gray	Schmidt	Walker
Lovely	Shepherd	

Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing (15 Members)

Smith (Chair)	Ganley	Neudorf
Schow (Deputy Chair)	Issik	Rehn
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Reid
Carson	Lovely	Renaud
Deol	Loyola	Turton

Standing Committee on Public Accounts (15 Members)

Phillips (Chair)	Hoffman	Stephan
Gotfried (Deputy Chair)	Reid	Toor
Barnes	Renaud	Vacant
Dach	Rosin	Vacant
Guthrie	Rowswell	Vacant

Special Standing Committee on Members' Services (11 Members)

Cooper (Chair)	Ganley	Neudorf
Ellis (Deputy Chair)	Goehring	Walker
Dang	Goodridge	Williams

Deol Long

Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future (15 Members)

$Neudorf \ ({\tt Chair})$	Bilous	Stephan
Goehring (Deputy Chair)	Dach	Toor
Allard	Dang	Vacant
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Horner	Vacant
Barnes	Reid	Vacant

Standing Committee on Families and Communities (15 Members)

Goodridge (Chair)	Glasgo	Rutherford
Sigurdson (Deputy Chair)	Guthrie	Yao

Sigurdson (Deputy Chair) (Edmonton-Riverview)

Neudorf Vacant Amery Vacant Carson Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Ganley Pancholi Vacant

Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship (15 Members)

Hanson (Chair)	Loyola	Smith
Ceci (Deputy Chair)	Rehn	Yaseen
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Rosin	Vacant
Feehan	Sabir	Vacant
Getson	Singh	Vacant

A debate followed.

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, moved that the motion be amended as follows:

- (a) under the heading "Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing" by striking out "Neudorf" and substituting "Yao",
- (b) under the heading "Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future" by striking out "Dach" and substituting "Irwin", and
- (c) under the heading "Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship"
 - (i) by striking out "Loyola" and substituting "Dach", and
 - (ii) by striking out "Armstrong-Homeniuk" and substituting "Loewen".

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

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

- **6.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:
 - A. Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta effective December 2, 2019, be amended in the following Standing Orders by striking out "15 Members" and substituting "12 Members":

Standing Order 52(1)(b);

Standing Order 52.01(1).

B. And be it further resolved that the amendments in this motion shall come into force on passage.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Moved by Mr. Neudorf and seconded by Ms Goodridge:

That an humble address be presented to Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To Her Honour the Honourable Lois Mitchell, CM, AOE, LLD, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 1 Critical Infrastructure Defence Act — Ms Glasgo on behalf of Hon. Mr. Kenney

A debate followed.

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

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2), Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no morning sitting on Thursday, February 27, 2020.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:59 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mrs. Aheer, Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women, made a statement regarding the Canadians, including several Albertans, who lost their lives in the Ukraine International Airlines flight PS752 crash.

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Toor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding comments made by Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement regarding Pink Shirt Day and mental health services for Alberta's post-secondary students.

Mrs. Allard, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement regarding Pink Shirt Day.

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement regarding Albertans who have been affected by addiction.

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding opposition to the fossil fuel industry.

Mr. Feehan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding Ash Wednesday, Lent, and the life and legacy of Joan Carr.

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding economic diversification.

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the cancelled Teck Frontier oil sands project.

Mr. Reid, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the King Edward Hotel in Pincher Creek.

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

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Schow, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, presented the following reports:

Standing Committee on Legislative Offices Report on the Reappointment of the Child and Youth Advocate, February 2020

Sessional Paper 2/2020

Standing Committee on Legislative Offices Report on the Reappointment of the Chief Electoral Officer, February 2020

Sessional Paper 3/2020

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from residents of Alberta urging the Government to introduce legislation to repeal the changes included in the Reform of Agencies, Boards and Commissions and Government Enterprises Act, 2019, related to the Joint Governance of Public Sector Pension Plans Act.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 2 Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Hunter
- Bill 3 Mobile Home Sites Tenancies Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Glubish

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader:

2020-21 Main Estimates Schedule, Second Session, 30th Legislature Sessional Paper 4/2020

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

School division budget documents, relating to comments made by Ms Hoffman during Oral Question Period on February 26, 2020

Sessional Paper 5/2020

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

Letter dated November 27, 2019, from Kaylyn Juchli of Edmonton to Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing concern regarding the de-indexing of AISH payments

Sessional Paper 6/2020

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West:

4 recent pieces of correspondence to Members of the Legislative Assembly regarding funding for childcare centres

Sessional Paper 7/2020

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Letter, undated, from Don Lindsay, President and Chief Executive Officer, Teck Resources Limited, to Hon. Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada, regarding Teck Resources Limited's decision to withdraw its regulatory application for the Frontier oil sands project

Sessional Paper 8/2020

Globe and Mail website article dated February 9, 2020, entitled "Federal numbers dispute Kenney's oil sands emissions projections"

Sessional Paper 9/2020

129 recent letters to Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, regarding proposed budget reductions to primary care delivery in Alberta

Sessional Paper 10/2020

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

5 recent e-mail messages to Members of the Legislative Assembly regarding funding for childcare centres

Sessional Paper 11/2020

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud:

22 letters from teachers and parents to Hon. Ms Schulz, Minister of Children's Services, regarding funding for childcare centres

Sessional Paper 12/2020

Ms Glasgo, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat:

National Post website article dated February 25, 2020, entitled "'Disappointment, fear and anger': Indigenous communities blindsided by Teck's decision to pull Frontier project," relating to comments made by Ms Glasgo during Second Reading debate on Bill 1, Critical Infrastructure Defence Act, on February 26, 2020

Sessional Paper 13/2020

Global News website article dated February 23, 2020, entitled "Teck project environmental deal reached between First Nation and Alberta government," relating to comments made by Ms Glasgo during Second Reading debate on Bill 1, Critical Infrastructure Defence Act, on February 26, 2020

Sessional Paper 14/2020

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

Letter, undated, from Bailee Archibald, CDS, Sunny South Day Care Centre, to Hon. Ms Schulz, Minister of Children's Services, regarding the Government's decision to discontinue the Benefit Contribution Grant and the Staff Attraction Incentive for licensed childcare centres

Sessional Paper 15/2020

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

2 recent e-mail messages, one unsigned and addressed to Hon. Ms Schulz, Minister of Children's Services, and one from Natalie Johnston to Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, regarding the Government's decision to discontinue the Benefit Contribution Grant and the Staff Attraction Incentive for licensed childcare centres

Sessional Paper 16/2020

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter, undated, from Eleanore Tchayoum to Hon. Ms Schulz, Minister of Children's Services, regarding the Government's decision to discontinue the Benefit Contribution Grant and the Staff Attraction Incentive for licensed childcare centres

Sessional Paper 17/2020

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

2 recent pieces of correspondence between Shiv Dutt and David Herbert, Constituency Assistant, Edmonton-Decore, regarding the Government's decision to discontinue the Benefit Contribution Grant and the Staff Attraction Incentive for licensed childcare centres

Sessional Paper 18/2020

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

E-mail message dated December 27, 2019, from Dee Bakshi, Program Manager, Chapter Daycare, to Hon. Ms Schulz, Minister of Children's Services, regarding the Government's decision to discontinue the Benefit Contribution Grant and the Staff Attraction Incentive for licensed childcare centres

Sessional Paper 19/2020

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Panda, Minister of Infrastructure:

Supplemental responses to questions raised by Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South; Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday; Mr. Toor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge; Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview; and Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, November 5, 2019, Ministry of Infrastructure, 2019-20 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 20/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

7. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly unequivocally denounce the illegal blockading of Canada's core infrastructure, including railways, pipelines, ports, and roadways, and call for the law to be enforced without delay.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 44

Aheer Issik Allard Loewen Amery Lovely Barnes Luan Dreeshen Madu Eggen McIver Ellis Milliken Fir Neudorf **Nicolaides** Ganley Nielsen Glasgo Glubish Orr **Phillips** Goehring Gotfried Pon Hanson Rehn Hunter Reid

Rosin Rowswell Rutherford Schulz

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Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Sigurdson (Highwood)
Smith
Stephan
Sweet
Toor
van Dijken
Walker
Yao

Against the motion: 0

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Moved by Mr. Neudorf and seconded by Ms Goodridge:

That an humble address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To Her Honour Lois Mitchell, CM, AOE, LLD, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:58 p.m. until Thursday, February 27, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 27, 2020

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

Members' Statements

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement regarding Alberta's education system.

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, made a statement regarding the Coastal GasLink pipeline project and the blockading of infrastructure.

Mr. Walker, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding school choice in Sherwood Park.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, made a statement regarding decreases in infrastructure spending.

Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Cochrane, made a statement regarding government and household debt.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding payment schedule changes for AISH and income support recipients.

Mr. Rutherford, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding the education funding formula.

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the cancellation of the Teck Frontier oil sands project.

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding road conditions in the West Yellowhead constituency.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

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

Bill 201 Strategic Aviation Advisory Council Act — Mr. Gotfried

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday:

CBC News website article dated January 10, 2020, entitled "New numbers confirm Alberta drivers facing higher auto insurance costs"

Sessional Paper 21/2020

Mr. Hanson, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul:

Document, undated, entitled "the leap manifesto, A Call for Canada Based on Caring for the Earth and One Another"

Sessional Paper 22/2020

Temporary Recess

The Speaker recessed the Assembly at 2:50 p.m. until 3:15 p.m.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Budget Address / Messages From Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, delivered certain Messages from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker read the Messages to the Assembly (the Members standing).

Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related documents:

2020-21 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, General Revenue Fund Sessional Paper 23/2020

2020-21 Government Estimates, General Revenue Fund

Sessional Paper 24/2020

Pursuant to the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, ss1(2) and 5(4):

Budget 2020, Government of Alberta 2020-23 Strategic Plan

Sessional Paper 25/2020

Budget 2020, Ministry Business Plans

Sessional Paper 26/2020

Government Motions

Prior to moving Government Motion 4, Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related document, pursuant to the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, ss1(2) and 4(4):

Budget 2020, Fiscal Plan 2020-23

Sessional Paper 27/2020

4. Moved by Hon. Mr. Toews:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the business plans and fiscal policies of the Government.

Ms Sweet moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:45 p.m. until Monday, March 2, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 2, 2020

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

The Speaker paid tribute to former Member Jack Ady, Member for Cardston, 1986 to 1993, and Cardston-Chief Mountain, 1993 to 1997, who passed away on November 26, 2019.

Members' Statements

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement recognizing March as le Mois de la Francophonie Albertaine (Albertan Francophone Month) (remarks made in French).

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding Social Work Week.

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement recognizing firefighters and the Canadian personnel who assisted in fighting Australia's recent wildfires.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the proposed Budget 2020.

Mr. Rutherford, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding the oil and gas industry.

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the proposed Budget 2020.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding the Holi festival.

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding the proposed Budget 2020.

Ms Issik, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the Aurora Academic Charter School.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Edmonton Journal website article dated February 10, 2020, entitled "Support payment changes in Alberta could hurt some recipients more than others"

Sessional Paper 28/2020

Sherwood Park News website article dated February 11, 2020, entitled "Criticism arises concerning lack of consultation about AISH and IS altered payment date"

Sessional Paper 29/2020

The Guardian website article dated October 11, 2019, entitled "Extinction Rebellion: who are the protestors, and why are they doing it?"

Sessional Paper 30/2020

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud:

Facebook post dated February 28, 2020, from an account in the name of Adrienne Keller, expressing concern regarding the end of childcare accreditation funding, relating to comments made by Ms Pancholi during Oral Question Period on March 2, 2020

Sessional Paper 31/2020

4 recent letters, three to Hon. Ms Schulz, Minister of Children's Services, and one to Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, expressing concern regarding the removal of the Benefit Contribution Grant and the Staff Attraction Incentive from licensed childcare centres

Sessional Paper 32/2020

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley:

CTV News website article dated March 2, 2020, entitled "Alberta looks to attract investment, plans to create full employment by 2023"

Sessional Paper 33/2020

Hanna Herald website article dated March 2, 2020, entitled "UCP budget focused on job creation"

Sessional Paper 34/2020

CBC News website article dated March 1, 2020, entitled "Alberta expands coverage for cystic fibrosis drug"

Sessional Paper 35/2020

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Alberta Annual Report 2019 Sessional Paper 36/2020

Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors Annual Report 2018-2019 Sessional Paper 37/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Motions Other Than Government Motions

501. Moved by Mr. Getson:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish corridors for transportation and utility infrastructure including railways, roads, pipelines, and transmission lines, in order to improve access to global markets for Alberta products and resources via deep sea ports in locations including but not limited to Hudson Bay, Kitimat, and the state of Alaska.

A debate followed.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, moved that the motion be amended:

- (a) by adding ", in consultation with Indigenous communities in Alberta," immediately after "urge the Government to establish",
- (b) by striking out "in order to" and substituting "to address the economic and regulatory conditions applicable to these corridors including climate change, and to", and
- (c) by striking out "in locations including but not limited to" and substituting "in locations that may include".

The Speaker commented on the admissibility of the amendment.

The Speaker heard from Mr. Getson.

The Speaker ruled that the amendment was not in order.

Debate continued on the main motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 35

Allard LaGrange Reid Barnes Loewen Rowswell Shandro Copping Long Ellis Lovely Singh Getson Madu Toor Goodridge McIver Turton Gotfried Milliken van Dijken Guthrie Walker Nally Hanson **Nicolaides** Williams Hunter Orr Yao Issik Panda Yaseen

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Against the motion: 10

Carson Feehan Nielsen
Ceci Ganley Phillips

Dang Loyola Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

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Government Motions

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the February 2020 report of the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices (Sessional Paper 2/2020) and recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council that the Child and Youth Advocate, Mr. Del Graff, be reappointed for a term to expire on October 31, 2021.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 2)

Moved by Mr. Neudorf and seconded by Ms Goodridge:

That an humble address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To Her Honour Lois Mitchell, CM, AOE, LLD, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present Session.

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 1 Critical Infrastructure Defence Act — Hon. Mr. Kenney

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.1), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

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

Members' Statements

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding education funding cuts in the proposed Budget 2020.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding the four Royal Canadian Mounted Police Officers killed in the line of duty near Mayerthorpe on March 3, 2005.

Mr. Rehn, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding Government support for the energy sector.

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding City of Calgary Councillor Joe Magliocca.

Ms Rosin, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, made a statement regarding Government achievements in the past year.

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding red tape reduction and the proposed Budget 2020.

Mr. Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement regarding the proposed Budget 2020.

Mr. Yaseen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North, made a statement regarding the oil and gas industry.

Mr. Reid, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the Alberta Southwest Regional Alliance.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 5 Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Toews

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud:

E-mail message dated February 22, 2020, from Kerry Cohoon to Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, expressing concern regarding the increase in vehicle insurance rates

Sessional Paper 38/2020

6 recent pieces of correspondence expressing concern regarding the removal of the Benefit Contribution Grant and the Staff Attraction Incentive from licensed childcare centres

Sessional Paper 39/2020

Mr. Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Highwood:

Edmonton Sun website article dated February 21, 2020, entitled "Gunter: Lowering corporate taxes is not a 'giveaway,'" relating to comments made by Mr. Sigurdson during Oral Question Period on March 3, 2020

Sessional Paper 40/2020

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

Edmonton Journal article dated February 29, 2020, entitled "UCP optimistic Alberta can attract \$1.4B in agri-food investment," relating to comments made by Mr. Dach during Main Estimates consideration on March 2, 2020

Sessional Paper 41/2020

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

4 recent pieces of correspondence expressing concern regarding the removal of the Benefit Contribution Grant and the Staff Attraction Incentive from licensed childcare centres

Sessional Paper 42/2020

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.1) and 59.01(5)(b) and the 2020-21 Main Estimates Schedule, the Assembly adjourned at 2:51 p.m. until Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding the blockading of critical infrastructure.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding potential changes to physicians' compensation.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding rural crime.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the proposed Budget 2020.

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement regarding International Women's Day.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement describing concerns expressed by Albertans regarding several Government policies.

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding Social Work Week 2020.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, made a statement regarding the need to support local Chinese businesses amid the COVID-19 outbreak.

Mr. Orr, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding Burman University.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated February 12, 2020, from Samuel Johnson to Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, attaching a copy of a petition containing over 300 names, relating to students-at-law and their status as it relates to student loan repayment

Sessional Paper 43/2020

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud:

3 recent pieces of correspondence expressing concern regarding the removal of the Benefit Contribution Grant and the Staff Attraction Incentive from licensed childcare centres

Sessional Paper 44/2020

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

2 recent e-mail messages, one from Holly Thompson to Hon. Ms Schulz, Minister of Children's Services, and one from Sheena MacLeod to Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, expressing concern regarding the removal of the Benefit Contribution Grant and the Staff Attraction Incentive from licensed childcare centres

Sessional Paper 45/2020

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

CBC News website article dated February 10, 2020, entitled "Three Alberta towns band together to prepare for climate change"

Sessional Paper 46/2020

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley:

Financial Post website article dated March 3, 2020, entitled "'Prudent' Suncor expects to spend next 6 years trying to secure approval of replacement oilsands mine"

Sessional Paper 47/2020

Calgary Herald website article dated March 4, 2020, entitled "New surgery targeting stomach, intestinal cancers comes to Calgary"

Sessional Paper 48/2020

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health:

Responses to questions raised by MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood; Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre; and Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, November 5, 2019, Ministry of Health, 2019-20 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 49/2020

Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2), College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta 2018 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 50/2020

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General:

Alberta Human Rights Commission Annual Report 2018-19

Sessional Paper 51/2020

Responses to questions raised by Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, November 19, 2019, Ministry of Justice and Solicitor General, 2019-20 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 52/2020

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.1) and 59.01(5)(b) and 2020-21 Main Estimates Schedule, the Assembly adjourned at 2:56 p.m. until Thursday, March 5, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 5, 2020

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

Members' Statements

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the festivals of Holi and Hola Mohalla.

Mr. Jones, Hon. Member for Calgary-South East, made a statement regarding the need for federal government support for energy sector projects.

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding new initiatives to address drug use and resulting crime in Lethbridge.

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding education funding in the proposed Budget 2020.

Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding the federal government.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding International Women's Day.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding responses to Government policies.

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding Bill 3, Mobile Home Sites Tenancies Amendment Act, 2020.

Mrs. Allard, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement regarding Tenille Townes, a Grande Prairie musician.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

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

Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills Final Report, Bill 201, Strategic Aviation Advisory Council Act, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, March 2020

Sessional Paper 53/2020

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

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

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bills:

- Bill 6 Appropriation Act, 2020 (\$) Hon. Mr. Toews
- Bill 7 Responsible Energy Development Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mrs. Savage
- Bill 8 Protecting Survivors of Human Trafficking Act Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

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

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter dated March 3, 2020, from Barb Reid, Executive Director, Getting Ready for Inclusion Today (GRIT) Program, to GRIT families and staff, regarding implications of the proposed Budget 2020 for education and children with special needs

Sessional Paper 54/2020

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud:

3 recent e-mail messages expressing concern regarding the removal of childcare grants

Sessional Paper 55/2020

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

Copy of a petition from over 450 Albertans urging the government to introduce legislation and develop policy regarding the Persons with Developmental Disabilities program

Sessional Paper 56/2020

E-mail message dated December 13, 2019, to Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing concern regarding education and health funding in the proposed Budget 2020

Sessional paper 57/2020

19 recent e-mail messages to Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing concern regarding the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund and requesting that section 42 of Bill 22, Reform of Agencies, Boards and Commissions and Government Enterprises Act, 2019, be repealed

Sessional Paper 58/2020

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs:

 $4\ recent\ e\text{-mail}$ messages expressing concern regarding education funding in the proposed Budget 2020

Sessional Paper 59/2020

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter, undated, from Anne Summach, Director of Health Services, and Karen McDonald, Executive Director, Sage Seniors Association, to program participants regarding possible impacts to health services at Sage due to funding changes, relating to comments made by Ms Sigurdson during Oral Question Period on March 5, 2020

Sessional Paper 60/2020

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

9 recent pieces of correspondence expressing concern regarding the new AISH payments schedule

Sessional Paper 61/2020

E-mail message dated January 27, 2020, from Cindy Arcand to Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, regarding proposed changes to the Alberta Seniors Benefit Sessional Paper 62/2020

E-mail message dated February 16, 2020, from an optometrist to Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing concern regarding optometry funding in the proposed Budget 2020

Sessional Paper 63/2020

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

Letter, undated, from Jordan Beaudry to whom it may concern regarding the Early Learning Child Care Program

Sessional Paper 64/2020

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Glubish, Minister of Service Alberta:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday; Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud; and Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, November 19, 2019, Ministry of Service Alberta, 2019-20 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 65/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

4. Moved by Hon. Mr. Toews:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the business plans and fiscal policies of the Government.

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(6) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:06 p.m. until Monday, March 16, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 16, 2020

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

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

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to proceed immediately to Messages from Her Honour the Administrator.

Messages From Her Honour the Administrator

Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, delivered certain Messages from Her Honour the Administrator.

The Speaker read the Messages to the Assembly (the Members standing).

Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related documents:

2020-21 Government Estimates (Revised), General Revenue Fund Sessional Paper 66/2020

Pursuant to the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, ss1(2) and 4(4), Budget 2020, Fiscal Plan Update, 2020-23

Sessional Paper 67/2020

Members' Statements

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding the Government's healthcare policies.

Ms Glasgo, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding people helping to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and Alberta's healthcare system.

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on seniors.

Mr. Walker, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on workers.

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, made a statement regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Ellis, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, presented the following petition for Private Bills:

of Lorimer B. Dawson, QC, on behalf of the Sisters of the Precious Blood of Edmonton, for the Sisters of the Precious Blood of Edmonton Repeal Act.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Legislative Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, that the Legislative Assembly express its support for the Government's efforts, as guided by expert health professionals and officials, to undertake every possible action within its power to protect Albertans from the growing global COVID-19 pandemic and its related economic consequences.

Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral notice of her intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Legislative Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the Government of Alberta's response to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, including measures to prevent its spread and to treat affected Albertans, to address the economic impact of the outbreak, and to provide economic support to Albertans financially compromised by the pandemic.

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motions:

- 10. A. Be it resolved that despite any Standing Order, practice of the Legislative Assembly or the 2020 sessional calendar
 - (a) at any time during the 2020 Spring Sitting of the Second Session of the 30th Legislature the Government House Leader may
 - (i) advise the Assembly that the public interest requires that the Assembly adjourn, or
 - (ii) if the Assembly stands adjourned, advise the Speaker that the public interest requires the period of adjournment to continue

and the Speaker shall give notice that the Assembly shall remain in a period of adjournment until the Government advises the Speaker that the Assembly must meet to transact its business;

- (b) if the Assembly stands adjourned or a period of adjournment is continued in accordance with clause (a),
 - (i) the Government House Leader may, following consultation with the Opposition House Leaders, file a revised sessional calendar with the Clerk and the Clerk shall publish the revised sessional calendar as soon as possible after it is received, and
 - (ii) during the period of adjournment, documents may be deposited in accordance with Standing Order 38.1 despite the period of adjournment not being continued to a specified date;
- (c) despite the Government advising the Speaker that the Assembly must meet to transact its business under clause (a), the Government House Leader may advise the Speaker of an extended adjournment before the Assembly has reconvened, or, following the reconvening of the Assembly, may advise the Speaker or the Assembly in accordance with clause (a) of a further adjournment or continuation of an adjournment;
- (d) Standing Order 39(1) does not apply to members of the Executive Council, who may move a motion or introduce a Bill immediately upon providing to the Official Opposition House Leader a copy of the notice that would otherwise be required under that Standing Order;

- (e) the 2020-21 Government Estimates (Revised) tabled by the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board on March 16, 2020, replace for all purposes the 2020-21 Government Estimates tabled on February 27, 2020;
- (f) the main estimates of ministries stand referred to the Committee of Supply;
- (g) the Committee of Supply shall meet to consider the main estimates of ministries on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, in the following manner:
 - (i) the main estimates of ministries for which a Legislative Policy Committee has completed its consideration of the 2020-21 Government Estimates tabled on February 27, 2020, are deemed to be completed for the purpose of the 2020-21 Government Estimates (Revised);
 - (ii) the main estimates of the remaining ministries shall be considered for a maximum of 3 hours by the Committee of Supply;
 - (iii) only Members of the Official Opposition and members of the Executive Council may speak;
 - (iv) all speaking times are limited to 10 minutes at one time;
 - (v) if an amendment is moved to the main estimates in the Committee of Supply, the vote on the amendment stands deferred until the end of the consideration of the main estimates;
 - (vi) amendments moved to the 2020-21 Government Estimates tabled on February 27, 2020, in a Legislative Policy Committee are, upon notice given by the mover of the amendment to the Clerk of the Assembly, considered to have been moved during Committee of Supply consideration of the 2020-21 Government Estimates (Revised);
 - (vii) the vote on the main estimates shall be held when the time allotted for the Committee of Supply's consideration of the main estimates has concluded or there are no Members who wish to speak;

- (h) the afternoon sitting on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, shall continue beyond 6:00 p.m. if the Assembly has not adjourned by that time, and if the afternoon sitting is not adjourned prior to 7:30 p.m., the sitting shall continue until it is adjourned and there shall be no evening sitting that day;
- (i) upon receiving first reading, Bill 6, Appropriation Act, 2020, shall be moved immediately for second reading and debated without amendment by the mover of the Bill and no more than one Member of the Official Opposition and, if the motion is carried, is deemed to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on division, deemed considered in Committee of the Whole, deemed reported without amendment, deemed concurred in on report of the Committee of the Whole on division, deemed read a third time and passed on division;
- (j) Bill 5, Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act, 2020, may receive second and third reading and advance 2 or more stages in one day.
- B. And be it further resolved that
 - (a) this motion takes effect immediately on passage,
 - (b) clause (a) and (c) of Part A expire at 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2020,
 - (c) clause (b) of Part A expires at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, October 25, 2020, and
 - (d) clause (d) of Part A expires at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2020.
- 11. Be it resolved that pursuant to Standing Order 4(1) and subject to Government Motion 10, commencing upon the passage of this motion, the Assembly shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings for consideration of Government business for the duration of the 2020 Spring Sitting of the Second Session of the 30th Legislature, unless the Government House Leader notifies the Assembly that there shall be no evening sitting that day by providing notice under Notices of Motions in the Daily Routine or at any time prior to 6 p.m.
- 12. Be it resolved that when further consideration of Government Motion 10 is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the motion, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the motion shall be put forthwith.

- 13. Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 5, Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act, 2020, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Second Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.
- 14. Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 5, Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act, 2020, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.
- **15.** Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 5, Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act, 2020, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.
- 16. Be it resolved that for the duration of the 30th Legislature the following committees may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period of prorogation:
 - (a) the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services;
 - (b) the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader:

Revised 2020-21 Main Estimates Schedule

Sessional Paper 68/2020

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s28(1):

Office of the Ethics Commissioner, Province of Alberta, Report of the Investigation under the Conflicts of Interest Act by Hon. Marguerite Trussler, QC, Ethics Commissioner, into allegations involving Shane Getson, Member of Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, March 11, 2020

Sessional Paper 69/2020

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations:

Responses to questions raised by Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, November 7, 2019, Ministry of Executive Council, 2019-20 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 70/2020

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Insurance Act, cI-3, s601(2):

Alberta Automobile Insurance Rate Board Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2019

Sessional Paper 71/2020

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Mr. Schow, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Election Act, cE-1, s4(6):

2019 General Election, a Report of the Chief Electoral Officer, Volume I Sessional Paper 72/2020

2019 General Election, a Report of the Chief Electoral Officer, Volume II Sessional Paper 73/2020

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested leave, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Legislative Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, that the Legislative Assembly express its support for the Government's efforts, as guided by expert health professionals and officials, to undertake every possible action within its power to protect Albertans from the growing global COVID-19 pandemic and its related economic consequences.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was in order. Leave being granted, the question was put to the Assembly. When more than 15 Members rose in their places or indicated otherwise, the Speaker called upon Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, to speak to the motion.

A debate on the motion followed pursuant to Standing Order 30(5).

Debate concluded pursuant to Standing Order 30(5)(a).

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, the Assembly adjourned at 5:35 p.m. until Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the proposed Budget 2020 and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement regarding efforts by Albertans to mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Williams, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding St. Patrick's Dav.

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the proposed Budget 2020.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on seniors.

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding the Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding Dr. Deena Hinshaw, Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement recognizing the actions of first responders during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Rosin, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, made a statement regarding economic vulnerabilities in the Banff-Kananaskis constituency as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

- 10. Oral notice having been given March 16, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:
 - A. Be it resolved that despite any Standing Order, practice of the Legislative Assembly or the 2020 sessional calendar

- (a) at any time during the 2020 Spring Sitting of the Second Session of the 30th Legislature the Government House Leader may
 - (i) advise the Assembly that the public interest requires that the Assembly adjourn, or
 - if the Assembly stands adjourned, advise the Speaker that the public interest requires the period of adjournment to continue

and the Speaker shall give notice that the Assembly shall remain in a period of adjournment until the Government advises the Speaker that the Assembly must meet to transact its business;

- (b) if the Assembly stands adjourned or a period of adjournment is continued in accordance with clause (a),
 - (i) the Government House Leader may, following consultation with the Opposition House Leaders, file a revised sessional calendar with the Clerk and the Clerk shall publish the revised sessional calendar as soon as possible after it is received, and
 - (ii) during the period of adjournment, documents may be deposited in accordance with Standing Order 38.1 despite the period of adjournment not being continued to a specified date;
- (c) despite the Government advising the Speaker that the Assembly must meet to transact its business under clause (a), the Government House Leader may advise the Speaker of an extended adjournment before the Assembly has reconvened, or, following the reconvening of the Assembly, may advise the Speaker or the Assembly in accordance with clause (a) of a further adjournment or continuation of an adjournment;
- (d) Standing Order 39(1) does not apply to members of the Executive Council, who may move a motion or introduce a Bill immediately upon providing to the Official Opposition House Leader a copy of the notice that would otherwise be required under that Standing Order;
- (e) the 2020-21 Government Estimates (Revised) tabled by the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board on March 16, 2020, replace for all purposes the 2020-21 Government Estimates tabled on February 27, 2020;

- (f) the main estimates of ministries stand referred to the Committee of Supply;
- (g) the Committee of Supply shall meet to consider the main estimates of ministries on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, in the following manner:
 - (i) the main estimates of ministries for which a Legislative Policy Committee has completed its consideration of the 2020-21 Government Estimates tabled on February 27, 2020, are deemed to be completed for the purpose of the 2020-21 Government Estimates (Revised);
 - (ii) the main estimates of the remaining ministries shall be considered for a maximum of 3 hours by the Committee of Supply;
 - (iii) only Members of the Official Opposition and members of the Executive Council may speak;
 - (iv) all speaking times are limited to 10 minutes at one time;
 - (v) if an amendment is moved to the main estimates in the Committee of Supply, the vote on the amendment stands deferred until the end of the consideration of the main estimates;
 - (vi) amendments moved to the 2020-21 Government Estimates tabled on February 27, 2020, in a Legislative Policy Committee are, upon notice given by the mover of the amendment to the Clerk of the Assembly, considered to have been moved during Committee of Supply consideration of the 2020-21 Government Estimates (Revised);
 - (vii) the vote on the main estimates shall be held when the time allotted for the Committee of Supply's consideration of the main estimates has concluded or there are no Members who wish to speak;
- (h) the afternoon sitting on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, shall continue beyond 6:00 p.m. if the Assembly has not adjourned by that time, and if the afternoon sitting is not adjourned prior to 7:30 p.m., the sitting shall continue until it is adjourned and there shall be no evening sitting that day;

- (i) upon receiving first reading, Bill 6, Appropriation Act, 2020, shall be moved immediately for second reading and debated without amendment by the mover of the Bill and no more than one Member of the Official Opposition and, if the motion is carried, is deemed to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on division, deemed considered in Committee of the Whole, deemed reported without amendment, deemed concurred in on report of the Committee of the Whole on division, deemed read a third time and passed on division;
- (j) Bill 5, Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act, 2020, may receive second and third reading and advance 2 or more stages in one day.

B. And be it further resolved that

- (a) this motion takes effect immediately on passage,
- (b) clause (a) and (c) of Part A expire at 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2020,
- (c) clause (b) of Part A expires at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, October 25, 2020, and
- (d) clause (d) of Part A expires at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2020.

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

12. Oral notice having been given March 16, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Government Motion 10 is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the motion, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the motion shall be put forthwith.

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

- 10. Oral notice having been given March 16, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:
 - A. Be it resolved that despite any Standing Order, practice of the Legislative Assembly or the 2020 sessional calendar
 - (a) at any time during the 2020 Spring Sitting of the Second Session of the 30th Legislature the Government House Leader may

- (i) advise the Assembly that the public interest requires that the Assembly adjourn, or
- (ii) if the Assembly stands adjourned, advise the Speaker that the public interest requires the period of adjournment to continue

and the Speaker shall give notice that the Assembly shall remain in a period of adjournment until the Government advises the Speaker that the Assembly must meet to transact its business;

- (b) if the Assembly stands adjourned or a period of adjournment is continued in accordance with clause (a),
 - (i) the Government House Leader may, following consultation with the Opposition House Leaders, file a revised sessional calendar with the Clerk and the Clerk shall publish the revised sessional calendar as soon as possible after it is received, and
 - (ii) during the period of adjournment, documents may be deposited in accordance with Standing Order 38.1 despite the period of adjournment not being continued to a specified date;
- (c) despite the Government advising the Speaker that the Assembly must meet to transact its business under clause (a), the Government House Leader may advise the Speaker of an extended adjournment before the Assembly has reconvened, or, following the reconvening of the Assembly, may advise the Speaker or the Assembly in accordance with clause (a) of a further adjournment or continuation of an adjournment;
- (d) Standing Order 39(1) does not apply to members of the Executive Council, who may move a motion or introduce a Bill immediately upon providing to the Official Opposition House Leader a copy of the notice that would otherwise be required under that Standing Order;
- (e) the 2020-21 Government Estimates (Revised) tabled by the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board on March 16, 2020, replace for all purposes the 2020-21 Government Estimates tabled on February 27, 2020;
- (f) the main estimates of ministries stand referred to the Committee of Supply;

- (g) the Committee of Supply shall meet to consider the main estimates of ministries on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, in the following manner:
 - (i) the main estimates of ministries for which a Legislative Policy Committee has completed its consideration of the 2020-21 Government Estimates tabled on February 27, 2020, are deemed to be completed for the purpose of the 2020-21 Government Estimates (Revised);
 - (ii) the main estimates of the remaining ministries shall be considered for a maximum of 3 hours by the Committee of Supply;
 - (iii) only Members of the Official Opposition and members of the Executive Council may speak;
 - (iv) all speaking times are limited to 10 minutes at one time;
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 - (vi) amendments moved to the 2020-21 Government Estimates tabled on February 27, 2020 in a Legislative Policy Committee are, upon notice given by the mover of the amendment to the Clerk of the Assembly, considered to have been moved during Committee of Supply consideration of the 2020-21 Government Estimates (Revised);
 - (vii) the vote on the main estimates shall be held when the time allotted for the Committee of Supply's consideration of the main estimates has concluded or there are no Members who wish to speak;
- (h) the afternoon sitting on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, shall continue beyond 6:00 p.m. if the Assembly has not adjourned by that time, and if the afternoon sitting is not adjourned prior to 7:30 p.m., the sitting shall continue until it is adjourned and there shall be no evening sitting that day;

- (i) upon receiving first reading, Bill 6, Appropriation Act, 2020, shall be moved immediately for second reading and debated without amendment by the mover of the Bill and no more than one Member of the Official Opposition and, if the motion is carried, is deemed to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on division, deemed considered in Committee of the Whole, deemed reported without amendment, deemed concurred in on report of the Committee of the Whole on division, deemed read a third time and passed on division;
- (j) Bill 5, Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act, 2020, may receive second and third reading and advance 2 or more stages in one day.

B. And be it further resolved that

- (a) this motion takes effect immediately on passage,
- (b) clause (a) and (c) of Part A expire at 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2020,
- (c) clause (b) of Part A expires at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, October 25, 2020, and
- (d) clause (d) of Part A expires at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2020.

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, moved that the motion be amended as follows:

A. Part A is amended as follows:

- (a) by striking out clause (a)(ii) and substituting the following:
 - (ii) if the Assembly stands adjourned, advise the Speaker, following consultation with the Official Opposition House Leader, that the public interest requires the period of adjournment to continue and the Speaker shall give notice that the Assembly shall remain in a period of adjournment until the Government, following consultation with the Official Opposition House Leader, advises the Speaker that the Assembly must meet to transact its business;
- (b) by adding the following after clause (a):
 - (a.1) at any time during the 2020 Spring Sitting of the Second Session of the 30th Legislature the Government House Leader may, upon providing a minimum of 24 hours' written notice, advise the Speaker that the public interest requires the Assembly to sit extended hours as follows:

- (i) beyond the normal adjournment hour on Thursday;
- (ii) on Friday, Saturday or Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. commencing with prayers followed by
 - (A) the ordinary daily routine business consisting of the items set out in Standing Order 7(1), with Oral Question Period commencing at 10:20 a.m. and, for the purpose of Standing Order 7(7) and (8), the Daily Routine shall be deemed completed at 11:30 a.m., and
 - (B) Orders of the Day, with the order of business for consideration of the Assembly to be those items set out in Standing Order 8(2)

and the Speaker shall give notice that the Assembly shall meet at that time to transact its business;

- (c) in clause (c) by adding ", following consultation with the Official Opposition House Leader," before "advise the Speaker or the Assembly in accordance with clause (a)";
- (d) in clause (d) by adding "the Speaker and" before "the Official Opposition House Leader";
- (e) in clause (g)(vi) by striking out ", upon notice given by the mover of the amendment to the Clerk of the Assembly,";
- (f) by adding the following after clause (j):
 - (k) in respect of each public Bill other than a Government Bill that is shown on the Order Paper as referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, the application of the time period for the Committee to report back to the Assembly under Standing Order 74.11(2) to that Bill is suspended.
- B. Part B is amended follows:
 - (a) in clause (b) by adding ", (a.1)" after "clause (a)";
 - (b) in clause (c) by adding "and (k)" after "clause (b)".

Sessional Paper 74/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

Debate continued on the motion as amended.

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, moved that the motion be amended in Part A as follows:

- (a) in clause (b)
 - (i) by striking out subclause (i) and substituting the following:
 - (i) the Government House Leader may file a revised sessional calendar with the Clerk only if the Government has, during the 30-day period immediately before the date on which the revised sessional calendar is filed, conducted a consultation with the Official Opposition House Leader in respect of the filing of that revised sessional calendar, and, if the Official Opposition House Leader has provided to the Clerk a written acknowledgement that the consultation has been conducted, the Clerk must receive and immediately publish the revised sessional calendar.
 - (ii) by adding the following immediately after subclause (ii):
 - (iii) each document filed under subclause (ii) stands referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and that committee must, within 20 days of the date on which the document is filed, meet to consider that document, and
 - (iv) the Government must, in accordance with a schedule that is agreed to by the Official Opposition House Leader, provide regular informational briefings to the Official Opposition House Leader in respect of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) by adding the following immediately after clause (d):
 - (d.1) if the Speaker does not receive a copy of the notice referred to clause (d), Standing Order 39(1) shall apply to the motion or Bill to which the notice relates;
- (c) by adding the following immediately after clause (j):
 - (j.1) the Government must provide to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts a report summarizing any expenditures under a special warrant issued during the period from passage of this motion and ending March 31, 2021, and the Standing Committee on Public Accounts must
 - (i) immediately conduct a review of that report, and
 - (ii) report the committee findings, if any, with respect to the Government's report to the Legislative Assembly.

Sessional Paper 75/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the motion as amended.

Pursuant to Government Motion 12, agreed to on March 17, 2020, and Standing Order 21(1), at 3:52 p.m. the question was immediately put on Government Motion 10 as amended, which was agreed to.

Temporary Recess

The Speaker recessed the Assembly at 3:54 p.m. until 3:59 p.m.

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Temporary Recess

The Chair of Committees recessed the Committee at 7:00 p.m. until 7:04 p.m.

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.03(1)(a) and Government Motion 10, agreed to as amended on March 17, 2020, the following amendment was voted on:

The question being put on amendment A1, proposed by Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, on March 3, 2020, that the 2020-21 Main Estimates of the Ministry of Energy be reduced for Industry Advocacy under reference 2.3 at page 87 by \$29,999,000, so that the amount to be voted at page 85 for Expense is \$149,599,000, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 17

Carson Gray Phillips
Ceci Hoffman Renaud
Dach Irwin Sabir
Example Levels Signates

Eggen Loyola Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Feehan Nielsen Sweet

Ganley Pancholi

Against the amendment: 31

Aheer Long Sawhney Amery Milliken Schow

Dreeshen Nally Sigurdson (Highwood)

Getson Neudorf Singh Glasgo Nicolaides Smith Glubish Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Toews Goodridge $Nixon \ ({\tt Rimbey-Rocky \ Mtn. \ House-Sundre})$ Toor Guthrie Rosin Turton Rowswell Walker Horner Hunter Rutherford Williams

Loewen

The question was put that the vote on the 2020-2021 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, General Revenue Fund, be reported, which was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 31

Aheer Long Rutherford Amery Milliken Schow

Dreeshen Nally Sigurdson (Highwood)

Getson Neudorf Singh Glasgo Nicolaides Smith Glubish Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Toews Goodridge Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Toor Guthrie Panda Turton Walker Horner Rosin Williams Hunter Rowswell

Loewen

Against the motion: 17

CarsonGrayPancholiCeciHoffmanPhillipsDachIrwinRenaudEggenLoyolaSabir

Feehan Nielsen Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Ganley Notley

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair and Mrs. Pitt reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2020-21 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, General Revenue Fund, and the 2020-21 Government Estimates (Revised), General Revenue Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021:

Support to the Legislative Assembly	\$65,348,000
Office of the Auditor General	\$26,925,000
Office of the Ombudsman	\$3,936,000
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	\$8,746,000
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	\$940,000
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	\$7,256,000
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	\$14,922,000
Office of the Public Interest Commissioner	\$1,043,000
Advanced Education	
Expense Capital Investment Financial Transactions	\$2,805,458,000 \$25,000 \$701,600,000
Agriculture and Forestry	
Expense Capital Investment Financial Transactions	\$614,401,000 \$17,323,000 \$1,310,000

Children's Services

Expense	\$1,371,056,000
Capital Investment	\$483,000

Community and Social Services

Expense	\$3,947,052,000
Capital Investment	\$547,000

Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women

Expense	\$246,775,000
Capital Investment	\$2,331,000
Financial Transactions	\$1,551,000

Economic Development, Trade and Tourism

Expense	\$290,382,000
Capital Investment	\$1,525,000

Education

Expense	\$4,810,668,000
Capital Investment	\$565,000
Financial Transactions	\$16,506,000

Energy

Expense	\$179,598,000
Capital Investment	\$500,000
Financial Transactions	\$96,970,000

Environment and Parks

Expense	\$588,197,000
Capital Investment	\$67,252,000
Financial Transactions	\$4,019,000

Executive Council

Expense	\$16,644,000
Capital Investment	\$25,000

Health

Expense	\$21,582,198,000
Capital Investment	\$33,230,000
Financial Transactions	\$70,221,000

Indigenous Relations

Expense	\$221,516,000
Capital Investment	\$25,000
Financial Transactions	\$3,000,000

Infrastructure

Expense	\$486,670,000
Capital Investment	\$1,591,313,000
Financial Transactions	\$21,293,000

Justice and Solicitor General

Expense	\$1,344,514,000
Capital Investment	\$9,462,000

Labour and Immigration

Expense	\$210,563,000
Capital Investment	\$900,000

Municipal Affairs

Expense	\$1,429,335,000
Capital Investment	\$12,066,000
Financial Transactions	\$36,839,000

Seniors and Housing

Expense	\$546,354,000
Capital Investment	\$25,000
Financial Transactions	\$19,700,000

Service Alberta

Expense	\$554,941,000
Capital Investment	\$88,742,000
Financial Transactions	\$14,050,000

Transportation

Expense	\$1,106,590,000
Capital Investment	\$1,161,237,000
Financial Transactions	\$106,288,000

Treasury Board and Finance

Expense	\$217,729,000
Capital Investment	\$25,000
Contingency and Disaster and	
Emergency Assistance	\$750,000,000

Mrs. Pitt tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of Supply on this date for the official records of the Assembly:

Amendment to the Main Estimates for the Ministry of Energy (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 76/2020

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Administrator, and oral notice having been given March 5, 2020:

Bill 6 Appropriation Act, 2020 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Toews

Pursuant to Government Motion 10, agreed to as amended on March 17, 2020, the Assembly proceeded immediately to Second Reading of Bill 6, Appropriation Act, 2020 (\$).

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 6 Appropriation Act, 2020 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Toews

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 32

Amery Long Rutherford Dreeshen McIver Schow

Getson Milliken Sigurdson (Highwood)

Glasgo Nally Singh Neudorf Glubish Smith Goodridge Nicolaides Toews Guthrie Toor Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Horner Turton Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Hunter Panda Walker Williams Kenney Rosin

Loewen Rowswell

Against the motion: 11

Carson Loyola Renaud Dach Nielsen Sabir

Eggen Notley Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Gray Pancholi

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

Bill 5 Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Toews

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

The following Bill was read a Second time and, pursuant to Government Motion 10, agreed to as amended on March 17, 2020, deemed referred to Committee of the Whole on division:

Bill 6 Appropriation Act, 2020 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Toews

Committee of the Whole

Pursuant to Government Motion 10, agreed to as amended on March 17, 2020, Bill 6, Appropriation Act, 2020 (\$), was deemed considered in Committee of the Whole, deemed reported without amendment, and deemed concurred in on report of the Committee of the Whole on division.

Third Reading

Pursuant to Government Motion 10, agreed to as amended on March 17, 2020, the following Bill was deemed read a Third time and passed on division:

Bill 6 Appropriation Act, 2020 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Toews

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute.

Government Motions

13. Oral notice having been given March 16, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 5, Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act, 2020, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Second Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 33

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Glasgo Nally Sigurdson (Highwood)

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Against the motion: 11

Carson Loyola Sabir

Dach Nielsen Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Eggen Pancholi Sweet

Gray Renaud

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 5 Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Toews

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 13, agreed to on March 17, 2020, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:15 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 5, Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act, 2020, which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 33

AmeryLongRowswellDreeshenMcIverRutherfordGetsonMillikenSchow

Glasgo Nally Sigurdson (Highwood)

Glubish Neudorf Singh Goodridge **Nicolaides** Smith Guthrie $Nixon \ ({\it Calgary-Klein})$ Toews Horner Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Toor Hunter Panda Turton Walker Kenney Pitt Loewen Rosin Williams

Against the motion: 11

Carson Loyola Sabir

Dach Nielsen Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Eggen Pancholi Sweet

Gray Renaud

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 5 Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Toews

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 5 Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Toews

Mr. Milliken, Deputy Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 5 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West) — Adjourned

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Government Motions

14. Oral notice having been given March 16, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 5, Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act, 2020, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 32

Amery Long Rutherford Dreeshen McIver Schow

Getson Milliken Sigurdson (Highwood)

Glasgo Nally Singh Neudorf Smith Glubish Goodridge Nicolaides Toews Guthrie Toor Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Horner Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Turton Hunter Panda Walker Kenney Rosin Williams

Loewen Rowswell

Against the motion: 10

Carson Nielsen Sabir

Dach Pancholi Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Renaud Sweet

Eggen Gray

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 5 Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Toews

Pursuant to Government Motion 14, agreed to on March 17, 2020, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:45 p.m. the question was immediately put on amendment A2 to Bill 5, Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act, 2020, which was defeated.

Pursuant to Government Motion 14, agreed to on March 17, 2020, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:46 p.m. the question was immediately put on the clauses of Bill 5, Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act, 2020, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 14, agreed to on March 17, 2020, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:45 p.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble of Bill 5, Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act, 2020, which was agreed to.

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 5 Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Toews

Mr. Milliken, Deputy Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 5 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West on March 17, 2020) — Defeated

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Amendment to Bill 5 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) — Defeated

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Pursuant to Government Motion 10, agreed to as amended on March 17, 2020, the Assembly proceeded immediately to Third Reading of Bill 5, Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act, 2020.

Third Reading

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

Bill 5 Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Toews

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

Government Motions

15. Oral notice having been given March 16, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 5, Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act, 2020, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 32

Amery Long Rutherford Dreeshen McIver Schow

Getson Milliken Sigurdson (Highwood)

Glasgo Nally Singh Glubish Neudorf Smith Nicolaides Goodridge Toews Guthrie Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Toor Turton Horner $Nixon \ ({\tt Rimbey-Rocky \ Mtn. \ House-Sundre})$ Hunter Panda Walker Kenney Rosin Williams

Loewen Rowswell

Against the motion: 11

Carson Loyola Sabir

Dach Nielsen Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Eggen Pancholi Sweet

Gray Renaud

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 5 Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Toews

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 15, agreed to on March 17, 2020, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:59 a.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 5, Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act, 2020, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 5 Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Toews

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2), Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no morning sitting on Wednesday, March 18, 2020.

Government Motions

11. Oral notice having been given March 16, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that pursuant to Standing Order 4(1) and subject to Government Motion 10, commencing upon the passage of this motion, the Assembly shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings for consideration of Government business for the duration of the 2020 Spring Sitting of the Second Session of the 30th Legislature, unless the Government House Leader notifies the Assembly that there shall be no evening sitting that day by providing notice under Notices of Motions in the Daily Routine or at any time prior to 6 p.m.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

16. Oral notice having been given March 16, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that for the duration of the 30th Legislature the following committees may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period of prorogation:

- (a) the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services;
- (b) the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices.

A debate followed.

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, moved that the motion be amended by adding the following immediately after clause (b):

(c) the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Sessional Paper 79/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

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

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:08 a.m. Wednesday, March 18, 2020, until 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding the need for blood donations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Feehan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the need to inform and support Indigenous communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and the Government's efforts to protect the homeless population.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, made a statement regarding efforts by Albertans and the Government to mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding efforts to support Calgarians during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement recognizing the importance of sharing information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the need for democratic processes during uncertain times.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding community responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Memo dated March 18, 2020, from Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, providing notice pursuant to Government Motion 10, agreed to as amended on March 17, 2020, that the Assembly will sit beyond the normal adjournment hour on Thursday, March 19, 2020

Sessional Paper 80/2020

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Education, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, ss9(1) and (3):

Education Annual Report Update 2018-2019

Sessional Paper 81/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2), Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no morning sitting on Thursday, March 19, 2020.

Pursuant to Government Motion 11, agreed to on March 17, 2020, the Government House Leader advised the Assembly that there would be no evening sitting today.

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to recess the Assembly from 2:44 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Temporary Recess

The Speaker recessed the Assembly at 2:44 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Government Motions

4. Moved by Hon. Mr. Toews:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the business plans and fiscal policies of the Government.

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2); Government Motion 11, agreed to on March 17, 2020; and on motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:42 p.m. until Thursday, March 19, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 19, 2020

Pursuant to Government Motion 10, agreed to as amended on March 17, 2020, the Government House Leader advised that the public interest requires the Assembly to continue to stand adjourned until Friday, March 20, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

Friday, March 20, 2020

The Speaker took the Chair at 10:00 a.m.

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Members to sit, speak, and vote from any seat in the Chamber for the remainder of the day.

Members' Statements

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding strategies for home education for children during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement regarding mental health supports available during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding Government and community actions required to control the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement recognizing transportation industry workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding tools that are available to access accurate information concerning the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Feehan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the need to make decisions for the common good during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding the need for consistent, reliable information during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Walker, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding Government actions to protect Albertans from COVID-19.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement recognizing the contributions of groups and individuals during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Pursuant to Government Motion 10, agreed to as amended on March 17, 2020, the Speaker advised that until March 26, 2020, the notice provision under Standing Order 39(1) does not apply to members of the Executive Council who wish to introduce a Bill provided that notice has been given to the Speaker and the Official Opposition House Leader.

Notice having been given pursuant to Government Motion 10, agreed to as amended on March 17, 2020:

Bill 9 Emergency Management Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Nixon on behalf of Hon. Mr. Madu

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s39(3):

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 02/20, Executive Council Salaries Amendment Order (No. 13)

Sessional Paper 82/2020

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 03/20, Members' Allowances Amendment Order (No. 36)

Sessional Paper 83/2020

Revised Members' Services Committee Order No. MSC 04/20, Members' Committee Allowances Amendment Order (No. 15)

Sessional Paper 84/2020

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

Memorandum dated March 19, 2020, from Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, providing notice pursuant to Government Motion 10, agreed to as amended on March 17, 2020, that the public interest requires the Assembly to sit on Friday, March 20, 2020; Saturday, March 21, 2020; and Sunday, March 22, 2020

Sessional Paper 85/2020

Memorandum dated March 19, 2020, from Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, confirming agreement, pursuant to Government Motion 10, agreed to as amended on March 17, 2020, that the Assembly will remain adjourned on Thursday, March 19, 2020

Sessional Paper 86/2020

Memorandum dated March 19, 2020, from Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, providing notice pursuant to Government Motion 10, agreed to as amended on March 17, 2020, that the Assembly will remain adjourned on Thursday, March 19, 2020

Sessional Paper 87/2020

Memorandum dated March 19, 2020, from Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, and Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, providing notice pursuant to Government Motion 10, agreed to as amended on March 17, 2020, of the Government's intention to introduce Bill 9, Emergency Management Amendment Act, 2020, on Friday, March 20, 2020

Sessional Paper 88/2020

Memorandum dated March 19, 2020, from Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta providing notification that the Speaker has been advised that the public interest requires the Assembly to stand adjourned on Thursday, March 19, 2020, and to convene on Friday, March 20, 2020; Saturday, March 21, 2020; and Sunday, March 22, 2020

Sessional Paper 89/2020

Memorandum dated March 19, 2020, from Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, clarifying information regarding the extended sitting dates scheduled for March 20 to 22, 2020

Sessional Paper 90/2020

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta Annual Report 2018/19 Sessional Paper 91/2020

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar; Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland; and Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, November 19, 2019, Ministry of Environment and Parks, 2019-20 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 92/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 77(1) in order to proceed immediately to Second Reading of Bill 9, Emergency Management Amendment Act, 2020.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 9 Emergency Management Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Madu

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 9 Emergency Management Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Madu

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 77(1) in order to proceed immediately to Third Reading of Bill 9, Emergency Management Amendment Act, 2020.

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 9 Emergency Management Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Madu

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 10, agreed to as amended on March 17, 2020, Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, advised the Assembly at 12:14 p.m. that the public interest requires the Assembly to adjourn until Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

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

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Members to sit, speak, and vote from any seat in the Chamber.

Members' Statements

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding temporary layoffs in the education system during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mrs. Allard, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement recognizing the willingness of Albertans to support one another during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement recognizing the actions of businesses, workers, healthcare staff, and other citizens to support and protect Albertans during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding the conduct of the Minister of Health.

Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Cochrane, made a statement regarding the need to rebuild the economy in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement recognizing the efforts of Albertans during the COVID-19 pandemic and regarding the need to re-examine priorities following the crisis.

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding Government actions to alleviate economic hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Williams, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding the need to follow the public health recommendations of Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement recognizing the efforts of organizations and their volunteers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motions:

- 17. Be it resolved that, despite any Standing Order and immediately on the passage of this motion, the Assembly is to debate the urgent public matter of the COVID-19 pandemic in the following manner:
 - (a) the Premier may make the first statement not exceeding 45 minutes;
 - (b) immediately following the Premier's statement, the Leader of the Official Opposition may make a statement not exceeding 30 minutes;
 - (c) immediately following the Leader of the Official Opposition's statement and for a period not exceeding 30 minutes
 - (i) the Leader of the Official Opposition may ask questions on matters relevant to the Premier's statement, and
 - (ii) the Premier may respond to those questions;
 - (d) any other member of the Executive Council may make a statement not exceeding 10 minutes;
 - (e) immediately following each statement made by a member of the Executive Council and for a period not exceeding 15 minutes
 - (i) Members who are not a member of the Executive Council may ask questions on matters relevant to the statement, and
 - (ii) the member of the Executive Council who made the statement may respond to those questions;

- (f) a Member who asks a question or a member of the Executive Council who responds in accordance with clause (c) or (e) is limited to a period of 5 minutes at one time to ask that question or make a response;
- (g) immediately after all statements and related periods for questions and responses have concluded, the debate is considered to have been concluded by the Assembly without decision.

18. Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- acknowledges that the oil and gas industry will continue to play an important role in global energy demand for the foreseeable future and that world oil prices will not remain depressed in perpetuity;
- (b) urge the Government to plan for the future and continue to play an important role in ensuring Alberta's oil and gas industry can meet global energy demand;
- (c) recognize that increased export options for Alberta energy results in better prices, which benefits workers, employers and all Albertans by providing critical financial support for public services; and
- (d) express its support for the Government's plan to provide an investment, through a \$1.5 billion equity stake and \$6 billion loan guarantees, in the Keystone XL pipeline project.

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly support educational assistants and other school staff, who bring value to all aspects of learning, by urging the Government to immediately reverse its decision to reduce funding for K to 12 education because this decision offends the principles and values of the Education Act and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms by

- (a) being inconsistent with the statutory powers and responsibilities of school boards as provided under the Education Act, specifically sections 11(3) and (4) and sections 33(1)(d) and (e),
- (b) by reversing the Ministry of Education's commitment, as publicly announced by the Minister of Education on March 15, 2020, to maintain then-existing levels of education funding to ensure that school boards could, during the COVID-19 pandemic, continue to deliver educational learning through effective distance education, and
- (c) severely and disproportionately impacting students with special needs and disabilities given their need for, and the resulting lack of, specialized supports and services to ensure that these students continue to have equal access to ongoing educational learning.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 10 Public Health (Emergency Powers) Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Shandro
- Bill 11 Tenancies Statutes (Emergency Provisions) Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Glubish
- Bill 12 Liabilities Management Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mrs. Savage

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated March 20, 2020, from Hon. Marguerite Trussler, QC, Ethics Commissioner, to Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, regarding complaints concerning Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health

Sessional Paper 94/2020

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, pursuant to the Statutes Repeal Act, cS-19.3, s2(1):

Report, undated, entitled "Statutes Repeal Act – 2020 List"

Sessional Paper 95/2020

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Sawhney, Minister of Community and Social Services:

Responses to questions raised by Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, March 3, 2020, Ministry of Community and Social Services, 2020-21 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 96/2020

Motions Under Standing Order 42

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly support educational assistants and other school staff, who bring value to all aspects of learning, by urging the Government to immediately reverse its decision to reduce funding for K to 12 education because this decision offends the principles and values of the Education Act and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms by

- (a) being inconsistent with the statutory powers and responsibilities of school boards as provided under the Education Act, specifically sections 11(3) and (4) and sections 33(1)(d) and (e),
- (b) by reversing the Ministry of Education's commitment, as publicly announced by the Minister of Education on March 15, 2020, to maintain then-existing levels of education funding to ensure that school boards could, during the COVID-19 pandemic, continue to deliver educational learning through effective distance education, and
- (c) severely and disproportionately impacting students with special needs and disabilities given their need for, and the resulting lack of, specialized supports and services to ensure that these students continue to have equal access to ongoing educational learning.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 77(1) in order to proceed immediately to Second Reading of Bill 11, Tenancies Statutes (Emergency Provisions) Amendment Act, 2020.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

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

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 11 Tenancies Statutes (Emergency Provisions) Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Glubish Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 77(1) in order to proceed immediately to Third Reading of Bill 11, Tenancies Statutes (Emergency Provisions) Amendment Act, 2020.

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 10)

Moved by Mr. Neudorf and seconded by Ms Goodridge:

That an humble address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To Her Honour Lois Mitchell, CM, AOE, LLD, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Motions

9. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Savage on behalf of Hon. Mr. Kenney:

Be it resolved that the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be engrossed and presented to Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor by such Members of the Assembly as are members of Executive Council.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 11, agreed to on March 17, 2020, Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no evening sitting today.

Intersessional Deposits

Pursuant to Standing Order 38.1(3), the following document was deposited with the Clerk of the Assembly and was deemed to have been laid before the Assembly:

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Child and Youth Advocate Act, cC-11.5, s9.1(5):

Office of the Child and Youth Advocate Alberta: Mandatory Reviews into Child Deaths, April 1, 2019, to September 30, 2019, deposited on March 24, 2020 Sessional Paper 93/2020

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 11, agreed to on March 17, 2020, and on motion by Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:54 p.m. until Wednesday, April 1, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

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

Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Members to sit, speak, and vote from any seat in the Chamber.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 12 Liabilities Management Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mrs. Savage

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Ceci speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2.1), the Assembly adjourned at 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2020 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement regarding religious observances and connectedness during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the temporary layoffs in the education system during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding the seriousness of the COVID-19 pandemic and its related public health measures.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding employees in the education system.

Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the economic and personal recoveries required once the COVID-19 pandemic passes.

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the difficulty in accessing the Emergency Isolation Support program.

Mr. Walker, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding Government actions to prioritize health and financial relief for Albertans during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the cancellation of the Teaching Tots preschool program at Dickensfield Amity House.

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding Government action to support Alberta businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Memo dated April 1, 2020, from Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, providing notice pursuant to Government Motion 10, agreed to as amended on March 17, 2020, that the Assembly will sit beyond the normal adjournment hour on Thursday, April 2, 2020

Sessional Paper 97/2020

Memo dated March 27, 2020, from Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, providing notice pursuant to Government Motion 10, agreed to as amended on March 17, 2020, that the public interest requires the Assembly to reconvene at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2020

Sessional Paper 98/2020

Memo dated March 27, 2020, from Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting an early Order Paper, pursuant to Standing Order 39(4), to be distributed on Monday, March 30, 2020

Sessional Paper 99/2020

Memo dated March 23, 2020, from Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, advising pursuant to Government Motion 10, agreed to as amended on March 17, 2020, that the public interest requires the Assembly to remain adjourned

Sessional Paper 100/2020

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Transportation:

Responses to questions raised by MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, March 5, 2020, Ministry of Transportation, 2020-21 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 101/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 12 Liabilities Management Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mrs. Savage

A debate followed.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, on behalf of Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 12, Liabilities Management Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 102/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

Ms Glasgo, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the afternoon sitting.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 6

Gray Irwin Renaud Hoffman Loyola Sabir

Against the amendment: 20

Aheer Lovely Sigurdson (Highwood) Madu Singh Amery Smith Barnes Nally Stephan Ellis Neudorf Walker Glasgo Rosin Wilson Hanson Rowswell Horner Sawhney

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

- Bill 10 Public Health (Emergency Powers) Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Shandro
- Bill 12 Liabilities Management Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mrs. Savage

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

- Bill 10 Public Health (Emergency Powers) Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Shandro
- Bill 12 Liabilities Management Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mrs. Savage

Mr. Hanson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 12 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 103/2020

Amendment to Bill 10 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 104/2020

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, the Assembly adjourned at 5:56 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Motions

17. Oral notice having been given March 31, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that, despite any Standing Order and immediately on the passage of this motion, the Assembly is to debate the urgent public matter of the COVID-19 pandemic in the following manner:

- (a) the Premier may make the first statement not exceeding 45 minutes;
- (b) immediately following the Premier's statement, the Leader of the Official Opposition may make a statement not exceeding 30 minutes;
- (c) immediately following the Leader of the Official Opposition's statement and for a period not exceeding 30 minutes
 - the Leader of the Official Opposition may ask questions on matters relevant to the Premier's statement, and
 - (ii) the Premier may respond to those questions;
- (d) any other member of the Executive Council may make a statement not exceeding 10 minutes;
- (e) immediately following each statement made by a member of the Executive Council and for a period not exceeding 15 minutes
 - (i) Members who are not a member of the Executive Council may ask questions on matters relevant to the statement, and
 - (ii) the member of the Executive Council who made the statement may respond to those questions;
- (f) a Member who asks a question or a member of the Executive Council who responds in accordance with clause (c) or (e) is limited to a period of 5 minutes at one time to ask that question or make a response;
- (g) immediately after all statements and related periods for questions and responses have concluded, the debate is considered to have been concluded by the Assembly without decision.

A debate followed.

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, moved that the motion be amended as follows:

- (a) in clause (a) by striking out "45 minutes" and substituting "30 minutes";
- (b) in clause (b) by striking out "30 minutes" and substituting "15 minutes";

- (c) in clause (c)(i) by adding "or the Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic" immediately after "on matters relevant to the Premier's statement";
- (d) in clause (e)(i) by adding "or the Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic" immediately after "on matters relevant to the statement";
- (e) in clause (f) by striking out "5 minutes" and substituting "2 minutes".

 Sessional Paper 105/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

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

A debate followed pursuant to Government Motion 17, agreed to as amended on April 1, 2020.

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow a maximum of two additional minutes for Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, to respond to a question from Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition.

Debate concluded pursuant to Government Motion 17, agreed to as amended on April 1, 2020.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:00 a.m. Thursday, April 2, 2020, until 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 2, 2020

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

Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Members to sit, speak, and vote from any seat in the Chamber.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 12 Liabilities Management Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mrs. Savage

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, moved that the Bill be amended by striking out section 1(17).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 6

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Eggen Loyola Pancholi Irwin Nielsen Sabir

Against the amendment: 21

Issik Rowswell Aheer Schulz Amery Loewen Dreeshen Lovely Schweitzer Ellis Madu Sigurdson (Highwood) Glasgo Neudorf Singh Hanson Orr Smith

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

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The following Bill was reported:

Bill 12 Liabilities Management Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mrs. Savage

Wilson

Mr. Hanson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 12 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 106/2020

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 12 Liabilities Management Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mrs. Savage

Government Motions

18. Oral notice having been given March 31, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Schweitzer on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) acknowledges that the oil and gas industry will continue to play an important role in global energy demand for the foreseeable future and that world oil prices will not remain depressed in perpetuity;
- (b) urge the Government to plan for the future and continue to play an important role in ensuring Alberta's oil and gas industry can meet global energy demand;
- (c) recognize that increased export options for Alberta energy results in better prices, which benefits workers, employers and all Albertans by providing critical financial support for public services; and
- (d) express its support for the Government's plan to provide an investment, through a \$1.5 billion equity stake and \$6 billion loan guarantees, in the Keystone XL pipeline project.

Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Deputy Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to recess the Assembly from 10:21 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Mr. Hanson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled a copy of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 10 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre on April 1, 2020) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 104/2020

Government Motions

18. Oral notice having been given March 31, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Schweitzer on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) acknowledges that the oil and gas industry will continue to play an important role in global energy demand for the foreseeable future and that world oil prices will not remain depressed in perpetuity;
- (b) urge the Government to plan for the future and continue to play an important role in ensuring Alberta's oil and gas industry can meet global energy demand;
- (c) recognize that increased export options for Alberta energy results in better prices, which benefits workers, employers and all Albertans by providing critical financial support for public services; and
- (d) express its support for the Government's plan to provide an investment, through a \$1.5 billion equity stake and \$6 billion loan guarantees, in the Keystone XL pipeline project.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 27

Aheer Jones Rosin Amery Kenney Rowswell Dreeshen Loewen Sawhney Ellis Lovely Schulz Glasgo Madu Schweitzer Goodridge Neudorf Sigurdson (Highwood)

HansonNixon (Calgary-Klein)SinghHornerNixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)SmithIssikOrrWilson

Against the motion: 0

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:55 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2020 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Members to sit, speak, and vote from any seat in the Chamber for the remainder of the day.

Members' Statements

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding Calgary businesses supporting the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding the town of Hardisty.

Mr. Yaseen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North, made a statement regarding the value of communication and community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding difficulties accessing the Emergency Isolation Support program.

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, made a statement regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Feehan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding a lack of support and answers from Ministers concerning the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, made a statement regarding stories of positivity and support during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Toor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding the value of the Keystone XL pipeline project.

Mr. Reid, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement recognizing transportation workers maintaining the supply chain during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Red Deer Public Schools news release, undated, entitled "Red Deer Public lays off support staff on June 1"

Sessional Paper 107/2020

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Wilson, Minister of Indigenous Relations, pursuant to the Metis Settlements Act, cM-14, s211(2):

Metis Settlements Appeal Tribunal 2019 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 108/2020

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Panda, Minister of Infrastructure:

Responses to questions raised by Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, March 17, 2020, Ministry of Infrastructure, 2020-21 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 109/2020

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General:

Responses to questions raised by Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, March 4, 2020, Ministry of Justice and Solicitor General, 2020-21 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 110/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, on April 1, 20202, that the Bill be amended as follows:

- (a) in section 3
 - (i) by striking out the proposed section 52.1(2), and
 - (ii) by adding the following immediately after the proposed section 52.1(2.4):
 - (2.5) The person who makes an order under subsection (2) must, within the applicable period set out under subsection (2.6), publish the following on the Government website established to communicate information to the public during the public health emergency to which the order relates:
 - (a) a copy of the order;
 - (b) in addition to the publication of the details of the order as required under section 52.4, the statement described in subsection (2.7).
 - (2.6) The period referred to in subsection (2.5) is
 - (a) in the case of an order made after the coming into force of that subsection, within 24 hours of the making of the order, or
 - (b) in the case of an order made during the period commencing on March 17, 2020, and ending on the day on which that subsection comes into force, within 24 hours of that day.
 - (2.7) For the purpose of subsection (2.5)(b), the statement referred to in that subsection must

- (a) be made by the person who made the order to which the statement related, and
- (b) set out the person's grounds for making the order in consideration of the circumstances of the public health emergency to which the order relates, specifically by including the following:
 - (i) the detailed facts on which the person relied to make the order;
 - (ii) each provision of an enactment to which the order applies;
 - (iii) an explanation as to how the application of the order in respect of other enactments
 - (A) protects the public from risks associated with the public health emergency, and
 - (B) is necessary and reasonable in the circumstances.
- (2.8) Despite section 52.8, an order made under subsection (2) during the period commencing on March 17, 2020, and ending on June 30, 2020, lapses at the earlier of the following:
 - (a) July 1, 2020;
 - (b) the day on which the order lapses in accordance with its terms and conditions.
- (b) in section 4(b)
 - (i) by striking out the proposed section 52.21(2), and
 - (ii) by adding the following immediately after the proposed section 52.21(5):
 - (6) Sections 52.1(2.5) to (2.8) apply with necessary modifications to an order made under subsection (2).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Ceci Eggen Feehan Gray Schmidt

Shepherd

Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Against the amendment: 20

Allard Nally Toor Copping Nicolaides Turton Goodridge van Dijken Pon Guthrie Williams Reid Issik Yao Rosin LaGrange Savage Yaseen

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

The following Bill was reported:

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

Mr. van Dijken, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 10 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre on April 1, 2020) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 104/2020

Third Reading

Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute.

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

Bill 10 Public Health (Emergency Powers) Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mrs. Savage on behalf of Hon. Mr. Shandro

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 14

CoppingNicolaidesTurtonGoodridgeReidvan DijkenIssikSavageYaoLaGrangeSchowYaseenNallyToor

Against the motion: 7

Ceci Gray Shepherd

Eggen Schmidt Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Feehan

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 10, agreed to as amended on March 17, 2020, Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, advised the Assembly at 3:39 p.m. that the public interest requires the Assembly to stand adjourned.

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Members to sit, speak, and vote from any seat in the Chamber.

Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Introduction of Bills.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given March 5, 2020:

Bill 8 Protecting Survivors of Human Trafficking Act — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

Notice having been given:

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 3 Mobile Home Sites Tenancies Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Dang speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2.1), the Assembly adjourned at 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2020 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement regarding the importance of personal choices such as registering as an organ donor and staying home during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding rural physicians in Alberta leaving their positions.

Mr. Yaseen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North, made a statement recognizing the willingness of Albertans to support one another during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the need to ensure the safety of essential agriculture and food sector workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding the economic and personal impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, made a statement regarding postsecondary education funding cuts.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding the second anniversary of the Humboldt Broncos bus collision.

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, made a statement regarding the value of the Keystone XL pipeline project.

Ms Rosin, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, made a statement recognizing National Caregiver Day.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Memorandum dated April 2, 2020, from Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, advising pursuant to Government Motion 10, agreed to as amended on March 17, 2020, and Standing Order 3(8) that the Assembly must meet on Tuesday, April 7; Wednesday, April 8; and Thursday, April 9, 2020

Sessional Paper 111/2020

Memorandum dated April 3, 2020, from Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly advising that the Assembly will resume sitting at 10:00 a.m. on April 7, 2020, and providing an abbreviated revised Projected Sitting Days calendar for April 7 to 9, 2020

Sessional Paper 112/2020

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Pon, Minister of Seniors and Housing:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday and MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, March 2, 2020, Ministry of Seniors and Housing, 2020-21 Main Estimates debate Sessional Paper 113/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 3 Mobile Home Sites Tenancies Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 3 Mobile Home Sites Tenancies Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Mr. van Dijken, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 3 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 114/2020

Amendment to Bill 3 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 115/2020

Amendment to Bill 3 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 116/2020

Amendment to Bill 3 (A4) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 117/2020

Amendment to Bill 3 (A5) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 118/2020

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:19 a.m. Wednesday, April 8, 2020, until 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

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

Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Members to sit, speak, and vote from any seat in the Chamber.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 8 Protecting Survivors of Human Trafficking Act — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

A debate followed.

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

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

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

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2.1), the Assembly adjourned at 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2020 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

Mr. Reid, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement recognizing the work of rural media organizations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the arts and culture community.

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement recognizing truck drivers and their work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, made a statement regarding constituents' concerns about Alberta's Emergency Isolation Support program.

Ms Issik, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the celebration of Passover during the COVID-19 pandemic.

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding Government commitments that have not been honoured during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Toor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding Sikh Heritage Month and Vaisakhi.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the celebration of Passover during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mrs. Allard, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement regarding the celebration of Easter during the COVID-19 pandemic.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 8 Protecting Survivors of Human Trafficking Act — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

A debate followed.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 8, Protecting Survivors of Human Trafficking Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 119/2020

Debate adjourned on the amendment, Ms Renaud speaking.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

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

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 8 Protecting Survivors of Human Trafficking Act — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, on April 8, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 8, Protecting Survivors of Human Trafficking Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 119/2020

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 8 Protecting Survivors of Human Trafficking Act — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

- Bill 3 Mobile Home Sites Tenancies Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Glubish
- Bill 8 Protecting Survivors of Human Trafficking Act Hon. Mr. Schweitzer
- Bill 13 Emergency Management Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2) Hon. Mr. Madu

Mr. Neudorf, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 3 (A6) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday) — Adjourned Sessional Paper 120/2020

Amendment to Bill 13 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 121/2020

Amendment to Bill 8 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Adjourned Sessional Paper 122/2020

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:24 a.m. Thursday, April 9, 2020, until 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 9, 2020

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

Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Members to sit, speak, and vote from any seat in the Chamber.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Mr. Getson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 13 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on April 8, 2020) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 121/2020

Amendment to Bill 13 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 123/2020

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:57 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2020 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the housing crisis in Alberta.

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Jack Ady.

Ms Glasgo, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding Faster

Mr. Rutherford, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement recognizing Vimy Ridge Day 2020 in Canada.

Mr. Feehan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the struggles faced by small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the need for supports for seniors' housing facilities, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding unsung heroes and the virtue of preparation.

Ms Rosin, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, made a statement regarding the Alberta Bits and Pieces Program.

Mr. Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement regarding the Alberta Bits and Pieces Program.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

National Post website article dated November 6, 2018, entitled "Robyn Luff fires back at Alberta NDP after they kick her out of caucus," relating to comments made by Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Transportation, during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 3, Mobile Home Sites Tenancies Amendment Act, 2020

Sessional Paper 124/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Mr. Getson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 13 (A2) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on April 9, 2020) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 123/2020

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 10, agreed to as amended on March 17, 2020, Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, advised the Assembly at 4:16 p.m. that the public interest requires the Assembly to adjourn.

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

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

Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Members to sit, speak, and vote from any seat in the Chamber.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 3 Mobile Home Sites Tenancies Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on behalf of Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, on April 8, 2020, that the Bill be amended by striking out section 4.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 6

Eggen Goehring Sabir

Ganley Hoffman Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Against the amendment: 14

Allard Jones Schow
Armstrong-Homeniuk Loewen Turton
Getson Lovely van Dijken
Glasgo McIver Walker

Gotfried Reid

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 8 Protecting Survivors of Human Trafficking Act — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, on behalf of Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, on April 8, 2020, that the Bill be amended in section 22 by striking out "December 31, 2020" and substituting "July 1, 2020".

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to. With Mr. Hanson at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 23

Armstrong-Homeniuk Hoffman Sabir Eggen Issik Schow

Ganley Jones Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Getson Loewen Toor
Glasgo Long van Dijken
Goehring Lovely Williams
Goodridge McIver Yao

Gotfried Reid

Against the amendment: 0

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 3 Mobile Home Sites Tenancies Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 8 Protecting Survivors of Human Trafficking Act — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Mr. van Dijken, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 3 (A6) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday on April 8, 2020) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 120/2020

Amendment to Bill 8 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View on April 8, 2020) — Agreed to on division

Sessional Paper 122/2020

Amendment to Bill 13 (A2) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on April 9, 2020) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 123/2020

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:56 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2020 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Members Raymond Reierson, Member for St. Paul, 1952 to 1971, who passed away on January 30, 2020; Frederick T. Mandeville, Member for Bow Valley-Empress, 1967 to 1971, and Bow Valley, 1971 to 1982, who passed away on April 7, 2020; and Erin Babcock, Member for Stony Plain, 2015 to 2019, who passed away on April 25, 2020.

The Speaker then offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of six Canadian service members who were killed in the line of duty in a helicopter crash while taking part in NATO exercises off the coast of Greece on April 29, 2020.

Members' Statements

Mr. Reid, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the response to the COVID-19 pandemic in the Livingstone-Macleod constituency.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Erin Babcock.

Mr. Yaseen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North, made a statement regarding the Muslim community and the holy month of Ramadan.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding women's unpaid labour during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement regarding flooding in Fort McMurray.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the holy month of Ramadan.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement regarding support for small businesses in Alberta during the COVID-19 pandemic.

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding Government proposals to reopen the Alberta economy during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Cochrane, made a statement regarding global energy markets during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

- 19. Be it resolved that, despite any Standing Order and immediately on the passage of this motion, the Assembly is to debate the urgent public matter of the COVID-19 pandemic, for the purposes of receiving and considering further developments since the Assembly's April 1, 2020, debate relating to the pandemic, in the following manner:
 - (a) the Premier may make the first statement not exceeding 30 minutes;
 - (b) immediately following the Premier's statement, the Leader of the Official Opposition may make a statement not exceeding 15 minutes;
 - (c) immediately following the Leader of the Official Opposition's statement and for a period not exceeding 30 minutes
 - (i) the Leader of the Official Opposition may ask questions on matters relevant to the Premier's statement, and
 - (ii) the Premier may respond to those questions;
 - (d) any other member of the Executive Council may make a statement not exceeding 10 minutes;
 - (e) immediately following each statement made by a member of the Executive Council and for a period not exceeding 15 minutes
 - Members who are not a member of the Executive Council may ask questions on matters relevant to the statement, and
 - (ii) the member of the Executive Council who made the statement may respond to those questions;

- (f) a Member who asks a question or a member of the Executive Council who responds in accordance with clause (c) or (e) is limited to a period of 2 minutes at one time to ask that question or make a response;
- (g) immediately after all statements and related periods for questions and responses have concluded, the debate is considered to have been concluded by the Assembly without decision.

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) acknowledge the principle that workers' health and safety in the meat processing industry in Alberta is a critical priority and any risk to these workers' health and safety arising from the unmitigated spread of the virus causing COVID-19 at their worksites is unacceptable,
- (b) urge the Government to immediately implement the following measures in the case of a meat processing facility where a worker at that facility tests positive for COVID-19:
 - (i) require the operator of the facility to immediately and temporarily suspend its operations;
 - (ii) prohibit the operator of the facility from restarting operations until
 - (A) the operator engages an independent workplace health and safety expert, chosen by agreement between the operator and the workers or their representatives, to conduct a thorough investigation of the facility,
 - (B) the independent expert provides to the employer and workers an investigation report that includes the independent expert's recommendations on how to mitigate the spread of the virus causing COVID-19 at the facility,
 - (C) the operator implements all recommendations set out in the investigation report,
 - (D) the operator engages the independent expert to conduct an inperson inspection of the facility, with the participation of workers or their representatives, to confirm that the recommendations have been implemented,
 - (E) the independent expert confirms that the operator has taken all reasonable measures to ensure that the facility is a healthy and safe workplace to which the workers may return to work, and

- (F) as an on-going condition of the restarting operations, the operator agrees to engage independent officers recommended by the independent expert for the purpose of implement ongoing monitoring of the spread of the virus causing COVID-19 at the facility,
- (c) urge the Government to, during the period that operations are suspended at a meat processing facility in accordance with these measures, provide the appropriate supports to those members of the Alberta Beef Producers organization who suffer economic losses due to the resulting processing delays, and
- (d) urge the Government to, immediately on the repeal or expiry of the declaration of the public health emergency related to COVID-19, establish a public inquiry into
 - (i) the deaths of workers at the Cargill and JBS meat processing facilities in southern Alberta, and
 - (ii) the spread of the virus causing COVID-19 to over 1500 workers at Cargill, JBS, Harmony and any other meat processing facility that experiences a similar crisis.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 14 Utility Payment Deferral Program Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Memorandum dated May 4, 2020, from Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, providing notice that, pursuant to Government Motion 10, agreed to as amended on March 17, 2020, the Assembly must reconvene on Wednesday, May 6, 2020

Sessional Paper 129/2020

Memorandum dated May 4, 2020, from Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly, advising that the Assembly will resume sitting at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2020

Sessional Paper 130/2020

Memorandum dated May 6, 2020, from Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, providing notice pursuant to Government Motion 10, agreed to as amended on March 17, 2020, that the public interest requires the Assembly to sit beyond the normal adjournment hour on Thursday, May 7, 2020, and to sit on Friday, May 8, 2020

Sessional Paper 131/2020

Memorandum dated May 6, 2020, from Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, advising that the Assembly may sit beyond the normal adjournment hour on Thursday, May 7, 2020, and may sit on Friday, May 8, 2020

Sessional Paper 132/2020

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Podiatric Physicians of Alberta 2018 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 133/2020

College of Midwives of Alberta 2018 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 134/2020

Alberta College of Social Workers Annual Report 2019

Sessional Paper 135/2020

Motions Under Standing Order 42

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) acknowledge the principle that workers' health and safety in the meat processing industry in Alberta is a critical priority and any risk to these workers' health and safety arising from the unmitigated spread of the virus causing COVID-19 at their worksites is unacceptable,
- (b) urge the Government to immediately implement the following measures in the case of a meat processing facility where a worker at that facility tests positive for COVID-19:
 - (i) require the operator of the facility to immediately and temporarily suspend its operations;
 - (ii) prohibit the operator of the facility from restarting operations until

- (A) the operator engages an independent workplace health and safety expert, chosen by agreement between the operator and the workers or their representatives, to conduct a thorough investigation of the facility,
- (B) the independent expert provides to the employer and workers an investigation report that includes the independent expert's recommendations on how to mitigate the spread of the virus causing COVID-19 at the facility,
- (C) the operator implements all recommendations set out in the investigation report,
- (D) the operator engages the independent expert to conduct an inperson inspection of the facility, with the participation of workers or their representatives, to confirm that the recommendations have been implemented,
- (E) the independent expert confirms that the operator has taken all reasonable measures to ensure that the facility is a healthy and safe workplace to which the workers may return to work, and
- (F) as an on-going condition of the restarting operations, the operator agrees to engage independent officers recommended by the independent expert for the purpose of implement ongoing monitoring of the spread of the virus causing COVID-19 at the facility,
- (c) urge the Government to, during the period that operations are suspended at a meat processing facility in accordance with these measures, provide the appropriate supports to those members of the Alberta Beef Producers organization who suffer economic losses due to the resulting processing delays, and
- (d) urge the Government to, immediately on the repeal or expiry of the declaration of the public health emergency related to COVID-19, establish a public inquiry into
 - (i) the deaths of workers at the Cargill and JBS meat processing facilities in southern Alberta, and
 - (ii) the spread of the virus causing COVID-19 to over 1500 workers at Cargill, JBS, Harmony and any other meat processing facility that experiences a similar crisis.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

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

Mr. Nixon, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 13 (A2) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on April 9, 2020) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 123/2020

Amendment to Bill 13 (A3) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 136/2020

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

Intersessional Deposits

Pursuant to Standing Order 38.1(3), the following documents were deposited with the Clerk of the Assembly and were deemed to have been laid before the Assembly:

Hon. Mr. Madu, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Government Organization Act, cG-10, s10(3):

Alberta Boilers Safety Association Annual Report 2019, deposited on April 22, 2020

Sessional Paper 125/2020

Hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Labour and Immigration:

Pursuant to the Regulated Forest Management Profession Act, cR-13, s4(2), College of Alberta Professional Foresters and College of Alberta Professional Forest Technologists Annual Report 2018/19, deposited on April 23, 2020

Sessional Paper 126/2020

Pursuant to the Veterinary Profession Act, cV-2, s6.1(2), Alberta Veterinary Medical Association Annual Report 2019, deposited on April 23, 2020

Sessional Paper 127/2020

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s28(1):

Office of the Ethics Commissioner of the Province of Alberta Report of the Investigation under the Conflicts of Interest Act by Hon. Marguerite Trussler, QC, Ethics Commissioner, into allegations involving Premier Jason Kenney, MLA, Calgary-Lougheed; Minister Doug Schweitzer, MLA, Calgary-Elbow; Minister Leela Aheer, MLA, Chestermere-Strathmore; Minister Josephine Pon, MLA, Calgary-Beddington; Associate Minister Jason Luan, MLA, Calgary-Foothills; Member Joseph Schow, MLA, Cardston-Siksika; Member Jordan Walker, MLA, Sherwood Park; Member Peter Singh, MLA, Calgary-East; Members of the UCP Caucus at large, April 27, 2020, deposited on April 27, 2020

Sessional Paper 128/2020

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:13 p.m. until Thursday, May 7, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, May 7, 2020

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

Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Members to sit, speak, and vote from any seat in the Chamber.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 3 Mobile Home Sites Tenancies Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Glubish
- Bill 8 Protecting Survivors of Human Trafficking Act Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, the Assembly adjourned at 10:24 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Speaker's Statement – Members' Anniversaries

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the fifth anniversary of Hon. Mr. Hunter, Associate Minister of Red Tape Reduction; Mrs. Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie-East; Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock; Mr. Hanson, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul; MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo; Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek; Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall; Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View; Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley; Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon; Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs; Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre; Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore; MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie; Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora; Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar; Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader; Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung; Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods; Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview; Mr. Feehan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford; Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South; Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday; Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo; Mr. Orr, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka; Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West; Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert; Hon. Mrs. Aheer, Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women; and Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks, who were elected to the Legislative Assembly on May 5, 2015. The Speaker presented each Member with a 5-year Mace pin.

Members' Statements

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding Alberta's economic relaunch during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Orr, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding a shooting in the Blackfalds area on May 6, 2020.

Mr. Rutherford, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding a shooting and subsequent RCMP actions in the Blackfalds area on May 6, 2020.

Mr. Feehan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the Premier's visit to High Level and Fort Vermillion following recent floods there.

Ms Glasgo, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat, made a statement recognizing Sexual Violence Awareness Month.

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the need to balance protecting Albertans' health with reopening Alberta during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the recent mass shooting in Nova Scotia.

Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding the importance of community spirit during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement recognizing Food Allergy Awareness Month.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

CBC News website article dated May 6, 2020, entitled "Father of Cargill worker becomes 2nd person to die in massive outbreak linked to slaughterhouse," relating to comments made by Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, in the Assembly on May 6, 2020

Sessional Paper 137/2020

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

Memorandum dated May 7, 2020, from Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, regarding extended sitting times, with attached abbreviated projected sitting days calendar

Sessional Paper 138/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 14 Utility Payment Deferral Program Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:53 p.m. until Friday, May 8, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

Friday, May 8, 2020

The Speaker took the Chair at 10:00 a.m.

Speaker's Statement – 75th Anniversary of VE Day

The Speaker made a statement recognizing May 8, 2020, as the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day and recognizing the sacrifices made by service members in defence of Canada.

Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Members to sit, speak, and vote from any seat in the Chamber.

Members' Statements

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, made a statement recognizing Mental Health Week.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, made a statement regarding the need for Government Members to respond to their constituents' concerns.

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding support from organizations and individuals during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Alberta farmers.

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, made a statement regarding Alberta's agri-food sector.

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding the operation of farmers' markets during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the role of faith-based organizations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding Alberta's relaunch strategy during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement recognizing Mental Health Week.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

- 20. Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly
 - (a) recognize that the criminal use of firearms primarily involves unlicensed individuals, often using illegally smuggled firearms;
 - (b) express its opposition to the Government of Canada's recent decision to amend regulations to the Criminal Code to prohibit the possession, transportation and sale of certain types of legally-acquired firearms by licensed, law-abiding citizens; and
 - (c) urge the Government of Alberta to take all necessary steps to assert provincial jurisdiction in connection with these matters, including replacing the Chief Firearms Officer having jurisdiction for Alberta as designated by the federal Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness with a chief firearms officer for Alberta designated by the Government of Alberta in accordance with the Firearms Act (Canada).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 14 Utility Payment Deferral Program Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

- (a) section 1 is amended
 - (i) in clause (b) by striking out "June 18, 2020" and substituting "March 18, 2021, or as otherwise prescribed in the regulations",
 - (ii) in clause (d) by striking out "June 19, 2021 and ending on June 18, 2022" and substituting "March 19, 2022 and ending March 18, 2023, or as otherwise prescribed in the regulations", and
 - (iii) in clause (e) by striking out "June 19, 2020 and ending June 18, 2021" and substituting "March 19, 2021 and ending on March 18, 2022, or as otherwise prescribed in the regulations";
- (b) section 6(2) is amended by striking out "June 18, 2021" and substituting "the day the repayment period ends";
- (c) section 11 is amended
 - (i) in subsection (1) by striking out "June 19, 2021" and substituting "the day the rate rider period begins",
 - (ii) in subsection (2)(a) by striking out "June 18, 2021" and substituting "the day the repayment period ends", and
 - (iii) in subsection (3) by striking out "June 18, 2021" and substituting "on the day the repayment period ends";
- (d) section 16(2) is amended by striking "June 18, 2021" and substituting "the day the repayment period ends";
- (e) section 21 is amended

- (i) in subsection (1) by striking out "June 19, 2021" and substituting "the day the rate rider period begins", and
- (ii) in subsection (2)
 - (A) in clause (a)(i) by striking out "June 18, 2021" and substituting "the day the repayment period ends", and
 - (B) in clause (b) by striking out "June 18, 2021" and substituting "the day the repayment period ends";
- (f) section 29 is amended by adding the following immediately after clause (a):

(a.1) prescribing

- the end date of the period referred to in section 1(b), no earlier than March 18, 2021
- (ii) the start and end dates of the period referred to in section 1(d), with the start date of the period no earlier than the day after the end of the repayment period and the end date of the period no earlier than March 18, 2023, and
- (iii) the start and end dates of the period referred to in section 1(e), with the start date of the period no earlier than the day after the end of the deferral period and the end date of the period no earlier than March 18, 2022;
- (g) section 33 is amended by striking out "June 18, 2023" and substituting "March 18, 2024, unless it is continued for a further period by an order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council".

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 6

Ceci Irwin Sabir Deol Renaud Sweet

Against the amendment: 24

Allard Rowswell Jones Amery Long Schweitzer Ellis Nally Smith Getson Neudorf Stephan Glasgo Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Toor Guthrie Turton Orr Horner Walker Reid Issik Rosin Yaseen

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

- (a) section 7 is amended by striking out subsection (2) and substituting the following:
 - (2) A deferral account approved by the Commission under subsection (1) must use the weighted average cost of capital to determine the carrying costs that may be collected in respect of the deferred payments, excluding the cost of interest.
- (b) section 11 is amended by adding the following immediately after subsection (6):
 - (7) The Commission may not approve a rate rider under subsection (2) that includes the cost of interest.
- (c) section 17 is amended by striking out subsection (4) and substituting the following:
 - (4) A deferral account approved by the Commission under this section must use the weighted average cost of capital to determine the carrying costs that may be collected in respect of the deferent payments, excluding the cost of interest.
- (d) section 21 is amended
 - (i) in subsection (2) by adding ", subject to subsection (5)," immediately after "transmission providers and gas distributors, and", and
 - (ii) by adding the following immediately after subsection (4):
 - (5) The Commission may not initiate a proceeding to establish a rate rider under subsection (2) that includes the cost of interest.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 6

Dang Loyola Sabir Gray Nielsen Schmidt

Against the amendment: 20

Milliken Rutherford Amery Singh Getson Nally Glasgo Neudorf Smith Gotfried Orr Stephan Guthrie Rehn Turton Horner Rosin Yaseen McIver Rowswell

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

- (a) section 8(4) is amended by striking out "interest-free";
- (b) section 18(4) is amended by striking out "an interest-free loan" and substituting "a loan".

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 6

Dang Loyola Sabir Gray Nielsen Schmidt

Against the amendment: 20

Getson McIver Rutherford Glasgo Nally Singh Gotfried Neudorf Smith Guthrie Orr Stephan Horner Rehn Turton Hunter Rosin Yaseen

Lovely Rowswell

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, moved that the Bill be amended by striking out section 28.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 6

Dang Loyola Sabir Gray Nielsen Schmidt

Against the amendment: 22

Amery Lovely Rowswell Ellis McIver Rutherford Getson Nally Singh Glasgo Neudorf Smith Gotfried Orr Stephan Guthrie Rehn Turton Horner Yaseen Rosin

Hunter

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 14 Utility Payment Deferral Program Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

Mr. Smith, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 14 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 139/2020

Amendment to Bill 14 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 140/2020

Amendment to Bill 14 (A3) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 141/2020

Amendment to Bill 14 (A4) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 142/2020

Amendment to Bill 14 (A5) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 143/2020

Amendment to Bill 14 (A6) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 144/2020

Amendment to Bill 14 (A7) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 145/2020

Third Reading

Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the day.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 14 Utility Payment Deferral Program Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 10, agreed to as amended on March 17, 2020, Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, advised the Assembly at 4:55 p.m. that the public interest requires the Assembly to adjourn.

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

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

Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Members to sit, speak, and vote from any seat in the Chamber.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 1 Critical Infrastructure Defence Act — Hon. Mr. Kenney

Government Motions

19. Oral notice having been given May 6, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that, despite any Standing Order and immediately on the passage of this motion, the Assembly is to debate the urgent public matter of the COVID-19 pandemic, for the purposes of receiving and considering further developments since the Assembly's April 1, 2020, debate relating to the pandemic, in the following manner:

- (a) the Premier may make the first statement not exceeding 30 minutes;
- (b) immediately following the Premier's statement, the Leader of the Official Opposition may make a statement not exceeding 15 minutes;
- (c) immediately following the Leader of the Official Opposition's statement and for a period not exceeding 30 minutes
 - (i) the Leader of the Official Opposition may ask questions on matters relevant to the Premier's statement, and
 - (ii) the Premier may respond to those questions;
- (d) any other member of the Executive Council may make a statement not exceeding 10 minutes;

- (e) immediately following each statement made by a member of the Executive Council and for a period not exceeding 15 minutes
 - (i) Members who are not a member of the Executive Council may ask questions on matters relevant to the statement, and
 - (ii) the member of the Executive Council who made the statement may respond to those questions;
- (f) a Member who asks a question or a member of the Executive Council who responds in accordance with clause (c) or (e) is limited to a period of 2 minutes at one time to ask that question or make a response;
- (g) immediately after all statements and related periods for questions and responses have concluded, the debate is considered to have been concluded by the Assembly without decision.

A debate followed.

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, moved that the motion be amended

- (a) in clause (d) by striking out "any other member of the Executive Council may" and substituting "the Minister of Health, the President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, the Minister of Labour and Immigration, and the Minister of Education may each then";
- (b) in clause (e)
 - (i) by adding "under clause (d)" immediately after "Member of the Executive Council",
 - (ii) by striking out "15 minutes" and substituting "50 minutes";
- (c) by adding the following immediately after clause (e):
 - (e.1) immediately after the statements and related periods for questions referred to in clauses (d) and (e) have concluded, any other member of the Executive Council may make a statement not exceeding 10 minutes;
 - (e.2) immediately following each statement made by a member of the Executive Council under clause (e.1) and for the period not exceeding 15 minutes
 - (i) Members who are not a member of the Executive Council may ask questions on matters relevant to the statement, and
 - (ii) the member of the Executive Council who made the statement may respond to those questions;
- (d) in clause (f) by striking out "clause (c) or (e)" and substituting "clause (c), (e) or (e.2)",

- (e) by adding the following after clause (g):
 - (h) Government officials may be seated in the Assembly during the debate to assist members of the Executive Council;
 - (i) if the debate is not concluded at the ordinary hour of adjournment during a morning or afternoon sitting, the debate shall resume as the first item of business under Orders of the Day at the Assembly's next sitting.

Sessional Paper 145-A/2020*

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

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

A debate followed on the COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to Government Motion 19, agreed to as amended on May 27, 2020.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 12:01 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2020 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

The Speaker made a statement and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Ralph Sorenson, Member for Sedgewick-Coronation, 1971 to 1975, who passed away on May 15, 2020.

Speaker's Statement - Shannon Dean

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of Shannon Dean, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, who was recently honoured with the Queen's Counsel designation.

Speaker's Statement – Legislative Assembly Response to COVID-19

The Speaker made a statement regarding changes to the handling of House documents that will be implemented in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Members' Statements

Mr. Yaseen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North, made a statement recognizing the festival of Eid al-Fitr and the public health guidance for places of worship during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding the effects of Government policies on Albertans.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Ralph Sorenson, former MLA from 1971 to 1975.

Mr. Feehan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the potential effects of Bill 1, Critical Infrastructure Defence Act, on Alberta's Indigenous population.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement regarding Ramadan and the celebration of Eid al-Fitr during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the closures of many of Alberta's provincial parks and recreation areas as a result of Government policies.

Mrs. Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie-East, made a statement regarding the importance of supporting local businesses.

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the challenges faced by socially isolated seniors, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Rosin, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, made a statement regarding National Tourism Week.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

- 21. A. Be it resolved that, despite Standing Orders 13(7), 16 and 32(4)(b), for the duration of the Spring Sitting of the Second Session of the 30th Legislature, and to allow for appropriate physical distancing within the Chamber during that time, all Members may sit, speak and vote in any seat that has not been assigned to them provided that they immediately relinquish that seat on the request of
 - (a) the Member who has been assigned that seat, or

- (b) the Speaker.
- B. And be it further resolved that this motion take effect immediately upon passage.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given March 5, 2020:

Bill 7 Responsible Energy Development Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mrs. Savage

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Memorandum dated May 20, 2020, from Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, to the Clerk of the Assembly, providing dates for a revised 2020 Sessional Calendar for the 2nd Session, 30th Legislature, pursuant to Government Motion 10, agreed to as amended on March 17, 2020

Sessional Paper 146/2020

Memorandum dated May 20, 2020, from the Clerk of the Assembly to all Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, providing the Revised 2020 Sessional Calendar for the 2nd Session, 30th Legislature

Sessional Paper 147/2020

Memorandum dated May 20, 2020, from Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, providing a revised Projected Sitting Days calendar up to and including July 23, 2020

Sessional Paper 148/2020

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Labour and Immigration:

Pursuant to the Agrology Profession Act, cA-13.5, s4(2), Alberta Institute of Agrologists 2019 Annual General Meeting Report dated April 15, 2020

Sessional Paper 149/2020

Pursuant to the Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act, cE-11, s12(4), Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta 2019 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 150/2020

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Debate continued on the COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to Government Motion 19, agreed to as amended on May 27, 2020.

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 4(2) in order to allow the Assembly to continue debate on the COVID-19 pandemic past 6:00 p.m.

Pursuant to Government Motion 11, agreed to on March 17, 2020, Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no evening sitting today.

Debate concluded pursuant to Government Motion 19, agreed to as amended on May 27, 2020.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 11, agreed to on March 17, 2020; Government Motion 19, agreed to as amended on May 27, 2020; and on motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 6:39 p.m. until Thursday, May 28, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, May 28, 2020

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

Government Motions

- **21.** Oral notice having been given May 27, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Schweitzer on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:
 - A. Be it resolved that, despite Standing Orders 13(7), 16 and 32(4)(b), for the duration of the Spring Sitting of the Second Session of the 30th Legislature, and to allow for appropriate physical distancing within the Chamber during that time, all Members may sit, speak and vote in any seat that has not been assigned to them provided that they immediately relinquish that seat on the request of
 - (a) the Member who has been assigned that seat, or
 - (b) the Speaker.

B. And be it further resolved that this motion take effect immediately upon passage.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Conflict of Interest

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, declared a potential conflict of interest regarding Bill 2, Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Amendment Act, 2020, and absented himself from consideration and vote on the motion for Second Reading.

Second Reading

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

Bill 2 Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Hunter

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

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

Bill 4 Fiscal Planning and Transparency (Fixed Budget Period) Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Hunter on behalf of Hon. Mr. Toews

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

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

Bill 7 Responsible Energy Development Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Savage

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

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 1 Critical Infrastructure Defence Act — Hon. Mr. Kenney

Mr. Hanson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 1 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 151/2020

Amendment to Bill 1 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 152/2020

Amendment to Bill 1 (A3) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 153/2020

Third Reading

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

Bill 1 Critical Infrastructure Defence Act — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer on behalf of Hon. Mr. Kenney

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 30

Loewen Rowswell Aheer Rutherford Lovely Amery Barnes Luan Sawhney Dreeshen Milliken Schulz Ellis Neudorf Schweitzer Glasgo Orr Sigurdson (Highwood) Hanson Pitt Singh Smith Horner Rehn Issik Reid Wilson Kenney Rosin Yaseen

Against the motion: 6

Ceci Irwin Pancholi Ganley Nielsen Schmidt

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 1 Critical Infrastructure Defence Act — Hon. Mr. Kenney

Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Sabir speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2.1), the Assembly adjourned at 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2020 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding Government policy concerning arts funding.

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, made a statement regarding the conduct of the Official Opposition.

Ms Glasgo, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding National Paramedic Service Week and HALO Air Ambulance.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, made a statement regarding Asian Heritage Month and xenophobia in Alberta.

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding the challenges faced by Alberta beekeepers this year.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding conversion therapy.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding flooding in Paradise Valley.

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, made a statement regarding the Government's plans for reopening Alberta in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding the graduating class of 2020.

Privilege – Media Briefing on Bill 15, Choice in Education Act, 2020

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, gave oral notice of her intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding the Government's decision to provide a media briefing on Bill 15, Choice in Education Act, 2020, without providing a similar briefing to Members of the Opposition.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 15 Choice in Education Act, 2020 Hon. Min. LaGrange
- Bill 16 Victims of Crime (Strengthening Public Safety) Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader:

Letter dated May 28, 2020, from Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, to Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, requesting that all communications between them be done in writing

Sessional Paper 154/2020

Privilege – Media Briefing on Bill 15, Choice in Education Act, 2020

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding the Government's decision to provide a media briefing on Bill 15, Choice in Education Act, 2020, without providing a similar briefing to Members of the Opposition.

The Speaker heard from Ms Sweet and Hon. Mr. Nixon.

The Speaker advised that he would take the matter under advisement and rule on Monday, June 1, 2020.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 7 Responsible Energy Development Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mrs. Savage

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Ms Gray speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, June 1, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, June 1, 2020

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Ms Pon, Minister of Seniors and Housing, made a statement recognizing Seniors' Week.

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Toor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement recognizing all Albertans for the sacrifices they have made during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding the Government's promise to fund public education.

Ms Issik, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding Bill 15, Choice in Education Act, 2020.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding Government policies for struggling small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Rehn, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding Intergenerational Day and Seniors' Week.

Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting renters during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Cochrane, made a statement regarding the federal government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding National AccessAbility Week in Canada and Government policies affecting the disability community.

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding the resiliency of Albertans during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

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

Privilege - Media Briefing on Bill 15, Choice in Education Act, 2020

Honourable Members, I am prepared to rule today on the question of privilege raised by the Official Opposition House Leader on May 28, 2020. I will apologize in advance for the lengthy ruling. I would like to start by reminding Members that a genuine question of privilege is a serious matter, and therefore, the raising of such a matter ought to be rare: House of Commons Procedure and Practice, third edition, page 141.

The Official Opposition House Leader submitted to my office on the morning of May 28, at 11:28 a.m., a notice that she intended to raise a question of privilege that afternoon. Members will know this is two minutes prior to the deadline for such notices under Standing Order 15(2). Normally, whether a Member has met the deadline for submitting their notice is dealt with as a preliminary matter in Speakers' rulings of this nature; however, in this circumstance, I must elaborate on what transpired last Thursday in relation to this procedure.

As I noted in my comments last Thursday afternoon, I was more than a little disappointed to learn that the Official Opposition had issued a media advisory at 10:31 a.m. that morning indicating that the NDP caucus intended to raise a question of privilege in the Assembly, nearly a full hour prior to informing my office. It is difficult to communicate my concern fully on this issue of notice being provided to the media prior to official notice being provided to the Speaker's office. I would start by emphasizing that it is a long-standing expectation for Members who raise a matter of privilege to provide notice to the Speaker first before anyone else receives such notice.

In the matter before the Assembly, there was ample opportunity for this to happen, yet it did not occur. Evidence of this was the press release that was sent at 10:31 a.m. on behalf of the Member. However, what is abundantly clear is that notifying the media about such a serious matter as a question of privilege before notifying the Speaker offends the dignity and the respect that should be accorded to the office of the Speaker and, indeed, this institution of parliament. What I will conclude is that this action shows blatant disrespect for the office of the Speaker. I will submit to the Assembly that some Members may not like the Speaker and some Members may not even respect the Speaker, but showing this level of disrespect to the office of the Speaker is not acceptable. I will, however, proceed with this ruling as though notice had been given in an appropriate fashion.

Having provided my caution in respect of this preliminary matter, I will now turn to the substance of the matter in question. On the afternoon of May 28, 2020, the Official Opposition House Leader presented arguments in support of her position that the Government committed a contempt of the Assembly. The facts presented by the Official Opposition House Leader were not disputed by the Government House Leader, that the Official Opposition was informed that the Government would no longer provide opposition Members with briefings in advance of Government Bills being introduced. Consequently, a previously scheduled briefing on Bill 15, Choice in Education Act, 2020, for opposition Members on the morning of May 28, 2020, was cancelled. However, the Official Opposition House Leader also indicated that the media did receive a briefing on this Bill prior to its introduction.

The Official Opposition House Leader argued that the Government obstructed Members in conducting their parliamentary functions by providing information about Bill 15 to the media before its introduction and without offering Members of the Official Opposition a similar opportunity. It is on this basis that the Official Opposition House Leader argues that the Government committed a contempt.

The frequently cited definition of a contempt, found at page 289 of Erskine May's Treatise upon the Law, Privileges, Proceedings and Usage of Parliament, 25th edition, is as follows:

Generally speaking, any act or omission which obstructs or impedes either House of Parliament in the performance of its functions, or...obstructs or impedes any Member or officer of such House in the discharge of their duty, or which has a tendency, directly or indirectly, to produce such results, may be treated as a contempt even though there is no precedent of the offence.

Members may wish to review pages 80 to 83 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice, third edition, to further their understanding of the difference between privilege and contempt. Contempts do not fall within a specific category of privilege but are affronts against the dignity of the Assembly.

As noted at page 141 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice, both claims that a privilege has been infringed and that a contempt has been committed are raised by means of a question of privilege.

This is not the first time that issues of opposition Members' access to media briefings and premature disclosure of Bills have arisen in this Assembly. We have the benefit of several rulings of previous Speakers of this Assembly to which one may look for guidance.

I must start from the general principle that "there is no specific right to have the government brief Members on the content of a bill," as was noted on December 2, 2014, by Speaker Zwozdesky at page 300 of Hansard for that day.

In that ruling, Speaker Zwozdesky did not find a prima facie case of privilege or contempt resulting from the Government providing a briefing to the media on a Bill but not providing a similar briefing at the same time to Members of the opposition.

However, Speaker Zwozdesky also went on to distinguish the facts of the case before him, in which the briefing was provided after the introduction of a Bill, and circumstances in which a briefing was provided when a Bill was on notice on the Order Paper but had not yet been introduced in the Assembly.

In a ruling by Speaker Kowalski dated March 5, 2003, the former Speaker did find that a prima facie contempt had been established in a case where information about the contents of a Bill on notice but not yet introduced had been provided by the Government at a briefing to which only media was invited. The facts in this case, however, included the leader of the third party being questioned by the media on information relating to the Bill prior to its introduction.

Speaker Kowalski relied on a ruling of the then House of Commons Speaker Milliken on March 19, 2001 in which he states at page 1840 of House of Commons Debates that "the convention of the confidentiality of Bills on notice is necessary, not only so that Members themselves may be well informed, but also because of the pre-eminent rule which the House plays and must play in the legislative affairs of the nation".

Relying on Speaker Milliken's ruling, Speaker Kowalski concluded that while the Legislative Assembly of Alberta is not bound by decisions from the House of Commons, he was unable to hold that Members of the House of Commons were to be accorded greater respect and dignity than Members of this Assembly.

I note that Speakers of the House of Commons have addressed questions of privilege of this nature on numerous occasions, including as recently as March 10, 2020, when Speaker Rota, at page 1892 of House of Commons Debates, stated that the rule of the confidentiality of Bills prevents the revealing of "specific measures contained in a Bill at the time it is put on notice".

Furthermore, in this Assembly on November 8, 2016, Speaker Wanner, at pages 1775 to 1776 of Hansard, applied a similar standard when he considered whether Government statements and materials contained specific details of a Bill on notice. However, in this case Speaker Wanner did not find that a prima facie case of contempt was established and concluded that only broad statements of policy had, in fact, been communicated, which did not impede Members of the Assembly in the discharge of their duties.

Turning back to the case at hand, while the Official Opposition House Leader stated in her arguments, which can be found at page 888 to 889 of Hansard for May 28, 2020, that "it is clear that members of the media had the opportunity to access the contents of the Bill prior to members of the Assembly," she did not present any evidence that this had, in fact, occurred, nor did she provide examples of specific content of the Bill that was distributed, if any, at the briefing.

In fact, the Official Opposition House Leader did not provide any information about what took place at the briefing on Bill 15, nor did she communicate to the Assembly what happened through documentation tabled for all to access. In response, the Government House Leader stated at page 891 of Hansard that "the government has never shared the final form of a Bill with the media".

On the question of whether the specific details of Bill 15 were disclosed during the media briefing, I am only able to rule on the evidence presented before me, and having no such evidence in this respect, I am unable to find that the Bill or any of its specific details were disclosed during the briefing.

Finally, I note that unlike the circumstances on which the March 5, 2003 ruling of Speaker Kowalski was based, the Official Opposition House Leader did not present any evidence indicating that she or any other Members were placed in a similar position to the facts of Speaker Kowalski's ruling, being that they received inquiries from the media or the public about the Bill prior to its introduction.

In a ruling dated March 22, 2011, Speaker Milliken of the House of Commons considered the case of early disclosure of information pertaining to Government estimates. Speaker Milliken considered whether there was specific evidence to suggest that a Member had been impeded in the performance of their functions. Speaker Milliken subsequently determined that there was no such evidence before him, and while also considering that assurances had been given by the Minister that appropriate steps would be taken to prevent future disclosures of information, he did not find that a prima facie case of contempt had been established.

In closing, while I acknowledge the Official Opposition's desire to access technical briefings from the Government and recognize that these briefings may assist a Member in gaining knowledge about a Bill, based on the evidence before me and established precedents I do not find that a prima facie contempt has been established in this case.

If the Government wants to offer media briefings to which opposition Members are not invited, it is within their purview to do so. If the briefing occurs while the Bill is on notice but prior to its introduction, specific details of the Bill are not to be disclosed.

As Speaker Kowalski found in a ruling dated April 27, 2009, which can be found at page 824 of Hansard for that day, "allowing or not allowing a Member to attend a media briefing does not constitute an impediment or obstruction to the Member performing his or her parliamentary duties." In this respect, I would emphasize that the Speaker exercises no control over who may or may not attend a briefing on a Bill provided by the Government.

I wish to offer a final thought, specifically for the Government's consideration. I understand that at one time the long-standing practice of the Government was to provide briefings on Bills only after their introduction in the Assembly. As such, if this practice were to be adopted, the issues that arose in this case would obviously be avoided going forward. To ensure that all Members' rights are respected, technical media briefings in which the specific contents of a Bill are discussed must occur after the Bill's introduction in the Assembly.

The matter is now closed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 201 Strategic Aviation Advisory Council Act — Mr. Gotfried

Motions Other Than Government Motions

502. Moved by Mr. Rowswell:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to recognize the cultural importance of rodeo and its related agricultural events.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 15 Choice in Education Act, 2020 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

A debate followed.

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

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

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

A debate followed.

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 16, Victims of Crime (Strengthening Public Safety) Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 165/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

Hon. Mr. Shandro moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

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

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

A debate followed.

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

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 7 Responsible Energy Development Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mrs. Savage

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2), Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Deputy Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no morning sitting on June 2, 2020.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:25 a.m. Tuesday, June 2, 2020, until 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Labour and Immigration, made a statement regarding the relaunch of Alberta's economy and regarding the efforts to keep Albertans safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on seniors and regarding comments made by the Premier concerning seniors.

Ms Issik, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding Pride Month 2020.

Mr. Orr, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding the need for driver training and road tests during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement regarding childcare centres reopening during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement congratulating the high school graduating class of 2020.

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding the Premier's comments and actions concerning education funding and the Canada emergency wage subsidy.

Mrs. Allard, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement regarding the need to support victims of crime in Alberta.

Mr. Walker, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding Chuba Hubbard, winner of the 2019 Jon Cornish Trophy.

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, made a statement regarding the Fair Deal Panel's report.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Schow, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, presented the following report:

In accordance with Standing Order 99, the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills has reviewed the petition that was presented on Monday, March 16, 2020, and I can advise the Assembly that the petition complies with Standing Orders 90 to 94.

Mr. Schow, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, presented the following report:

Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills Final Report, Bill 202, Conflicts of Interest (Protecting the Rule of Law) Amendment Act, 2020, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, June 2020

Sessional Paper 155/2020

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to the report that the Bill not proceed.

A Member rose to speak to the motion. The Speaker advised that debate on the motion for concurrence will take place on the next available Monday.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 19 Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Panda, Minister of Infrastructure:

Report, undated, entitled "The Glenora Building – former Royal Alberta Museum, Public Commenting Opportunity, What We Heard," prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 156/2020

Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek:

4 recent letters to Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, expressing support for Bill 201, Strategic Aviation Advisory Council Act

Sessional Paper 157/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

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

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 2 Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Hunter

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, the Assembly adjourned at 5:56 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 15 Choice in Education Act, 2020 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

A debate followed.

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 15, Choice in Education Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 163/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Ceci Hoffman Nielsen Dach Irwin Sweet

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Against the amendment: 28

Aheer Madu Rutherford
Dreeshen McIver Sawhney
Ellis Neudorf Schulz

Fir Nicolaides Sigurdson (Highwood)

Glasgo Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Singh
Hanson Orr Smith
Horner Rehn Stephan
Hunter Rosin Walker
Lovely Rowswell Wilson

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Debate continued on the main motion.

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

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

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

A debate followed.

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 4, Fiscal Planning and Transparency (Fixed Budget Period) Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 164/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

Hon. Mr. McIver moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

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

Statement and Apology by Member

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement and issued an apology in connection with the report of the Ethics Commissioner dated April 27, 2020 (Sessional Paper 128/2020).

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2), Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no morning sitting on June 3, 2020.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:01 a.m. Wednesday, June 3, 2020, until 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Wilson, Minister of Indigenous Relations, made a statement regarding the first anniversary of the Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

Mr. Feehan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Hanson, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, made a statement regarding rural physicians and the Alberta Medical Association.

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement regarding the political parties receiving wage subsidies.

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the need to appropriately fund air rescue services in southern Alberta.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement regarding the Government's lack of assistance for post-secondary institutions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding Red Shirt Day and his grandson Ezra.

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding Filipino Heritage Month.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding National AccessAbility Week.

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the Government's decision to stop funding drivers' medical exams for seniors.

Mr. Rutherford, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding comments made by Gil McGowan, president, Alberta Federation of Labour.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 21 Provincial Administrative Penalties Act — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 20 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader:

Letter dated June 3, 2020, from Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, responding to his request that all communications between them be done in writing

Sessional Paper 158/2020

2 pieces of correspondence and an online message relating to United Conservative Party fundraising efforts

Sessional Paper 159/2020

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Report dated October 2018, entitled "Rethinking Criminal Justice in Canada, Round Table Report," prepared by the Institute for Research on Public Policy

Sessional Paper 160/2020

Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek:

4 recent letters to Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, expressing support for Bill 201, Strategic Aviation Advisory Council Act

Sessional Paper 161/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 15 Choice in Education Act, 2020 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

A debate followed.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 15, Choice in Education Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that the engagement document entitled "Choice in Education" provided by the Government during its media release in respect of Bill 15 does not support the content of the proposed legislation.

Sessional Paper 162/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

Government Motions

20. Oral notice having been given May 8, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

(a) recognize that the criminal use of firearms primarily involves unlicensed individuals, often using illegally smuggled firearms;

- (b) express its opposition to the Government of Canada's recent decision to amend regulations to the Criminal Code to prohibit the possession, transportation and sale of certain types of legally-acquired firearms by licensed, law-abiding citizens; and
- (c) urge the Government of Alberta to take all necessary steps to assert provincial jurisdiction in connection with these matters, including replacing the Chief Firearms Officer having jurisdiction for Alberta as designated by the federal Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness with a chief firearms officer for Alberta designated by the Government of Alberta in accordance with the Firearms Act (Canada).

A debate followed.

Hon. Mrs. Savage moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, on June 2, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 4, Fiscal Planning and Transparency (Fixed Budget Period) Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 164/2020

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:48 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 19 Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Government Motions

20. Oral notice having been given May 8, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) recognize that the criminal use of firearms primarily involves unlicensed individuals, often using illegally smuggled firearms;
- (b) express its opposition to the Government of Canada's recent decision to amend regulations to the Criminal Code to prohibit the possession, transportation and sale of certain types of legally-acquired firearms by licensed, law-abiding citizens; and
- (c) urge the Government of Alberta to take all necessary steps to assert provincial jurisdiction in connection with these matters, including replacing the Chief Firearms Officer having jurisdiction for Alberta as designated by the federal Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness with a chief firearms officer for Alberta designated by the Government of Alberta in accordance with the Firearms Act (Canada).

A debate followed.

Ms Issik moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, on June 1, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 16, Victims of Crime (Strengthening Public Safety) Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

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Hon. Mr. McIver moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2), Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no morning sitting on June 4, 2020.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:15 a.m. Thursday, June 4, 2020, until 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 4, 2020

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Wilson, Minister of Indigenous Relations, made a statement regarding the need to raise awareness of racial prejudice and of the symbolism of the red dress exhibited in the Edmonton Federal Building.

Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding comments made by Mr. Hanson, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, concerning the Alberta Medical Association.

Mr. Jones, Hon. Member for Calgary-South East, made a statement regarding the Ministry of Education's Student Transportation Task Force.

Mr. Reid, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the importance of choice in education.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the need for Government support for municipalities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, made a statement regarding the importance of school playgrounds reopening during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding Canadian Armed Forces Appreciation Day and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on armed forces members.

Mr. Williams, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding the Cambodian National Day of Remembrance.

Mr. Milliken, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding comments made by the Secretary General of the United Nations concerning carbon-intensive industries.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding the Camrose Railway Museum and Park.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given June 3, 2020:

Bill 21 Provincial Administrative Penalties Act — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

Notice having been given:

Bill 17 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Bill Pr1 The Sisters of the Precious Blood of Edmonton Repeal Act — Mr. Williams

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek:

3 recent letters to Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, expressing support for Bill 201, Strategic Aviation Advisory Council Act

Sessional Paper 166/2020

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Aheer, Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women:

Responses to questions raised by Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, March 17, 2020, Ministry of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women, 2020-21 Main Estimates Debate

Sessional Paper 167/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 20 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

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

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

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, on June 1, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 16, Victims of Crime (Strengthening Public Safety) Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 165/2020

Debate adjourned on the amendment, MLA Loyola speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, June 8, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, June 8, 2020

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding reopening the economy while protecting seniors during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding the need to take concrete action against racism in Alberta and Canada.

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding Building Brains Together.

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding Government policies concerning education and youth issues.

Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding the economic potential for Alberta low-carbon energy companies.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement regarding Government policies concerning post-secondary education.

Mr. Walker, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding recognizing Canadian Armed Forces Day and the anniversary of Canadian soldiers landing on Juno Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, made a statement regarding the need to address racism in Canada and the Government's failure to do so.

Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding federal government economic policies that harm Albertans.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 203 Pension Protection Act — Ms Gray

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Motions for Concurrence in Committee Reports on Public Bills Other Than Government Bills

Debate continued on the motion moved on June 2, 2020, by Mr. Schow, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, that the Assembly concur in the report of the committee recommending that Bill 202, Conflicts of Interest (Protecting the Rule of Law) Amendment Act, 2020, not proceed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 27

Aheer Nally Sigurdson (Highwood)

Allard Neudorf Smith Amery Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Stephan Armstrong-Homeniuk Rehn Toor Fir Reid Turton Getson Rosin van Dijken Gotfried Rowswell Walker Hanson Schow Yao Yaseen Horner Schulz

Against the motion: 6

Carson Ganley Phillips

Deol Nielsen Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Apology by Member

Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement apologizing for comments he made in his Member's Statement on June 8, 2020.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 201 Strategic Aviation Advisory Council Act — Mr. Gotfried

Motions Other Than Government Motions

503. Moved by Mr. Yao:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to identify and eliminate barriers to the development of intellectual property created at post-secondary institutions, teaching hospitals, and laboratories in order to attract investment, encourage innovation, and ensure these entities have a fair opportunity to share in the profit generated from research conducted at their facilities.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:54 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, on June 1, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 16, Victims of Crime (Strengthening Public Safety) Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 165/2020

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

Hon. Mrs. Savage moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 21 Provincial Administrative Penalties Act — Hon. Mrs. Savage on behalf of Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

A debate followed.

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

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 20 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 20 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Mr. van Dijken, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 20 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 168/2020

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2), Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no morning sitting on June 9, 2020.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:01 p.m. until Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, made a statement regarding Alberta's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding the relationship between Alberta and the federal government.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding environmental monitoring during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Williams, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding programs that help young Albertans learn practical job skills.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the Black Lives Matter movement and the Government's inaction on anti-racism policies and initiatives.

Ms Rosin, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, made a statement regarding economic relaunch during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the future of Calgary's Green Line LRT project.

Mr. Rehn, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding highway maintenance in the Lesser Slave Lake constituency.

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement recognizing the work of veterinary medical professionals during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Cochrane, made a statement regarding security risks related to the federal government's telecommunications policies.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, on behalf of Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter dated June 6, 2020, from Casey and Tom Jay to Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, and Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Education, regarding the effects of education funding cuts on them and requesting that Government MLAs not attend their upcoming school graduation ceremony, relating to comments made by Ms Hoffman during Oral Question Period on June 9, 2020

Sessional Paper 169/2020

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, on behalf of Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Twitter post dated January 1, 2015, from Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, regarding political party contributions becoming voluntary

Sessional Paper 170/2020

Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek:

4 recent letters to Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, expressing support for Bill 201, Strategic Aviation Advisory Council Act

Sessional Paper 171/2020

Mr. Feehan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Twitter post dated May 22, 2016, from Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, regarding taxpayer funding of political parties

Sessional Paper 172/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 17 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

A debate followed.

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

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

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

A debate followed.

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

Bill 16, Victims of Crime (Strengthening Public Safety) Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that additional consultation with organizations providing support to victims of crime is required.

Sessional Paper 173/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

Debate adjourned on the amendment.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Motions

20. Oral notice having been given May 8, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

(a) recognize that the criminal use of firearms primarily involves unlicensed individuals, often using illegally smuggled firearms;

- (b) express its opposition to the Government of Canada's recent decision to amend regulations to the Criminal Code to prohibit the possession, transportation and sale of certain types of legally-acquired firearms by licensed, law-abiding citizens; and
- (c) urge the Government of Alberta to take all necessary steps to assert provincial jurisdiction in connection with these matters, including replacing the Chief Firearms Officer having jurisdiction for Alberta as designated by the federal Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness with a chief firearms officer for Alberta designated by the Government of Alberta in accordance with the Firearms Act (Canada).

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 15 Choice in Education Act, 2020 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, on June 3, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 15, Choice in Education Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that the engagement document entitled "Choice in Education" provided by the Government during its media release in respect of Bill 15 does not support the content of the proposed legislation.

Sessional Paper 162/2020

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 15 Choice in Education Act, 2020 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2), Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no morning sitting on June 10 or 11, 2020.

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 2 Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Hunter

Mr. Hanson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 2 (A1) (Hon. Minister of Transportation on behalf of the Hon. Associate Minister of Red Tape Reduction) — Agreed to Sessional Paper 174/2020

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:53 p.m. until Wednesday, June 10, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Panda, Minister of Infrastructure, made a statement regarding current infrastructure projects and the Government's capital plan during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Yaseen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North, made a statement recognizing Filipino Heritage Month.

Mr. Feehan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding Government policies that have disproportionately affected First Nations, Metis, and Indigenous communities.

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, made a statement recognizing UFA Farmer's Day.

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding AIMCo's management of public-sector pension plans.

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement recognizing National Blood Donor Week.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, made a statement regarding recent layoffs in the education sector.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding the Bethany Group.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the effects of Government education policies on the mental and physical well-being of teachers.

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement regarding flooding in the Lac La Biche region.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from over 1,000 Albertans urging the Government to give student enrolment growth priority consideration in the development of the 2020-2021 budget for the Ministry of Education.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 22 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Hunter

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

22. Be it resolved that

- The Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act be referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future and the Committee shall be deemed to be the special committee of the Assembly for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive review pursuant to section 37 of that Act;
- The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued;
- 3. In accordance with section 37 of the Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act, the Committee must submit its report to the Assembly within one year after beginning its review and that report is to include any amendments recommended by the Committee.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Education:

Document, undated, entitled "Expected Operational Funding for 2020/21 School Year"

Sessional Paper 175/2020

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

Report dated December 2019, entitled "Aggregate Development in Alberta," prepared by the Alberta Sand and Gravel Association

Sessional Paper 176/2020

Letter dated October 29, 2019, from 13 residents of Edmonton to all Members of the Legislative Assemblies of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia, regarding public monuments relating to Western Canadian history

Sessional Paper 177/2020

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on behalf of Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

CBC News website article dated June 10, 2020, entitled "Human rights group alleges Indigenous seniors neglected at Slave Lake continuing care facility" Sessional Paper 178/2020

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health:

Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2), Alberta College of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists 2019 Annual Report Sessional Paper 179/2020

Pursuant to the Public Health Act, cP-37, s7(2), Public Health Appeal Board 2019 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 180/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

- Bill 4 Fiscal Planning and Transparency (Fixed Budget Period) Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Toews
- Bill 7 Responsible Energy Development Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mrs. Savage

Mr. Hanson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 4 (A1) (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 181/2020

Amendment to Bill 7 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 182/2020

Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Notices of Motions.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Deputy Government House Leader, provided the following correction to the oral notice of Government Motion 22 given by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, earlier this afternoon: that the reference to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future be replaced with a reference to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 17 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

A debate followed.

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 17, Mental Health Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 183/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

MLA Irwin moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Government Motions

20. Oral notice having been given May 8, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) recognize that the criminal use of firearms primarily involves unlicensed individuals, often using illegally smuggled firearms;
- (b) express its opposition to the Government of Canada's recent decision to amend regulations to the Criminal Code to prohibit the possession, transportation and sale of certain types of legally-acquired firearms by licensed, law-abiding citizens; and

(c) urge the Government of Alberta to take all necessary steps to assert provincial jurisdiction in connection with these matters, including replacing the Chief Firearms Officer having jurisdiction for Alberta as designated by the federal Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness with a chief firearms officer for Alberta designated by the Government of Alberta in accordance with the Firearms Act (Canada).

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nally, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:54 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 20 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Second Reading

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

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, on June 9, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 16, Victims of Crime (Strengthening Public Safety) Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that additional consultation with organizations providing support to victims of crime is required.

Sessional Paper 173/2020

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Dach Ganley Nielsen
Dang Hoffman Shepherd

Eggen

Against the amendment: 27

Pon Allard LaGrange Reid Armstrong-Homeniuk Loewen Copping Long Rosin Ellis Madu Toews Getson Neudorf Toor Glubish Nicolaides Turton Goodridge $Nixon \ ({\it Calgary-Klein})$ van Dijken Issik Walker Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Williams Jones Panda

Debate continued on the main motion.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 16, Victims of Crime (Strengthening Public Safety) Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

Sessional Paper 184/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Dach Ganley Nielsen
Dang Hoffman Shepherd

Eggen

Against the amendment: 27

Allard LaGrange Pon Armstrong-Homeniuk Loewen Reid Copping Long Rosin Ellis Madu Toews Neudorf Toor Getson Nicolaides Glubish Turton Goodridge Nixon (Calgary-Klein) van Dijken Issik Walker Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Jones Panda Williams

The question being immediately put, the motion for Second Reading was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 27

LaGrange Pon Allard Armstrong-Homeniuk Loewen Reid Copping Long Rosin Ellis Madu Toews Neudorf Toor Getson Glubish **Nicolaides** Turton Goodridge Nixon (Calgary-Klein) van Dijken Issik Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Walker Jones Panda Williams

Against the motion: 7

Dach Ganley Nielsen
Dang Hoffman Shepherd

Eggen

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

Bill 21 Provincial Administrative Penalties Act — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

A debate followed.

Ms Ganley moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

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

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:01 p.m. until Thursday, June 11, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 11, 2020

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

Members' Statements

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the Government's recognition of Pride Month.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement recognizing Philippines Independence Day.

Mrs. Allard, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement regarding consultations about childcare regulation in Alberta.

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding travel expenses incurred by an adviser to the Premier.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Flora Weiss.

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement regarding the closure of Adoption By Choice.

Mrs. Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie-East, made a statement regarding the Victims of Crime Fund working group.

Mr. Jones, Hon. Member for Calgary-South East, made a statement regarding five new schools being constructed in the Calgary-South East constituency.

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding removing barriers in order to encourage innovation.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given June 10, 2020:

Bill 22 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Hunter

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health:

Report dated June 9, 2020, entitled "Return to Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation – Stage 2," prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 185/2020

Hon. Mr. Nally, Associate Minister of Natural Gas and Electricity:

Letter dated June 9, 2020, from Hon. Mr. Nally, Associate Minister of Natural Gas and Electricity, to Mayor Heron regarding the conduct of Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, at a June 8, 2020, flag raising ceremony in St. Albert

Sessional Paper 186/2020

Mr. Orr, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka:

Presentations regarding race protocols and racing under COVID-19 restrictions, prepared by The Track on 2 and the Alberta Standardbred Horse Association

Sessional Paper 187/2020

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Twitter post dated January 1, 2015, from Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, regarding political party contributions becoming voluntary

Sessional Paper 188/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

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

Mr. Smith, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 4 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West on June 10, 2020) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 181/2020

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the afternoon.

Second Reading

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

Bill 17 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, on June 10, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 17, Mental Health Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 183/2020

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 6

Gray Loyola Shepherd

Hoffman Pancholi Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Against the amendment: 25

Allard Hunter Reid Armstrong-Homeniuk LaGrange Rowswell Copping **Nicolaides** Smith Ellis Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Toor Getson $Nixon \ ({\tt Rimbey-Rocky \ Mtn. \ House-Sundre})$ Turton Glubish Panda van Dijken Goodridge Walker Pon Gotfried Williams Rehn Guthrie

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 17 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:29 p.m. until Monday, June 15, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, June 15, 2020

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Nicolaides, Minister of Advanced Education, made a statement announcing Alberta 2030, a 10-year strategy for post-secondary education.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the Government's red tape reduction efforts.

Mrs. Allard, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement regarding Alberta's relaunch during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, made a statement regarding public opinion on the Premier's policies and actions.

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement congratulating the graduating class of 2020.

Ms Issik, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the Veterans Association Food Bank.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement regarding the Government's blueprint for post-secondary education.

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding the insurance industry.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the need for Government disaster relief following a hailstorm in Calgary on June 13, 2020.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

23. Be it resolved that

1. A Select Special Public Health Act Review Committee of the Legislative Assembly be appointed to review the Public Health Act, consisting of the following Members:

Milliken (Chair)	Hoffman	Shepherd
Rosin (Deputy Chair)	Long	Turton
Ganley	Lovely	Reid
Gray	Neudorf	Rowswell

- 2. The Committee may limit its review to sections of the Public Health Act that the Committee selects for consideration;
- 3. The Committee continues despite a prorogation of a session and may, without leave of the Assembly, meet during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued;
- 4. Reasonable disbursements by the Committee for advertising, staff assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel, and other expenditures necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities shall be paid, subject to the approval of the Chair;
- In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee may utilize the services
 of employees of the Legislative Assembly Office or, with the
 concurrence of the head of a department or an Officer of the Legislature,
 utilize the services of employees of the public service employed in that
 department or office;
- 6. The Committee must submit its report to the Assembly, including any amendments to the Act recommended by the Committee, within 4 months after commencing its review;
- 7. If the Assembly is not sitting at the time the report of the Committee is completed, the Chair of the Committee may release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk in accordance with Standing Order 38.1 and forwarding a copy to each Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 23 Commercial Tenancies Protection Act — Hon. Ms Fir

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Edmonton Journal website article dated June 12, 2020, entitled "OPINION: Government's red-tape legislation stumps the NDP and the minister who tabled it," relating to comments made by Mr. Nielsen during his Member's Statement on June 15, 2020

Sessional Paper 189/2020

Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek:

3 recent letters to Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, expressing support for Bill 201, Strategic Aviation Advisory Council Act
Sessional Paper 190/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 201 Strategic Aviation Advisory Council Act — Mr. Gotfried

Motions Other Than Government Motions

504. Moved by Mr. Carson:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take measures to better regulate the automobile insurance system in Alberta including, but not limited to, the establishment of reasonable rate caps, to prevent further undue financial hardship for Albertans.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 7

Carson Gray Nielsen

Ceci Loyola Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Feehan

Against the motion: 25

Armstrong-Homeniuk Hanson Nixon (Calgary-Klein)

Copping Horner Pon Ellis Reid Issik Getson Toews Jones Glasgo Loewen Turton Glubish Long van Dijken Williams Goodridge Nally Gotfried Neudorf Yaseen

Guthrie

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 21 Provincial Administrative Penalties Act — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Ms Sigurdson speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2), Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Deputy Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no morning sitting on June 16, 2020.

Government Motions

20. Oral notice having been given May 8, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) recognize that the criminal use of firearms primarily involves unlicensed individuals, often using illegally smuggled firearms;
- (b) express its opposition to the Government of Canada's recent decision to amend regulations to the Criminal Code to prohibit the possession, transportation and sale of certain types of legally-acquired firearms by licensed, law-abiding citizens; and
- (c) urge the Government of Alberta to take all necessary steps to assert provincial jurisdiction in connection with these matters, including replacing the Chief Firearms Officer having jurisdiction for Alberta as designated by the federal Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness with a chief firearms officer for Alberta designated by the Government of Alberta in accordance with the Firearms Act (Canada).

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 2 Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Hunter

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

- Bill 7 Responsible Energy Development Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mrs. Savage
- Bill 15 Choice in Education Act, 2020 Hon. Min. LaGrange

Mr. Hanson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 7 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall on June 10, 2020) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 182/2020

Amendment to Bill 15 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 191/2020

Government Motions

22. Oral notice having been given June 10, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Schweitzer on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that

- 1. The Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship and the Committee shall be deemed to be the special committee of the Assembly for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive review pursuant to section 37 of that Act;
- 2. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued;
- 3. In accordance with section 37 of the Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act, the Committee must submit its report to the Assembly within one year after beginning its review and that report is to include any amendments recommended by the Committee.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 39(1)(b) in order to proceed to Government Motion 23.

23. Oral notice having been given June 15, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Schweitzer on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that

1. A Select Special Public Health Act Review Committee of the Legislative Assembly be appointed to review the Public Health Act, consisting of the following Members:

Milliken (Chair)	Hoffman	Shepherd
Rosin (Deputy Chair)	Long	Turton
Ganley	Lovely	Reid
Gray	Neudorf	Rowswell

- 2. The Committee may limit its review to sections of the Public Health Act that the Committee selects for consideration;
- The Committee continues despite a prorogation of a session and may, without leave of the Assembly, meet during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued;
- 4. Reasonable disbursements by the Committee for advertising, staff assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel, and other expenditures necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities shall be paid, subject to the approval of the Chair;
- 5. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee may utilize the services of employees of the Legislative Assembly Office or, with the concurrence of the head of a department or an Officer of the Legislature, utilize the services of employees of the public service employed in that department or office;
- 6. The Committee must submit its report to the Assembly, including any amendments to the Act recommended by the Committee, within 4 months after commencing its review;
- 7. If the Assembly is not sitting at the time the report of the Committee is completed, the Chair of the Committee may release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk in accordance with Standing Order 38.1 and forwarding a copy to each Member of the Legislative Assembly.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:50 p.m. until Tuesday, June 16, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement regarding education funding.

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement recognizing Public Service Week.

Mr. Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement regarding the MakeWay organization.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding rural health care.

Mr. Walker, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding the Government's school re-entry plan.

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding education funding.

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the positive effects of reducing red tape on free enterprise in Alberta.

Ms Glasgo, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding recent federal firearms policies.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding the need to support small businesses in Alberta.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

- **24.** Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly
 - a) condemns racism and all forms of bigotry and hatred;
 - affirms the commitment of Alberta to human dignity and equality of all before the law;
 - c) acknowledges the pernicious and durable nature of anti-Black racism;
 - d) acknowledges a tragic history of racism directed at Indigenous people in Canada; and
 - e) urges the Government to consider these issues in its ongoing review of the Police Act.

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately establish an advisory panel

- (a) to conduct hearings throughout the Province to examine, and make recommendations in respect of, systemic racism in Alberta;
- (b) that consists of members of the Anti-Racism Advisory Council, provincial Indigenous leadership, and Black Lives Matter chapters of Alberta;
- (c) to publish a report with its findings and recommendations no later than October 1, 2020.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given June 15, 2020:

Bill 23 Commercial Tenancies Protection Act — Hon. Ms Fir

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General:

Document dated June 16, 2020, entitled "Proposed Questions for Review by a Standing or Special Committee," prepared by Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General

Sessional Paper 192/2020

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Twitter post dated May 13, 2019, from Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, regarding taxpayer funding for political parties

Sessional Paper 193/2020

Motions Under Standing Order 42

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately establish an advisory panel

- (a) to conduct hearings throughout the Province to examine, and make recommendations in respect of, systemic racism in Alberta;
- (b) that consists of members of the Anti-Racism Advisory Council, provincial Indigenous leadership, and Black Lives Matter chapters of Alberta;
- (c) to publish a report with its findings and recommendations no later than October 1, 2020.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

20. Oral notice having been given May 8, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) recognize that the criminal use of firearms primarily involves unlicensed individuals, often using illegally smuggled firearms;
- (b) express its opposition to the Government of Canada's recent decision to amend regulations to the Criminal Code to prohibit the possession, transportation and sale of certain types of legally-acquired firearms by licensed, law-abiding citizens; and
- (c) urge the Government of Alberta to take all necessary steps to assert provincial jurisdiction in connection with these matters, including replacing the Chief Firearms Officer having jurisdiction for Alberta as designated by the federal Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness with a chief firearms officer for Alberta designated by the Government of Alberta in accordance with the Firearms Act (Canada).

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 42

AheerLongRutherfordAllardLovelySawhneyAmeryLuanSchowDreeshenMaduShandro

Ellis McIver Sigurdson (Highwood)

Glasgo Milliken Singh Glubish Nally Smith Guthrie Neudorf Stephan Hanson Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Toews Horner Orr Toor Hunter Pitt Walker Issik Williams Rehn Rosin Wilson Kenney LaGrange Rowswell Yao

Against the motion: 7

Ceci Irwin Pancholi Ganley Loyola Shepherd

Hoffman

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 7 Responsible Energy Development Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mrs. Savage

Bill 17 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2), Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no morning sitting on June 17, 18, 23, 24, or 25, 2020.

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, moved that the Bill be amended in section 4 in the proposed section 27.2

- (a) in subsection (1) by adding "Subject to subsection (1.1)," before "The Parole Board comprises", and
- (b) by adding the following immediately after subsection (1):
 - (1.1) The Parole Board must
 - (a) consist of at least 5 members but no more than 9 members, and
 - (b) be comprised of at least
 - (i) one member who is representative of the Indigenous community of Alberta, and

(ii) one member who is representative of other minority communities disproportionately represented in admissions to correctional institutions.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Allard at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 9

Ceci Eggen Loyola Dach Feehan Nielsen

Deol Ganley Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Against the amendment: 25

Armstrong-Homeniuk Rowswell Loewen Shandro Copping Long Ellis McIver Toews Getson Neudorf Turton Nicolaides van Dijken Glasgo Goodridge Walker Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Gotfried Yao Pon Issik Reid Yaseen

LaGrange

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

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill 18 Corrections (Alberta Parole Board) Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Schweitzer
- Bill 19 Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Shandro

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

- Bill 16 Victims of Crime (Strengthening Public Safety) Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Schweitzer
 - Mr. Yao, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 18 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 194/2020

Amendment to Bill 18 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 195/2020

Amendment to Bill 19 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 196/2020

Amendment to Bill 16 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 197/2020

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:33 p.m. until Wednesday, June 17, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Toor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding Men's Health Week.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement congratulating the graduating class of 2020.

Mr. Jones, Hon. Member for Calgary-South East, made a statement regarding the Government's response to challenges faced by small-business owners during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding Campus Saint-Jean (remarks made in French).

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding the importance of rodeo.

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, made a statement regarding Alberta's economy.

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding the need for continued safety measures during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement regarding opening places of worship during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

25. Be it resolved that

- 1. A Select Special Democratic Accountability Committee of the Legislative Assembly be appointed to review
 - (a) the questions posed by the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General in the document entitled "Proposed Questions for Review by a Standing or Special Committee" (Sessional Paper 192/2020),
 - (b) the Election Act, and
 - (c) the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act;
- 2. The Committee consist of the following Members:

Schow (Chair)	Dang	Rutherford
Horner (Deputy Chair)	Goodridge	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Allard	Nixon (Calgary-Klein)	Smith
Ceci	Pancholi	Sweet

- The Committee may limit its review of the Election Act and the Election
 Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act to sections of those Acts that
 the Committee selects for consideration:
- 4. The Committee continues despite a prorogation of a session and may, without leave of the Assembly, meet during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued;
- Reasonable disbursements by the Committee for advertising, staff
 assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel, and other expenditures
 necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities shall be paid,
 subject to the approval of the Chair;
- 6. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee may utilize the services of employees of the Legislative Assembly Office or, with the concurrence of the head of a department or an Officer of the Legislature, utilize the services of employees of the public service employed in that department or office;

- 7. The Committee must submit a report to the Assembly
 - (a) on the questions posed by the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, within 4 months after commencing its review of the matters referred in accordance with this motion, and
 - (b) on its review of the Election Act and the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, including any amendments to the Acts recommended by the Committee, within 6 months after commencing its review of the matters referred in accordance with this motion:
- 8. If the Assembly is not sitting at the time a report of the Committee is completed, the Chair of the Committee may release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk in accordance with Standing Order 38.1 and forwarding a copy to each Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bills:

- Bill 24 COVID-19 Pandemic Response Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Shandro
- Bill 25 Protecting Alberta Industry from Theft Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Financial Review website article dated January 14, 2020, entitled "Australia has too many national parks"

Sessional Paper 198/2020

Report dated March 23, 2015, entitled "Meeting the Challenge: the Klein Revolution, Charter Schools, and Alternative Programs in Edmonton Public Schools," prepared by Duncan Parliament, Brett Bilyk, and Dr. Pollock, MacEwan University

Sessional Paper 199/2020

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Document dated January 22, 2020, entitled "Statement from the Council of Chief Medical Officers of Health on Nicotine Vaping in Canada," prepared by the Public Health Agency of Canada

Sessional Paper 200/2020

Report dated May 25, 2019, entitled "Reducing Youth Access and Appeal of Vaping Products: Potential Regulatory Measures – Consultation," prepared by Alberta Health Services

Sessional Paper 201/2020

Edmonton Journal website article dated June 9, 2020, entitled "Opinion: Alberta's vaping bill fails to protect children and youth," relating to comments made by Ms Sigurdson during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 19, Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Amendment Act, 2020, on June 16, 2020

Sessional Paper 202/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

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

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

Second Reading

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

Bill 21 Provincial Administrative Penalties Act — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

A debate followed.

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

Third Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Milliken in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 28

Allard Jones Rutherford Armstrong-Homeniuk LaGrange Savage

Copping Loewen Sigurdson (Highwood)

Ellis Lovely Smith Getson Madu Toor Glasgo McIver Turton Gotfried **Nicolaides** van Dijken Guthrie Reid Williams Hanson Rowswell Yaseen

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Against the motion: 7

Ceci Renaud Schmidt

Dach Sabir Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Eggen

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Mr. Hanson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 16 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View on June 16, 2020) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 197/2020

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:58 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 17 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, on behalf of Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, moved that the Bill be amended by striking out section 43 and substituting the following:

43 Section 54 is repealed and the following is substituted:

Review by committee of the Legislative Assembly

54 Within 5 years after the coming into force of the Mental Health Amendment Act, 2020, and every 5 years thereafter, a committee of the Legislative Assembly must begin a comprehensive review of this Act and the regulations made under it, and must submit to the Assembly, within one year after beginning the review, a report that includes any amendments recommended by the committee.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Amery at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Carson Feehan Renaud Dach Gray Shepherd

Eggen

Against the amendment: 26

Aheer Jones Sawhney
Dreeshen Long Schow
Fir Lovely Schulz

Glasgo Luan Sigurdson (Highwood)

Glubish Madu Singh
Guthrie Neudorf Smith
Hanson Orr Stephan
Horner Rehn Wilson

Hunter Rosin

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 15 Choice in Education Act, 2020 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, moved that the Bill be amended by striking out section 7.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Dach Gray Renaud Eggen Hoffman Shepherd

Feehan

Against the amendment: 28

Aheer Jones Rosin
Amery Long Sawhney
Dreeshen Lovely Schow
Fir Luan Schulz

Glasgo Madu Sigurdson (Highwood)

Glubish Neudorf Singh
Guthrie Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Smith
Hanson Orr Stephan
Horner Rehn Wilson

Hunter

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 7 Responsible Energy Development Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mrs. Savage

Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, moved adjournment of the debate on the Bill.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 35

Aheer Hanson Renaud Horner Rosin Amery Hunter Carson Sawhney Dach Jones Schow Dreeshen Schulz Long Eggen Shepherd Lovely Feehan $Sigurdson \ {\scriptstyle (Highwood)}$ Luan Madu Singh Fir Glasgo Neudorf Smith Glubish Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Stephan Gray Orr Wilson Guthrie Rehn

Against the motion: 0

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

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 7 Responsible Energy Development Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mrs. Savage

Bill 15 Choice in Education Act, 2020 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Bill 17 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Mr. Hanson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 17 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday on behalf of the Official Opposition House Leader) — Defeated on division Sessional Paper 203/2020

Amendment to Bill 15 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 204/2020

Amendment to Bill 15 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 205/2020

Amendment to Bill 7 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 206/2020

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:00 p.m. until Thursday, June 18, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 18, 2020

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding economic diversification.

Mr. Williams, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding the Fair Deal Panel report.

Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding Alberta's economic relaunch during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding funding for social services.

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, made a statement congratulating the graduating class of 2020.

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding postsecondary education funding.

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, made a statement recognizing Father's Day.

Ms Rosin, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, made a statement regarding Indigenous education funding.

Mr. Rutherford, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding stage 2 of Alberta's relaunch during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given June 17, 2020:

- Bill 24 COVID-19 Pandemic Response Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Shandro
- Bill 25 Protecting Alberta Industry from Theft Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter dated June 12, 2020, from Dr. David Turpin, President; Dr. Jennifer Tupper, Dean of Education; Andrew Sharman, Vice President (Facilities and Operations); Dale Askey, Vice Provost (Learning Services) and Librarian; Debbie Feisst, Head Librarian (HT Coutts); and Bill Flanagan, Incoming President, regarding the closing of the HT Coutts Library

Sessional Paper 207/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

25. Oral notice having been given June 17, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that

- 1. A Select Special Democratic Accountability Committee of the Legislative Assembly be appointed to review
 - (a) the questions posed by the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General in the document entitled "Proposed Questions for Review by a Standing or Special Committee" (Sessional Paper 192/2020),
 - (b) the Election Act, and
 - (c) the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act;
- 2. The Committee consists of the following Members:

Schow (Chair)DangRutherfordHorner (Deputy Chair)GoodridgeSigurdson (Highwood)AllardNixon (Calgary-Klein)SmithCeciPancholiSweet

- 3. The Committee may limit its review of the Election Act and the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act to sections of those Acts that the Committee selects for consideration;
- 4. The Committee continues despite a prorogation of a session and may, without leave of the Assembly, meet during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued;
- Reasonable disbursements by the Committee for advertising, staff
 assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel, and other expenditures
 necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities shall be paid,
 subject to the approval of the Chair;
- 6. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee may utilize the services of employees of the Legislative Assembly Office or, with the concurrence of the head of a department or an Officer of the Legislature, utilize the services of employees of the public service employed in that department or office;
- 7. The Committee must submit a report to the Assembly
 - (a) on the questions posed by the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, within 4 months after commencing its review of the matters referred in accordance with this motion, and
 - (b) on its review of the Election Act and the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, including any amendments to the Acts recommended by the Committee, within 6 months after commencing its review of the matters referred in accordance with this motion;
- 8. If the Assembly is not sitting at the time a report of the Committee is completed, the Chair of the Committee may release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk in accordance with Standing Order 38.1 and forwarding a copy to each Member of the Legislative Assembly.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 19 Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

A debate followed.

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

Government Motions

24. Oral notice having been given June 16, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Kenney:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- a) condemns racism and all forms of bigotry and hatred;
- b) affirms the commitment of Alberta to human dignity and equality of all before the law;
- c) acknowledges the pernicious and durable nature of anti-Black racism;
- d) acknowledges a tragic history of racism directed at Indigenous people in Canada; and
- e) urges the Government to consider these issues in its ongoing review of the Police Act.

A debate followed.

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, moved that the motion be amended by striking out clause (e) and substituting the following:

- (e) urges the Government to ensure that these issues, and the voices of racialized communities, are considered in its ongoing review of the Police Act by immediately establishing an advisory panel
 - (i) to conduct hearings throughout the Province to examine, and make recommendations in respect of, systemic racism in Alberta,
 - that consists of members of the Anti-Racism Advisory Council, provincial Indigenous leadership, and Black Lives Matter chapters of Alberta, and
 - (iii) to publish a report with its findings and recommendations no later than October 1, 2020.

Sessional Paper 208/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

Mr. Schow moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:51 p.m. until Monday, June 22, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, June 22, 2020

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Winston O. Backus, Member for Grande Prairie, 1971 to 1979, who passed away on June 15, 2020.

Members' Statements

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding jurisdictional overlap affecting Lloydminster.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding systemic racism and the history of Black people in Alberta.

Mr. Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement congratulating the graduating class of 2020.

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding a lack of action from the Premier concerning the recent and devastating Calgary hailstorm.

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, made a statement regarding the Canadian Tractor Museum in Westlock.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the future of Riverlot 56 Natural Area in St. Albert.

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, made a statement regarding libraries.

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the recent layoff of educational assistants.

Mr. Toor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding the resiliency of the Calgary-Falconridge constituency in the face of the recent and devastating hailstorm.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motions:

26. Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly grant leave, pursuant to Standing Order 57(1)(b), to the Select Special Public Health Act Review Committee to meet during the hours the Assembly is sitting.

27. Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly grant leave, pursuant to Standing Order 57(1)(b), to the Select Special Democratic Accountability Committee to meet during the hours the Assembly is sitting.

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bills:

- Bill 26 Constitutional Referendum Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Schweitzer
- Bill 27 Alberta Senate Election Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall:

Letter dated June 21, 2020, from Khalil Karbani, representing several community organizations and associations in northeast Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, regarding disaster relief funding, relating to comments made by Mr. Sabir during Oral Question Period on June 22, 2020

Sessional Paper 209/2020

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Copy of an online petition from 1,721 residents of St. Albert and Edmonton regarding keeping Riverlot 56 public

Sessional Paper 210/2020

St. Albert Today website article dated March 16, 2020, entitled "Riverlot 56: a primer"

Sessional Paper 211/2020

T8N Magazine website article dated May 2017 entitled "Riverlot 56"

Sessional Paper 212/2020

Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek:

Document, undated, entitled "Flight Training Schools – Alberta," relating to comments made by Mr. Gotfried during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 201, Strategic Aviation Council Act, on June 15, 2020

Sessional Paper 213/2020

3 recent letters to Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, expressing support for Bill 201, Strategic Aviation Council Act

Sessional Paper 214/2020

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, on behalf of Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View:

Anti-Defamation League website article, undated, entitled "The Anti-Semitism Lurking Behind George Soros Conspiracy Theories"

Sessional Paper 215/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 201 Strategic Aviation Advisory Council Act — Mr. Gotfried

Motions Other Than Government Motions

505. Moved by Mr. Loewen:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General to explore options to establish a voluntary civilian corps to assist law enforcement in Alberta.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 28

Aheer Loewen Sawhney
Amery Lovely Schow
Dreeshen Luan Schulz

Fir Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Sigurdson (Highwood)

GetsonOrrStephanGotfriedRehnTurtonGuthrieRosinvan DijkenHansonRowswellWalkerHornerRutherfordWilson

Hunter

Against the motion: 6

Bilous Ceci Loyola Carson Goehring Renaud

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 23 Commercial Tenancies Protection Act — Hon. Ms Fir

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Ms Phillips speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 24 COVID-19 Pandemic Response Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

A debate followed.

Ms Sweet moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 7 Responsible Energy Development Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mrs. Savage

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

- Bill 15 Choice in Education Act, 2020 Hon. Min. LaGrange
- Bill 16 Victims of Crime (Strengthening Public Safety) Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

Mr. van Dijken, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 16 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View on June 16, 2020) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 197/2020

Amendment to Bill 15 (A3) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora on June 17, 2020) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 205/2020

Amendment to Bill 7 (A2) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall on June 17, 2020) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 206/2020

Amendment to Bill 15 (A4) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 216/2020

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 19 Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:25 p.m. until Tuesday, June 23, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

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

Members' Statements

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement regarding actions of the Associate Minister of Mental Health and supervised consumption services in Alberta.

Mr. Yaseen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North, made a statement regarding the recent and devastating Calgary hailstorm.

Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the cancellation of the Calgary Stampede during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding COVID-19 outbreaks in meat processing plants.

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the tourism industry.

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the orphan well cleanup program.

Mr. Milliken, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the importance of investment in Alberta's energy sector.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding Alberta's strength and resiliency during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mrs. Allard, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement regarding Tenille Townes and her Big Hearts for Big Kids fundraiser.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bills:

- Bill 28 Vital Statistics (Protecting Albertans from Convicted Sex Offenders)
 Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Glubish
- Bill 29 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Madu

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given June 22, 2020:

- Bill 26 Constitutional Referendum Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Schweitzer
- Bill 27 Alberta Senate Election Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Glubish, Minister of Service Alberta, pursuant to the Vital Statistics Act, cV-4.1, s64:

Alberta Vital Statistics 2017 Annual Review

Sessional Paper 217/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

26. Oral notice having been given June 22, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly grant leave, pursuant to Standing Order 57(1)(b), to the Select Special Public Health Act Review Committee to meet during the hours the Assembly is sitting.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

27. Oral notice having been given June 22, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly grant leave, pursuant to Standing Order 57(1)(b), to the Select Special Democratic Accountability Committee to meet during the hours the Assembly is sitting.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 24 COVID-19 Pandemic Response Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

- Bill 15 Choice in Education Act, 2020 Hon. Min. LaGrange
- Bill 16 Victims of Crime (Strengthening Public Safety) Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

Mr. Getson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 15 (A4) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud on June 22, 2020) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 216/2020

Amendment to Bill 15 (A5) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated Sessional Paper 218/2020

Amendment to Bill 15 (A6) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 219/2020

Amendment to Bill 16 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 220/2020

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:55 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 22 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Hunter

A debate followed.

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

Government Motions

24. Oral notice having been given June 16, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Kenney:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- a) condemns racism and all forms of bigotry and hatred;
- b) affirms the commitment of Alberta to human dignity and equality of all before the law;
- c) acknowledges the pernicious and durable nature of anti-Black racism;
- acknowledges a tragic history of racism directed at Indigenous people in Canada; and
- e) urges the Government to consider these issues in its ongoing review of the Police Act.

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, on June 18, 2020, that the motion be amended by striking out clause (e) and substituting the following:

- (e) urges the Government to ensure that these issues, and the voices of racialized communities, are considered in its ongoing review of the Police Act by immediately establishing an advisory panel
 - (i) to conduct hearings throughout the Province to examine, and make recommendations in respect of, systemic racism in Alberta,
 - that consists of members of the Anti-Racism Advisory Council, provincial Indigenous leadership, and Black Lives Matter chapters of Alberta, and

(iii) to publish a report with its findings and recommendations no later than October 1, 2020.

Sessional Paper 208/2020

Mr. Shepherd moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was defeated.

Hon. Mr. McIver requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 28 in order to allow a second motion to adjourn debate to be moved.

Hon. Mr. McIver then moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 23 Commercial Tenancies Protection Act — Hon. Ms Fir

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 17 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Mr. Hanson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 17 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning) — Adjourned Sessional Paper 221/2020

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:39 p.m. until Wednesday, June 24, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

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

Members' Statements

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement regarding Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day (remarks made in French).

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding Bill 16, Victims of Crime (Strengthening Public Safety) Amendment Act, 2020.

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, made a statement regarding the tragic deaths of four youth in the Cardston-Siksika constituency.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding risks associated with Government funding for the Keystone XL pipeline project.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on small business in the Vermilion-Lloydminster constituency.

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding Government funding for the Sage Seniors Association.

Mr. Walker, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding the need for a fair deal between Alberta and the Canadian Confederation.

Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement regarding Government funding for public transit projects in Calgary and Edmonton.

Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Cochrane, made a statement regarding the need to support Canadian Forces veterans who were negatively affected by the drug mefloquine.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

- 28. Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly
 - a) condemn the actions of public sector unions who are blocking a proposed wage top-up for healthcare aides in continuing care facilities, and
 - b) express its gratitude to the hard working healthcare aides who are helping to keep Alberta's most vulnerable people safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given June 23, 2020:

- Bill 28 Vital Statistics (Protecting Albertans from Convicted Sex Offenders) Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Glubish
- Bill 29 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Madu

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Williams, Hon. Member for Peace River:

Copy of a speech dated June 23, 1858, entitled "The Separate School Question," relating to comments made by Mr. Williams during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 15, Choice in Education Act, 2020

Sessional Paper 222/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 17 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, moved that the Bill be amended in section 11 in the proposed section 9.01(1) by striking out "that a formal patient is provided with a written, individualized treatment plan" and substituting "that a formal patient is provided with a written, individualized treatment plan and that the formal patient, or a person referred to in section 28(1) who is acting on behalf of the formal patient, is informed of their right to object to any treatment set out in the treatment plan."

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 8

Deol Phillips Schmidt Irwin Renaud Sweet Loyola Sabir

Against the amendment: 27

Amery Long Schow Barnes Luan Schulz Getson Nallv Sigurdson (Highwood) Glasgo Orr Smith Glubish Rehn Stephan Guthrie Reid Turton Hanson Rosin Walker Horner Rutherford Yao Loewen Sawhney Yaseen

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 24 COVID-19 Pandemic Response Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

- Bill 15 Choice in Education Act, 2020 Hon. Min. LaGrange
- Bill 17 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Shandro

Mr. Smith, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 15 (A7) (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 223/2020

Sessional Paper 223/2020

Amendment to Bill 17 (A2) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford on behalf of the Official Opposition House Leader on June 23, 2020) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 221/2020

Amendment to Bill 17 (A3) (Hon. Member for St. Albert on behalf of the Official Opposition House Leader) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 224/2020

Amendment to Bill 17 (A4) (Official Opposition House Leader) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 225/2020

Amendment to Bill 17 (A5) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall on behalf of the Official Opposition House Leader) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 226/2020

Third Reading

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

Bill 7 Responsible Energy Development Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mrs. Savage

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 15 Choice in Education Act, 2020 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

- (a) by striking out section 8 and substituting the following:
 - 8 Section 25 is amended as follows:
 - (a) subsection (1) is amended by striking "The Minister may issue a charter" and substituting "Subject to subsection (4), the Minister may issue a charter";
 - (b) by repealing subsection (1)(a) and substituting the following:
 - (a) focuses on
 - (i) a learning style, a teaching style, approach or philosophy or pedagogy that is not already being offered by a board of a public or separate school division or Francophone regional authority operating within the geographic area in which the charter school will be located, or
 - (ii) vocation-based education,
 - (c) by striking out subsection (2)(b) and substituting the following:
 - (b) subject to subsection (4), renew the term of a charter, or
 - (d) by adding the following immediately after subsection (3):
 - (4) The Minister shall not issue or renew a charter under this section unless the charter contains a term requiring the charter school to implement a policy of non-discrimination with respect to the enrollment of students with physical or mental disabilities.
- (b) by striking out section 10 and substituting the following:
 - 10 The following is added before section 29:

Recognition of private schools

- 28.1(1) Private schools are recognized as being important in providing parents and students with choice in education, and a person responsible for the operation of a private school shall ensure
 - (a) students enrolled in the private school are provided with an education program consistent with the requirements set out in the Act and the regulations, and
 - (b) the private school implements a policy of non-discrimination with respect to the enrollment of students with physical or mental disabilities.

(2) A private school must not be registered or accredited by the Minister as a private school unless it implements a policy referred to in subsection (1)(b).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 6

Bilous Dang Feehan Carson Eggen Renaud

Against the amendment: 21

Allard Horner Sawhney

Armstrong-Homeniuk LaGrange Sigurdson (Highwood)

CoppingLoewenSinghEllisNicolaidesSmithGetsonNixon (Calgary-Klein)ToorGlubishPandavan DijkenGoodridgePonWilliams

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 15 Choice in Education Act, 2020 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

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

Bill 17 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Mr. Smith, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 15 (A7) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora on June 24, 2020) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 223/2020

Amendment to Bill 15 (A8) (Hon. Member for St. Albert) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 227/2020

Amendment to Bill 15 (A9) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 228/2020

Amendment to Bill 16 (A2) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View on June 23, 2020) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 220/2020

Amendment to Bill 16 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-South on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Defeated Sessional Paper 229/2020

Amendment to Bill 17 (A5) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall on behalf of the Official Opposition House Leader on June 24, 2020) - Defeated

Sessional Paper 226/2020

Amendment to Bill 17 (A6) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford on behalf of the Official Opposition House Leader) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 230/2020

Amendment to Bill 17 (A7) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford on behalf of the Official Opposition House Leader) — Defeated Sessional Paper 231/2020

Amendment to Bill 17 (A8) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West on behalf of the Official Opposition House Leader) — Defeated Sessional Paper 232/2020

Amendment to Bill 17 (A9) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West on behalf of the Official Opposition House Leader) — Defeated Sessional Paper 233/2020

Amendment to Bill 17 (A10) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday on behalf of the Official Opposition House Leader) — Defeated Sessional Paper 234/2020

Amendment to Bill 17 (A11) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday on behalf of the Official Opposition House Leader) — Defeated Sessional Paper 235/2020

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the evening.

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 22 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Hunter

Third Reading

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

Bill 15 Choice in Education Act, 2020 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 25

Allard Lovely Sigurdson (Highwood)

Armstrong-Homeniuk Nicolaides Singh Smith Copping Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Ellis Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Toor Getson Panda Turton Glubish van Dijken Pon Goodridge Reid Williams Horner Rowswell Yao

LaGrange

Against the motion: 8

Bilous Dang Renaud Carson Eggen Shepherd

Dach Goehring

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 15 Choice in Education Act, 2020 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:45 p.m. until Thursday, June 25, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 25, 2020

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

Speaker's Statement – Pages of the Assembly

The Speaker made a statement recognizing the Pages who would not be returning for the next sitting of the Legislature and read a letter from the departing Pages.

Members' Statements

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding the Auditor General and the Government delay of the 2019-2020 Annual Report.

Mr. Rutherford, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding PTSD Awareness Day.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding supervised consumption sites.

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding Bill 29, Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 2020.

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the possible appointment of an Alberta chief firearms officer.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the need to share resource revenues with Alberta's Indigenous communities.

Mr. Hanson, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, made a statement regarding recent federal firearms policies.

Mr. Orr, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding the Alberta Carbon Trunk Line system.

Mr. Yaseen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North, made a statement regarding Canadian Multiculturalism Day.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bills:

- Bill 30 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Shandro
- Bill 31 Environmental Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Nixon

Privilege – Misleading the Assembly

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, gave oral notice of her intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding the Government allegedly misleading the Assembly in order to advance Bill 24, COVID-19 Pandemic Response Statutes Amendment Act, 2020.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated April 21, 2020, to Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, from Tribal Chiefs Ventures Inc. regarding the resignation of ER physicians from AHS rural facilities

Sessional Paper 236/2020

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

Report dated June 2020, entitled "16-Year-Old Lucas: A Mandatory Review," prepared by the Office of the Child and Youth Advocate Alberta

Sessional Paper 237/2020

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Medical Diagnostic and Therapeutic Technologists 2019 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 238/2020

Privilege - Misleading the Assembly

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding the Government allegedly misleading the Assembly in order to advance Bill 24, COVID-19 Pandemic Response Statutes Amendment Act, 2020.

The Speaker heard from Ms Gray.

The Speaker advised that, as requested by Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, he would hear additional arguments on the next sitting day.

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Tabling Returns and Reports.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

3 pieces of correspondence relating to a purported question of privilege raised on June 25, 2020, on the subject of the Government allegedly misleading the Assembly in order to advance Bill 24, COVID-19 Pandemic Response Statutes Amendment Act, 2020

Sessional Paper 239/2020

Alberta Hansard, dated June 22, 2020, relating to a purported question of privilege raised on June 25, 2020, on the subject of the Government allegedly misleading the Assembly in order to advance Bill 24, COVID-19 Pandemic Response Statutes Amendment Act, 2020

Sessional Paper 240/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

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

Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. van Dijken in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 25

Allard LaGrange Savage **Nicolaides** Copping Smith $Nixon \ ({\it Calgary-Klein})$ Ellis Toews Getson Orr Toor Glubish Panda Turton Goodridge Pitt Walker Gotfried Pon Williams Hunter Rowswell Yaseen

Jones

Against the motion: 7

Carson Loyola Schmidt Feehan Pancholi Shepherd

Gray

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

Bill 24 COVID-19 Pandemic Response Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

A debate followed.

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 24, COVID-19 Pandemic Response Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Third time but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.

Sessional Paper 241/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Feehan Loyola Schmidt Goehring Pancholi Shepherd

Gray

Against the amendment: 24

Allard Hunter Savage Copping Jones Smith Dreeshen LaGrange Toews Nicolaides Turton Ellis Getson $Nixon \ ({\it Calgary-Klein})$ van Dijken Glubish Walker Orr Goodridge Williams Pon Rowswell Gotfried Yaseen

The question being immediately put, the motion for Third Reading was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 26

Allard Jones Smith Copping LaGrange Toews Nicolaides Dreeshen Toor Ellis Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Turton Getson van Diiken Orr Glubish Panda Walker Goodridge Williams Pon Gotfried Rowswell Yaseen

Hunter Savage

Against the motion: 7

Feehan Loyola Schmidt Goehring Pancholi Shepherd

Gray

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 7 Responsible Energy Development Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mrs. Savage
- Bill 16 Victims of Crime (Strengthening Public Safety) Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Schweitzer
- Bill 17 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Shandro
- Bill 24 COVID-19 Pandemic Response Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Shandro

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2), Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no morning sitting on Tuesday, July 7, 2020.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(6) and on motion by Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:11 p.m. until Monday, July 6, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, July 6, 2020

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding the Government's economic recovery plan.

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding the need for an effective Government plan for jobs in Alberta.

Mr. Reid, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Alberta Weekly Newspapers Association.

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement regarding the Government's economic recovery plan and child care.

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding Daxton Bennett, a West Yellowhead constituent battling cancer.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the recent and devasting Calgary hailstorm.

Ms Issik, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding mandatory reporting of medically unfit drivers.

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, made a statement regarding the Premier's speechwriter.

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding hair salons addressing domestic abuse.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Issik, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, presented a petition from 3,203 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation to require mandatory reporting by physicians of medically unfit drivers.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bills:

- Bill 32 Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Copping
- Bill 33 Alberta Investment Attraction Act Hon. Ms Fir
- Bill 34 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Nixon

Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

- 29. Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly
 - a) affirm its loyalty to a united Canadian federation, and
 - b) urge the Government to obtain a fair deal for Alberta within the Canadian federation.

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) affirm its commitment to a strong and united Canada that is indivisible,
- (b) acknowledge that
 - (i) it is unquestionably in Alberta's interest to remain a part of the Canadian federation, and
 - (ii) there could be detrimental economic and fiscal impacts to Alberta and Albertans if the province separated from the Canadian federation,

and

(c) unequivocally denounce calls for Alberta to become a state that is independent of Canada.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given June 25, 2020:

Bill 30 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s28(1):

Office of the Ethics Commissioner, Province of Alberta, Report of the Investigation under the Conflicts of Interest Act by Hon. Marguerite Trussler, QC, Ethics Commissioner, into allegations involving Minister Doug Schweitzer, MLA, Calgary-Elbow

Sessional Paper 242/2020

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Labour and Immigration, pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act cW-15, s93(5):

Workers' Compensation Board Alberta 2019 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 243/2020

Motions Under Standing Order 42

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) affirm its commitment to a strong and united Canada that is indivisible,
- (b) acknowledge that
 - (i) it is unquestionably in Alberta's interest to remain a part of the Canadian federation, and
 - (ii) there could be detrimental economic and fiscal impacts to Alberta and Albertans if the province separated from the Canadian federation,

and

(c) unequivocally denounce calls for Alberta to become a state that is independent of Canada.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

Privilege - Misleading the Assembly

The Speaker invited Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, to speak to the purported question of privilege raised by Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, on June 25, 2020, regarding the Government allegedly misleading the Assembly in order to advance Bill 24, COVID-19 Pandemic Response Statutes Amendment Act, 2020.

The Speaker heard from Hon. Mr. McIver and advised that he would defer his ruling to a later date.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Motions Other Than Government Motions

506. Moved by Mr. Ellis:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to encourage more effective communication and collaboration between police services operating in Alberta for the purposes of identifying criminal operations, reducing incidence of crime, and creating safer communities for all Albertans.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 6, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 25 Protecting Alberta Industry from Theft Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

A debate followed.

Mr. Feehan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 25, Protecting Alberta Industry from Theft Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 244/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

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

Bill 26 Constitutional Referendum Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 27 Alberta Senate Election Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

A debate followed.

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

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 25 Protecting Alberta Industry from Theft Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:16 a.m. Tuesday, July 7, 2020, until 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 7, 2020

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding Government healthcare policies.

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement regarding the participation of Indigenous communities in the oil and gas sector.

Mrs. Allard, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement regarding the Victims of Crime Working Group and support for victims of crime.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding Government policies concerning public parks and health care.

Mr. Rutherford, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding policing.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding possible changes to the delivery of services to persons with developmental disabilities.

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, made a statement regarding the Critical Infrastructure Defence Act.

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the need to build pipelines to transport more oil and gas instead of using tanker ships.

Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding several recommendations of the Fair Deal Panel.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given June 25, 2020:

Bill 31 Environmental Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Oral notice having been given July 6, 2020:

- Bill 32 Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Copping
- Bill 33 Alberta Investment Attraction Act Hon. Ms Fir

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche:

Document dated July 2020, entitled "Pro or Con? Measuring First Nations' support or opposition to oil and gas in BC and Alberta," prepared by the Canadian Energy Centre, relating to comments made by Ms Goodridge during Oral Question Period on July 7, 2020

Sessional Paper 245/2020

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

8 recent pieces of correspondence expressing concern regarding supports for persons with developmental disabilities

Sessional Paper 246/2020

4 recent e-mail messages to Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing concern regarding Government funding for anti-racism initiatives

Sessional Paper 247/2020

2 recent e-mail messages, one from Ben Jamieson, St. Albert, to Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Education; Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora; and Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, and one from Janelle Jamieson to Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing concern regarding Bill 15, Choice in Education Act, 2020, on June 22, 2020

Sessional Paper 248/2020

6 recent e-mail messages, all to Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, and Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing concern regarding changes to physician compensation in Alberta

Sessional Paper 249/2020

16 recent e-mail messages expressing concern regarding the de-listing of parks from the provincial parks system

Sessional Paper 250/2020

E-mail message, undated, with the sender's name redacted, to Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing concern regarding the removal of an LGBTQ pride flag on the Legislature grounds

Sessional Paper 251/2020

Privilege – Misleading the Assembly

Honourable Members, I am prepared to rule on the question of privilege raised on June 25, 2020, by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods and Deputy Official Opposition House Leader. The question relates to comments made by the Hon. President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance on May 27, 2020, and by the Hon. Premier on June 22, 2020.

The Deputy Official Opposition House Leader provided notice of her question of privilege to my office at 11:18 a.m. on June 25, with a copy to the Hon. Premier, the Hon. Minister of Finance, and the Hon. Government House Leader, and therefore met the notice requirement under Standing Order 15(2). I also find that this matter was raised at the earliest opportunity, as is a requirement.

In her arguments on June 25, 2020, at pages 1673 to 1675 of Hansard for that date, the Deputy Official Opposition House Leader alleged that on Friday, May 27, 2020, the Hon. Minister of Finance made deliberately misleading statements to the Assembly; that on June 22, 2020, similar statements were made by the Hon. Premier; and that the making of these statements constitutes contempts of the Assembly.

The May 27 statements by the Minister of Finance are found at page 836 of Hansard for that day. These statements were made in response to a question posed by the Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West during debate on matters relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, which was held pursuant to Government Motion 19.

The Hon. Minister of Finance in his response stated that the Auditor General was concerned that the Office of the Auditor General would not be able to complete its audit work related to the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020, before the June 30 deadline.

The June 22 statements by the Hon. Premier are found at page 1506 of Hansard for that day and were made during Oral Question Period in response to questions from the Leader of the Official Opposition. In those remarks, the Hon. Premier stated that the Auditor General indicated that the Office of the Auditor General was not capable of completing its audit work due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In support of her argument that the statements by the Hon. Premier and Hon. Minister of Finance were deliberately misleading, the Deputy Official Opposition House Leader tabled correspondence between the Official Opposition caucus and an official of the Office of the Auditor General, which was filed with the Assembly as Sessional Paper 239/2020.

In that correspondence, the Office of the Auditor General clarified that it was the Controller's Office that initiated the conversation about delaying the June year-end reporting requirements and that, to the Auditor General's knowledge, his office never stated any concerns about their capacity to complete their financial statement audit work by June 30. The official from the Auditor General's office also indicated that she contacted the Provincial Controller's Office to clarify comments made by the Hon. Minister of Finance in the Assembly on May 27 and received confirmation from that office that the decision to extend the 2019-2020 year-end reporting period was a decision made by the Government, and not at the request of the Office of the Auditor General.

The Deputy Official Opposition House Leader alleged on the basis of these facts that the Members who made the relevant statements deliberately misled the Assembly and are, therefore, in contempt of this Assembly.

Yesterday in response, the Minister of Transportation and Deputy Government House Leader argued that neither Member stated in the relevant statements that the Auditor General had approached the Government seeking to delay the 2019-20 annual reports. The Deputy Government House Leader further referenced a public statement posted on the Auditor General's website on March 19, 2020, that stated that the Office of the Auditor General was assessing its ability to continue to fulfil its legislated mandate in light of the COVID-19 pandemic response. The Deputy Government House Leader's arguments are found at pages 1695 to 1696 of Hansard for July 6, 2020.

As noted on June 25, 2019, at page 1174 of Hansard for that day, the test for deliberately misleading the House is a very difficult test to meet. This test is found in the fourth edition of Parliamentary Practice in New Zealand at pages 775 to 776.

The test has three elements: the statement must, in fact, have been misleading, the Member must have known that the statement was inaccurate at the time the statement was made, and the Member must have intended to mislead the House.

Based on the correspondence tabled by the Deputy Official Opposition House Leader, it appears reasonable to suggest that the Office of the Auditor General would most likely consider the statements in question to be inaccurate.

Although the Deputy Government House Leader argued that the Members' statements, in fact, do not expressly state that the Office of the Auditor General approached the Government, I find that the statements, taken as a whole within their context, could be reasonably interpreted as to imply the same, that it was the Office of the Auditor General that advised the Government that their office could not complete the work in question by June 30.

Therefore, while it may be a reasonable conclusion to find that the first element of the test has been met, I must then move to consideration of the second element, and this is where I find that the test has not been met.

As I have noted, the second element of the test requires that the Member must have known that the statement was inaccurate at the time the statement was made.

It is exceedingly difficult to prove a case of deliberately misleading the Assembly, and so it should be, as this is a very serious allegation.

Proving the second element is especially difficult in the case of responses to oral questions, when Ministers are expected to answer immediately to questions and have a short period of time to provide a response. The Speaker is required to consider what the Minister meant, or didn't mean, in this short response.

In the absence of evidence that the Minister of Finance or the Premier had direct knowledge that the information contained in their statements was, in fact, inaccurate, I am unable to find that the second element of the test is met in either case.

Although there was evidence that the Provincial Controller's Office was made aware that the Office of the Auditor General considered the comments to be inaccurate, in the case of the Minister of Finance's comments, the correspondence from the office was sent after the statements were made in the Assembly.

Furthermore, there was no indication that this information was brought to the attention of either the Minister of Finance or the Premier so as to possibly correct any misunderstanding that may have existed between the involved parties at that time.

Accordingly, as I find that the second element of this test is not met, I find that the alleged case against both Members has not been made and therefore that no prima facie question of privilege has arisen. I consider this matter dealt with and concluded.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 26 Constitutional Referendum Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon, Mr. Schweitzer

A debate followed.

Ms Rosin moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 27 Alberta Senate Election Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

A debate followed.

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

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

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

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Ms Ganley speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 30 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 29 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Madu

A debate followed.

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

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 25 Protecting Alberta Industry from Theft Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 22 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Hunter

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:04 p.m. until Wednesday, July 8, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, July 8, 2020

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 33 Alberta Investment Attraction Act — Hon. Ms Fir

A debate followed.

Hon. Ms Schulz moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 27 Alberta Senate Election Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, MLA Loyola speaking.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 21 Provincial Administrative Penalties Act — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2.1), the Assembly adjourned at 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2020 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding the Government's accomplishments since being elected 15 months ago.

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the ineffectiveness of the Government's economic recovery plans.

Ms Glasgo, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding Alberta's agriculture industry and the Government's infrastructure plan.

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement regarding the views and actions of United Conservative Party members.

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement regarding the value of transportation infrastructure.

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, made a statement regarding the need to fund a new high school in the Edmonton-Meadows constituency.

Ms Issik, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the need to improve road safety for cyclists.

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding Bill 32, Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding Alberta's economic recovery plan in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

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

Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills Final Report, Bill 203, Pension Protection Act, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, March 2020

Sessional Paper 252/2020

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to the report that the Bill not proceed.

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Issik, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, presented a petition from 519 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation to amend the Traffic Safety Act, or make amendments to the regulations under that Act, to implement the following changes to make cycling safer: 1) require safe passing distances of one metre at speeds of 60 km/hour or less and 1.5 metres at speeds greater than 60 km/hour; 2) allow two abreast riding, when not impeding the flow of traffic; and 3) require cyclists to ride as far to the right as is safe versus as is practicable.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given July 6, 2020:

Bill 34 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Notice having been given:

Bill 204 Voluntary Blood Donations Repeal Act — Mr. Yao

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees in order to request a debate on the motion to concur in the report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

24. Oral notice having been given June 16, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Kenney:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- a) condemns racism and all forms of bigotry and hatred;
- b) affirms the commitment of Alberta to human dignity and equality of all before the law;
- c) acknowledges the pernicious and durable nature of anti-Black racism;
- acknowledges a tragic history of racism directed at Indigenous people in Canada; and
- e) urges the Government to consider these issues in its ongoing review of the Police Act.

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, on June 18, 2020, that the motion be amended by striking out clause (e) and substituting the following:

- (e) urges the Government to ensure that these issues, and the voices of racialized communities, are considered in its ongoing review of the Police Act by immediately establishing an advisory panel
 - (i) to conduct hearings throughout the Province to examine, and make recommendations in respect of, systemic racism in Alberta,
 - that consists of members of the Anti-Racism Advisory Council, provincial Indigenous leadership, and Black Lives Matter chapters of Alberta, and
 - (iii) to publish a report with its findings and recommendations no later than October 1, 2020.

Sessional Paper 208/2020

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

- Bill 26 Constitutional Referendum Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Schweitzer
- Bill 28 Vital Statistics (Protecting Albertans from Convicted Sex Offenders)
 Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Glubish

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:56 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 32 Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Copping

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

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

Bill 30 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

A debate followed.

Acting Speaker's Ruling – Unparliamentary Language

The Acting Speaker ruled that comments made by Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, during Second Reading debate on Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, were unparliamentary, and he invited Ms Renaud to withdraw her remarks and apologize.

Naming a Member

Ms Renaud withdrew her remarks but did not offer an apology.

Ms Renaud was then named by the Acting Speaker for the remainder of the day. Ms Renaud then left the Chamber.

Debate resumed.

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

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

Bill 31 Environmental Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Mr. Getson on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon

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

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 23 Commercial Tenancies Protection Act — Hon. Ms Fir

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 22 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Hunter

Ms Lovely, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 22 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore) — Defeated Sessional Paper 253/2020

Amendment to Bill 23 (A1) (Hon. Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Tourism) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 254/2020

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2), Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no morning sitting on July 9, 2020.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:36 p.m. until Thursday, July 9, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 9, 2020

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

Members' Statements

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding Government policies toward labour unions.

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement regarding claims of bullying in the Chamber.

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, made a statement regarding labour union involvement in the boycott, divestment, and sanctions movement against Israel.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Mary Reimer.

Ms Rosin, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, made a statement regarding comments made by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar concerning Margaret Thatcher.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding parliamentary discourse.

Mrs. Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie-East, made a statement regarding the Canadian Union of Public Employees voicing support for Venezuelan president Nicolás Maduro.

Mr. Reid, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding attitudes of the New Democratic Party and the Alberta Federation of Labour toward oil and gas development.

Ms Issik, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding Imamat Day.

Notices of Motions

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly no longer has confidence in the Deputy Chair of Committees following his actions on July 8, 2020.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Copy of a petition containing 543 signatures urging the Government to remove the overreaching powers given to the Premier, Ministers, and any future governments regarding Bill 10, Public Health (Emergency Powers) Amendment Act, 2020

Sessional Paper 255/2020

Hon. Mr. Glubish, Minister of Service Alberta:

Letter dated June 23, 2020, from Hon. Mr. Glubish, Minister of Service Alberta; Hon. Don Morgan, QC, Minister of Justice, Government of Saskatchewan; and Hon. Jim Reiter, Minister of Health, Government of Saskatchewan, regarding initiatives taken by the governments of Alberta and Saskatchewan to protect the public from sexual violence, with attached reply sent on behalf of child advocacy centres across Alberta

Sessional Paper 256/2020

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

E-mail message dated Wednesday, July 1, 2020, from Paula Hunter expressing concern regarding the possibility of Albertans being removed from the Canadian Pension Plan

Sessional Paper 257/2020

Motions Under Standing Order 42

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly no longer has confidence in the Deputy Chair of Committees following his actions on July 8, 2020.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

Second Reading

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

Bill 27 Alberta Senate Election Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

A debate followed.

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 27, Alberta Senate Election Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that this legislation should not proceed until such time as the Assembly can consider any recommendations made by the Select Special Democratic Accountability Committee.

Sessional Paper 258/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 27 Alberta Senate Election Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

Third Reading

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

Bill 25 Protecting Alberta Industry from Theft Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Nally on behalf of Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nally, Associate Minister of Natural Gas and Electricity, the Assembly adjourned at 4:22 p.m. until Monday, July 13, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, July 13, 2020

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Robert C. Clark, Member for Didsbury, 1960 to 1963, and Member for Olds-Didsbury, 1963 to 1981, who passed away on July 10, 2020.

Members' Statements

Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding recent socially distanced Calgary Stampede events held during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement regarding the work of trade unions and workers to establish the Employment Insurance program in Canada.

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding the value of the National Hockey League playoffs being hosted by Edmonton.

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding trade union actions to protect essential workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mrs. Allard, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement regarding the importance of economic development in northern Alberta.

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the Calgary Stampede.

Ms Glasgo, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding Government efforts to support Alberta's economic recovery.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, made a statement regarding recent instances of racist vandalism in Edmonton.

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, made a statement regarding the Critical Infrastructure Defence Act.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) express its concern with recent reports that 42 percent of Alberta physicians are considering looking for work outside of Alberta as a result of changes by the Government to the physician funding framework,
- (b) urge the Government of Alberta to immediately reconsider these changes,
- (c) urge the Government of Alberta to provide the Assembly with an explanation as to why the Government has prevented the Alberta Medical Association from participating in arbitration, and
- (d) urge the Government to develop and provide to the Assembly a response plan to ensure public health care remains stable in light of the potential departure of a large number of physicians from the province.

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Labour and Immigration, pursuant to the Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act, cE-11, s87(4):

Association of Science and Engineering Technology Professionals of Alberta Annual Report 2019

Sessional Paper 259/2020

Motions Under Standing Order 42

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) express its concern with recent reports that 42 percent of Alberta physicians are considering looking for work outside of Alberta as a result of changes by the Government to the physician funding framework,
- (b) urge the Government of Alberta to immediately reconsider these changes,
- (c) urge the Government of Alberta to provide the Assembly with an explanation as to why the Government has prevented the Alberta Medical Association from participating in arbitration, and

(d) urge the Government to develop and provide to the Assembly a response plan to ensure public health care remains stable in light of the potential departure of a large number of physicians from the province.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Motions Other Than Government Motions

507. Moved by Mr. Stephan:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to raise Albertans' awareness of the direct and indirect costs borne by Alberta families and businesses to disproportionately subsidize federal transfers and benefits, including for items listed in the Fair Deal Panel Report to Government.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 30

Rowswell Aheer Jones Rutherford Loewen Amery Barnes Lovely Sawhney Dreeshen Luan Schow Fir

Sigurdson (Highwood) Madu

Glasgo McIver Singh Glubish Neudorf Stephan Walker Guthrie Orr Hanson Reid Wilson Hunter Rosin Yaseen

Against the motion: 7

Bilous Hoffman Renaud

Ceci Irwin Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

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Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 33 Alberta Investment Attraction Act — Hon. Ms Fir

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Deol speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 13, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 22 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Hunter

Mr. Milliken, Deputy Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 22 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 260/2020

Amendment to Bill 22 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 261/2020

Government Motions

24. Oral notice having been given June 16, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Kenney:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- a) condemns racism and all forms of bigotry and hatred;
- b) affirms the commitment of Alberta to human dignity and equality of all before the law;
- c) acknowledges the pernicious and durable nature of anti-Black racism;
- d) acknowledges a tragic history of racism directed at Indigenous people in Canada; and
- e) urges the Government to consider these issues in its ongoing review of the Police Act.

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, on June 18, 2020, that the motion be amended by striking out clause (e) and substituting the following:

- (e) urges the Government to ensure that these issues, and the voices of racialized communities, are considered in its ongoing review of the Police Act by immediately establishing an advisory panel
 - (i) to conduct hearings throughout the Province to examine, and make recommendations in respect of, systemic racism in Alberta,
 - that consists of members of the Anti-Racism Advisory Council, provincial Indigenous leadership, and Black Lives Matter chapters of Alberta, and
 - (iii) to publish a report with its findings and recommendations no later than October 1, 2020.

Sessional Paper 208/2020

Mr. Dang moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 29 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Madu

A debate followed.

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 29, Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 262/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 29 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Madu

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill 22 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Hunter
- Bill 26 Constitutional Referendum Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

Mr. Yao, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 26 (A1) (Official Opposition House Leader) — Defeated Sessional Paper 263/2020

Amendment to Bill 26 (A2) (Official Opposition House Leader) — Defeated Sessional Paper 264/2020

Amendment to Bill 22 (A4) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 265/2020

Second Reading

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

Bill 34 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Nixon

A debate followed.

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

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2), Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no morning sitting on July 14, 2020.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 14, 2020, until 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 14, 2020

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020.

Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding comments made by Gil McGowan, President, Alberta Federation of Labour.

Mr. Rehn, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the spirit of Albertans during the COVID-19 pandemic.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the efforts of trade unions to achieve gender equality in the workforce.

Mr. Toor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020.

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the importance of social assistance programs.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding impaired driving.

Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding drug consumption sites in Red Deer.

Mr. Reid, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the recovery plan for the agriculture industry in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, on behalf of MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

3 recent e-mail messages expressing concern regarding Bill 29, Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, $2020\,$

Sessional Paper 266/2020

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud:

Document dated June 29, 2020, entitled "Joint Statement: Proposed Changes to Alberta's Election Rules Miss an Opportunity to Increase Diverse Representation in Municipal Government," prepared by Ask Her YYC and Parity YEG, relating to comments made by Ms Pancholi during Second Reading of Bill 29, Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 2020 on July 7, 2020

Sessional Paper 267/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

- Bill 21 Provincial Administrative Penalties Act Hon. Mr. Schweitzer
- Bill 27 Alberta Senate Election Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

Mr. Hanson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 21 (A1) (Hon. Minister of Justice and Solicitor General) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 268/2020

Amendment to Bill 21 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 269/2020

Amendment to Bill 21 (A3) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 270/2020

Amendment to Bill 21 (A4) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 271/2020

Amendment to Bill 21 (A5) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 272/2020

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, the Assembly adjourned at 5:57 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 32 Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Copping

A debate followed.

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

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 31 Environmental Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 25 Protecting Alberta Industry from Theft Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

Second Reading

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

Bill 30 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

A debate followed.

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

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2), Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no morning sitting on July 15, 2020.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:27 a.m. Wednesday, July 15, 2020, until 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

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

Members' Statements

Ms Issik, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding comments made by Gil McGowan, president, Alberta Federation of Labour.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding racist graffiti targeting the Al Rashid Mosque.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding recent grants awarded by the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program.

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding Bill 29, Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 2020.

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, made a statement regarding the Government's economic recovery plan.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the Government's response to COVID-19 outbreaks in meat packing plants.

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement regarding the Government's recovery plan and supporting small businesses.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the need for Government disaster relief following a hailstorm in Calgary on June 13, 2020.

Mr. Hanson, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, made a statement regarding Bill 32, Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 22 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Hunter

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

Second Reading

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

Bill 32 Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Copping

A debate followed.

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

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 22 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Hunter

Second Reading

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

Bill 32 Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Copping

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Nielsen speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 21 Provincial Administrative Penalties Act — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

Mr. Feehan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, on behalf of Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, moved that the Bill be amended in section 44(29) by adding the following immediately after the proposed section 88.1:

- 88.101(1) A peace officer who issues a notice of administrative penalty to a driver under section 88, 88.01, 88.02, 88.03 or 88.1 must, immediately after issuing the notice, record, in accordance with the regulations, if any, the prescribed class of race or ethnicity of the driver.
- (2) On or before March 31 of each year, the Minister must publish, in a non-identifiable form, all information recorded under subsection (1) during the calendar year that immediately preceded that year.
- (3) For the purpose of subsection (1), the Minister may make regulations
 - (a) prescribing classes of race or ethnicity, or
 - (b) respecting the manner in which a peace officer records a driver's prescribed class of race or ethnicity.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Milliken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Carson Feehan Hoffman Dach Gray Renaud

Dang

Against the amendment: 22

Allard LaGrange Pon Armstrong-Homeniuk Loewen Rowswell Long Toews Copping Ellis Madu Turton Nicolaides Glubish van Dijken Gotfried Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Wilson Issik Panda Yao

Jones

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 27 Alberta Senate Election Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 21 Provincial Administrative Penalties Act — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

Mr. van Dijken, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 21 (A6) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Defeated on division

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Amendment to Bill 27 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 274/2020

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 26 Constitutional Referendum Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Schweitzer
- Bill 27 Alberta Senate Election Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

Second Reading

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

Bill 30 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

A debate followed.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Select Special Public Health Act Review Committee in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 275/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2), Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no morning sitting on July 16, 2020.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:32 a.m. Thursday, July 16, 2020, until 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 16, 2020

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, made a statement regarding comments made by Government Members and the rising incidence of racism against Chinese Canadians.

Mr. Yaseen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North, made a statement regarding the 100th anniversary of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta.

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, made a statement regarding the ARCHES Lethbridge supervised injection site.

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement regarding Alberta separatism and its negative effects.

Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding the establishment of an economic corridor in Brazeau county.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding a letter she received from a young Albertan whose brother suffers from Moebius syndrome.

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding Alberta's natural resources.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement regarding affordable housing.

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, made a statement regarding the mining industry.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Report dated June 2020, entitled "Restoring Trust: COVID-19 and The Future of Long-Term Care," prepared by The Royal Society of Canada Working Group on Long-Term Care

Sessional Paper 276/2020

Mr. Feehan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Calgary Herald website article dated June 13, 2020, entitled "Collecting race-based data is key to real change, say advocates"

Sessional Paper 277/2020

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s124(2):

Alberta Law Foundation financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2020 Sessional Paper 278/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 34 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 34 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 33 Alberta Investment Attraction Act — Hon. Ms Fir

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nally, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:27 p.m. until Monday, July 20, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, July 20, 2020

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

Members' Statements

Ms Glasgo, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding comments made by Official Opposition Members concerning Alberta's public parks system.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding comments made by Jesse Drwiega, a Queen's Golden Jubilee Award Recipient, concerning support for the arts.

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding Government investment in Lethbridge post-secondary institutions.

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding Kananaskis Country and Government policy concerning Alberta's public parks system.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding rural crime and the use of aerial drones.

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement regarding Bill 32, Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020.

Mr. Reid, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the 125th anniversary of Waterton Lakes National Park.

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding the blood donation system and Bill 204, Voluntary Blood Donations Repeal Act.

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, made a statement regarding the Greater Parkland Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Report dated March 2019, entitled "The Best and Worst Places to be a Woman in Canada 2019," prepared by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives

Sessional Paper 279/2020

Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon:

3 memoranda of understanding, with corresponding letters of intent, and several related pieces of correspondence expressing support for a proposed Alberta economic corridor, relating to comments made by Mr. Smith in his Member's Statement on July 16, 2020

Sessional Paper 280/2020

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Madu, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Pursuant to the Safety Codes Act, cS-1, s25(3), Safety Codes Council 2019 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 281/2020

Pursuant to the Government Organization Act, cG-10, schedule 10, s10(3), Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association Annual Report 2019/2020

Sessional Paper 282/2020

Pursuant to the Government Organization Act, cG-10, schedule 10, s10(3), Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta Annual Report 2019 Sessional Paper 283/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Motions Other Than Government Motions

508. Moved by Mr. Shepherd:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to partner with municipalities across Alberta to invest in the supportive housing required to end chronic homelessness in all communities.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 32 Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Copping

A debate followed.

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 32, Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 284/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

Debate adjourned on the amendment.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 20, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 29 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Madu

Mr. Hanson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 29 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 285/2020

Amendment to Bill 29 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 286/2020

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 23 Commercial Tenancies Protection Act — Hon. Ms Fir

Government Motions

24. Oral notice having been given June 16, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Kenney:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- a) condemns racism and all forms of bigotry and hatred;
- b) affirms the commitment of Alberta to human dignity and equality of all before the law;
- c) acknowledges the pernicious and durable nature of anti-Black racism;
- acknowledges a tragic history of racism directed at Indigenous people in Canada; and
- e) urges the Government to consider these issues in its ongoing review of the Police Act.

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, on June 18, 2020, that the motion be amended by striking out clause (e) and substituting the following:

- (e) urges the Government to ensure that these issues, and the voices of racialized communities, are considered in its ongoing review of the Police Act by immediately establishing an advisory panel
 - to conduct hearings throughout the Province to examine, and make recommendations in respect of, systemic racism in Alberta,
 - that consists of members of the Anti-Racism Advisory Council, provincial Indigenous leadership, and Black Lives Matter chapters of Alberta, and
 - (iii) to publish a report with its findings and recommendations no later than October 1, 2020.

Sessional Paper 208/2020

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, moved that the motion be amended by striking out clause (e) and substituting the following:

- (e) urges the Government
 - to consult with racialized communities as part of its review of the Police Act,
 - (ii) to consider the issues that arise from the Government's consultation in respect of its review of the Police Act, and
 - (iii) to report to the Legislative Assembly on the matters set out in subclauses (i) and (ii) no later than October 1, 2020.

Sessional Paper 287/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, moved that amendment A2 to the motion be amended in the proposed clause (e) by adding "and" at the end of subclause (i), by striking out "and" at the end of subclause (ii) and by striking out (iii).

Sessional Paper 288/2020

A debate followed on the subamendment.

The question being put, the subamendment was agreed to.

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

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

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2), Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no morning sittings on July 21, 22, and 23, 2020.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 30 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, on July 15, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Select Special Public Health Act Review Committee in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 275/2020

Mr. Sabir moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(2.1) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:01 a.m. Tuesday July 21, 2020, until 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

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

Members' Statements

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement regarding parents' concerns about reopening schools during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement regarding Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020.

Mr. Milliken, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding Alberta's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the Government's approach to economic diversification.

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, made a statement regarding electricity transmission and distribution costs.

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding a constituent's concerns about Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020.

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding Alberta's lumber industry and Blue Ridge Lumber.

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, made a statement regarding the Government's efforts to help Alberta farmers in need of assistance.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding Bill 32, Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

32. Be it resolved that pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the 2020 Spring Sitting of the Assembly be extended beyond July 23, 2020, until such time as, or when, the Government House Leader advises the Assembly that the business for the sitting is concluded and at such time the Assembly stands adjourned.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Schow, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Election Act, cE-1, s4(6):

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 2019 Provincial General Election: Volume III Election Finances

Sessional Paper 289/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 30 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, on July 15, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Select Special Public Health Act Review Committee in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 275/2020

Hon. Mr. Nally moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 31 Environmental Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 33 Alberta Investment Attraction Act — Hon. Ms Fir

Mr. van Dijken, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 33 (A1) (Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 290/2020

Third Reading

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

Bill 29 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Madu

A debate followed.

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 29, Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Third time because the Assembly is of the view that the Bill would significantly limit local government decision-making powers and weaken the democratic processes of local governments.

Sessional Paper 291/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the evening sitting.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Milliken in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 24

Smith Allard Issik Barnes Long Toews Copping Madu Toor Ellis McIver Turton Getson van Dijken Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Walker Goodridge Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Gotfried Panda Yao Guthrie Pon Yaseen

Against the motion: 7

Ceci Gray Sabir

Dang Pancholi Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Eggen

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 21 Provincial Administrative Penalties Act—Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

Bill 29 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Madu

Second Reading

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

Bill 32 Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Copping

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, on July 20, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 32, Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 284/2020

Mr. Dang moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(2.1) and on motion by Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 2:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 22, 2020, until 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 22, 2020

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

The Speaker made a statement and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the life and legacy of Robert C. Clark, Member for Didsbury, 1960 to 1963, and Member for Olds-Didsbury, 1963 to 1981, who passed away on July 10, 2020.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Robert C. Clark, Member for Didsbury, 1960 to 1963, and Member for Olds-Didsbury, 1963 to 1981, who passed away on July 10, 2020.

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, commented on the statement.

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

Members' Statements

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding Alberta's economic recovery plan in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding Alberta teachers' reactions to the Government's plans to re-open schools during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Rehn, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding Government investment in infrastructure projects.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement regarding the Government's plans to re-open schools during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the need for highway repairs and enhancements in the West Yellowhead area.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the need for Government disaster relief following a hailstorm in Calgary on June 13, 2020

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, made a statement regarding the Alberta Parenting for the Future Association.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the need for greater diversity and leadership roles for women in the workplace.

Mr. Orr, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding spending by the previous New Democratic Party Government.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Orr, Chair, Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, presented the following report pursuant to Standing Order 55 and the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, cA-23, s6(4)(c):

Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund 2019 Committee Annual Report, July 2020

Sessional Paper 292/2020

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

Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills Final Report, Bill 204, Voluntary Blood Donations Repeal Act, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, July 2020

Sessional Paper 293/2020

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

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

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Horse Racing Alberta Act, cH-11.3, s10(2):

Horse Racing Alberta Annual Report 2019

Sessional Paper 294/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

32. Oral notice having been given July 21, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the 2020 Spring Sitting of the Assembly be extended beyond July 23, 2020 until such time as, or when, the Government House Leader advises the Assembly that the business for the sitting is concluded and at such time the Assembly stands adjourned.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 30 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, on July 15, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Select Special Public Health Act Review Committee in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 275/2020

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

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

Bill 32 Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Copping

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, on July 20, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 32, Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 284/2020

Debate adjourned on the amendment.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Motions

- **31.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:
 - A. Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta effective February 26, 2020, be amended
 - (a) in Standing Order 7(1)
 - (i) by adding the following immediately after "O Canada (First sitting day of each week)":

God Save the Queen (Thursday)

(ii) by striking out "Deferred Divisions (Thursdays)" and substituting "Deferred Divisions (Thursday)",

and

- (b) in Standing Order 32.1 by striking out suborder (3) and substituting the following:
 - (3) If a division is deferred, the Clerk shall conduct the division when "Deferred Divisions" is called during the daily routine
 - (a) if notice is provided under suborder (1) during a Thursday morning sitting, on that Thursday afternoon, or

- (b) if notice under suborder (1) is provided at any other time, on the Thursday that immediately follows the day on which notice is provided.
- B. And be it further resolved that the amendments in this motion come into force on passage.

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the duration of the evening.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bills be now read a Third time:

Bill 31 Environmental Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Mr. Getson on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon

A debate followed.

Conflict of Interest

Hon. Mr. Wilson, Minister of Indigenous Relations, declared a potential conflict of interest regarding Bill 31, Environmental Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, and absented himself from consideration and the vote on the motion.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 31 Environmental Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Nixon
- Bill 34 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Nixon

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute during Committee of the Whole for the duration of the evening.

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 33 Alberta Investment Attraction Act — Hon. Ms Fir

Mr. Smith, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 33 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat on July 21, 2020) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 290/2020

Second Reading

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

Bill 30 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, on July 15, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Select Special Public Health Act Review Committee in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 275/2020

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 8

Carson Feehan Shepherd
Dach Goehring Sweet
Eggen Renaud

Against the amendment: 24

Aheer Nicolaides Schow

Amery Orr Sigurdson (Highwood)

Singh Glasgo Rehn Goodridge Reid Smith Horner Rosin Stephan Loewen Rowswell Turton Lovely Rutherford Walker Neudorf Wilson Sawhney

Debate continued on the main motion.

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, on behalf of Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that the Government has provided insufficient evidence to prove that the implementation of the provisions of the Bill, if passed, will not result in barriers to Albertans' ability to access health care.

Sessional Paper 295/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

Mr. Eggen moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 32 Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Copping

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, on July 20, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 32, Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 284/2020

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 8

Carson Feehan Renaud Dach Goehring Sweet

Eggen Notley

Against the amendment: 29

Aheer Lovely Schow Amery Neudorf Shandro

Barnes Nicolaides Sigurdson (Highwood)

Dreeshen Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Singh Fir Orr Smith Goodridge Rehn Stephan Hanson Rosin Turton Horner Rowswell Walker Kenney Rutherford Wilson

Loewen Sawhney

Debate continued on the main motion.

Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 32, Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that a thorough consultation by the Government with Alberta's workers for the purpose of identifying all potential impacts of the proposed changes is required before the Assembly can further consider the Bill.

Sessional Paper 296/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

Mr. Feehan moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 33 Alberta Investment Attraction Act — Hon. Ms Fir

Mr. Hanson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 33 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat on July 21, 2020) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 290/2020

Subamendment to Bill 33 (A1-SA1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 297/2020

Amendment to Bill 33 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview) — Defeated Sessional Paper 298/2020

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(2.1) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:37 a.m. Thursday, July 23, 2020, until 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 23, 2020

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, made a statement recognizing the accomplishments of Her Honour the Honourable Lois Mitchell as her term as Lieutenant Governor of Alberta concludes.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding the New Democratic Party's report on an alternative relaunch plan for Alberta schools.

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding comments made by the Leader of the Official Opposition concerning Alberta's public parks system.

Mr. Yaseen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Dr. Abdul Quddus Qureshi.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the United Conservative Party's application for federal wage subsidies.

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding divisive comments made by New Democratic Party members and staff.

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, made a statement regarding the Alberta Anti-Racism Education Committee and the need for more Black Canadian history in the education curriculum.

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding Government investment in Lethbridge's agri-food industry.

Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the Government's economic recovery plan.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement regarding comments made by Gil McGowan, President, Alberta Federation of Labour.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks:

7 photographs depicting wildlife species found in Alberta

Sessional Paper 299/2020

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Hundreds of letters to Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Education, requesting the inclusion of Black Canadian history and anti-racism in Alberta's school curriculum

Sessional Paper 300/2020

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

New York Times website article dated February 26, 2006, entitled "As Canada's Slow-Motion Public Health System Falters, Private Medical Care Is Surging," relating to comments made by Mr. Neudorf during Second Reading debate on Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020

Sessional Paper 301/2020

Wikipedia article, undated, entitled "Publicly funded health care," relating to comments made by Mr. Neudorf during Second Reading debate on Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020

Sessional Paper 302/2020

Report dated May 1997, revised February 2001, entitled "Public- and Private-sector Involvement in Health-care Systems: a Comparison of OECD Countries," relating to comments made by Mr. Neudorf during Second Reading debate on Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020

Sessional Paper 303/2020

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Report dated July 23, 2020, entitled "Safe Schools, Successful Students: an Alternative Relaunch Plan for Alberta Schools," prepared by the New Democratic Party Caucus

Sessional Paper 304/2020

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Health Quality Council of Alberta Act, cH-7.2, s24(2):

Health Quality Council of Alberta Annual Report 2019-2020

Sessional Paper 305/2020

Royal Assent

Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Assembly and being seated on the Throne,

The Speaker addressed Her Honour in the following words:

May it please your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly has, at its present sitting, passed certain Bills to which, and in the name of the Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the titles of the Bills that had been passed as follows:

- 21 Provincial Administrative Penalties Act
- 22 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2020
- 23 Commercial Tenancies Protection Act
- 25 Protecting Alberta Industry from Theft Act, 2020
- 26 Constitutional Referendum Amendment Act, 2020
- 27 Alberta Senate Election Amendment Act, 2020
- 28 Vital Statistics (Protecting Albertans from Convicted Sex Offenders) Amendment Act, 2020
- 29 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 2020
- 31 Environmental Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2020
- 34 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2020

To these Bills, Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Bills.

Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor then retired from the Assembly.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the duration of the sitting day.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 30 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, on behalf of Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on July 22, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that the Government has provided insufficient evidence to prove that the implementation of the provisions of the Bill, if passed, will not result in barriers to Albertans' ability to access health care.

Sessional Paper 295/2020

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 6

Carson Irwin Shepherd Eggen Sabir Sweet

Against the amendment: 26

Aheer Kenney Savage
Allard Lovely Sawhney
Amery Luan Schow
Armstrong-Homeniuk Neudorf Sigurdson (Highwood)

Dreeshen Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtm. House-Sundre) Smith
Getson Pon Turton
Gotfried Reid Williams
Guthrie Rowswell Wilson

Issik Rutherford

Debate continued on the main motion.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

Sessional Paper 306/2020

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 6

Dach Irwin Shepherd Eggen Sabir Sweet Against the amendment: 24

Aheer Lovely Rutherford Allard Luan Savage Armstrong-Homeniuk Madu Schow

Dreeshen Neudorf Sigurdson (Highwood)

Getson Pon Smith
Gotfried Rehn Turton
Guthrie Reid Wilson
Issik Rowswell Yao

The question being immediately put, the motion for Second Reading was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 25

Aheer Luan Savage Allard Madu Schow

Armstrong-Homeniuk Neudorf Sigurdson (Highwood)

DreeshenPonSmithGetsonRehnTurtonGotfriedReidWilliamsGuthrieRowswellWilsonIssikRutherfordYao

Lovely

Against the motion: 7

Carson Irwin Shepherd Dach Sabir Sweet

Eggen

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

Bill 32 Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Copping

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, on July 22, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 32, Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that a thorough consultation by the Government with Alberta's workers for the purpose of identifying all potential impacts of the proposed changes is required before the Assembly can further consider the Bill.

Sessional Paper 296/2020

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Carson Irwin Shepherd Dach Sabir Sweet

Eggen

Against the amendment: 24

Aheer Lovely Savage Armstrong-Homeniuk Luan Schow

Dreeshen Madu Sigurdson (Highwood)

Getson Neudorf Smith
Gotfried Pon Turton
Guthrie Rehn Williams
Hanson Rowswell Wilson
Issik Rutherford Yao

Debate continued on the main motion.

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 32, Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

Sessional Paper 307/2020

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Carson Irwin Shepherd Dach Sabir Sweet

Eggen

Against the amendment: 25

Aheer Loewen Rutherford
Armstrong-Homeniuk Lovely Savage
Copping Luan Schow

Dreeshen Madu Sigurdson (Highwood)

GetsonNeudorfSmithGotfriedPonTurtonGuthrieRehnWilsonHansonRowswellYao

Issik

The question being immediately put, the motion for Second Reading was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 25

Aheer Loewen Rutherford
Armstrong-Homeniuk Lovely Savage
Copping Luan Schow

Dreeshen Madu Sigurdson (Highwood)

GetsonNeudorfSmithGotfriedPonTurtonGuthrieRehnWilsonHansonRowswellYao

Issik

Against the motion: 7

Carson Irwin Shepherd
Dach Sabir Sweet

Eggen

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

Bill 30 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Bill 32 Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Copping

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 33 Alberta Investment Attraction Act — Hon. Ms Fir

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:17 p.m. until Monday, July 27, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, July 27, 2020

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, made a statement regarding Bill 32, Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020.

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding the need to put a limit on class sizes when Alberta schools re-open during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of John "Jack" William Royal Lewis.

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding Government priorities and the reopening of schools during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Yaseen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North, made a statement regarding the need to eradicate racism.

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding Bill 32, Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020.

Mr. Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement regarding regulatory changes to Alberta's emergency medical services system.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding Government and union responses to the COVID-19 outbreak at the Cargill meat-processing plant in High River.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Rosemary Imlah.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motions:

33. Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

- **34.** Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.
- **35.** Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 32, Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.
- **36.** Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 32, Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.
- **37.** Be it resolved that a special sitting of the Assembly be held on Thursday, August 27, 2020, for the purpose of receiving and holding a debate on the Government of Alberta's 2020-21 First Quarter Fiscal and Economic Update and that on that day
 - (a) despite Standing Order 7, there is no daily routine;
 - (b) despite Standing Order 8 and 29, the only business for consideration under Orders of the Day is a special debate on the 2020-21 First Quarter Fiscal and Economic Update during which the order of debate and the time limits on speaking are as follows:
 - (i) the President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance may table the 2020-21 First Quarter Fiscal and Economic Update and make the first statement not exceeding 30 minutes;
 - (ii) immediately following the President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance's statement, a Member of the Official Opposition may make a statement not exceeding 10 minutes;
 - (iii) immediately following the statement by a member of the Official Opposition under subclause (ii) and for a period not exceeding 60 minutes

- (A) Members of the Official Opposition may ask questions on matters relevant to the 2020-21 First Quarter Fiscal and Economic Update and the statement made by the President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, and
- (B) the President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, or any other member of the Executive Council, may respond to those questions;
- (iv) immediately following the expiry of the 60- minute period referred to in subclause (iii) and for a period not exceeding 20 minutes
 - (A) private Members of the Government caucus may ask questions on matters relevant to the 2020-21 First Quarter Fiscal and Economic Update and the statement made by the President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, and
 - (B) the President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, or any other member of the Executive Council, may respond to those questions;
- (v) a Member who asks a question or a member of the Executive Council who responds in accordance with subclause (iii) or (iv) is limited to a period of 2 minutes at one time to ask that question or make a response;
- (c) officials of the Government may be seated in the Assembly during the debate to assist members of the Executive Council;
- (d) despite Standing Order 3(1) and 4, the Assembly commences its sitting at 10:00 a.m. and the sitting concludes immediately after all statements and related periods for questions and responses have concluded, at which time
 - (i) the debate is considered concluded without decision, and
 - (ii) subject to Standing Order 3(8), the Assembly stands adjourned until the commencement of the 2020 Fall Sitting.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Copy of a petition directed to Members of the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, containing thousands of signatures expressing concern regarding pensions in Alberta

Sessional Paper 308/2020

Copy of a petition directed to the Minister of Finance, containing thousands of signatures expressing concern regarding pensions in Alberta

Sessional Paper 309/2020

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland:

Document, undated, entitled "Write up for Legislature: John Williams Royal Lewis, September 5, 1931, to May 16, 2020," relating to comments made by Mr. Getson during his Member's Statement on July 27, 2020

Sessional Paper 310/2020

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

27 e-mail messages from Albertans expressing concern regarding the Government's school re-entry plan during the COVID-19 pandemic

Sessional Paper 311/2020

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

CBC News website article dated July 13, 2020, entitled "N.W.T. ignored in Alberta monitoring suspension despite agreement: leaked emails"

Sessional Paper 312/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 204 Voluntary Blood Donations Repeal Act — Mr. Yao

A debate followed.

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the afternoon.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 30

Aheer Jones Sawhney
Allard Lovely Schow
Amery Luan Schulz

Dreeshen Madu Sigurdson (Highwood)

Fir Nally Smith Getson Neudorf Stephan Guthrie Orr Walker Williams Hanson Rehn Rowswell Wilson Horner Issik Rutherford Yao

Against the motion: 7

Dach Loyola Schmidt

Feehan Nielsen Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Gray

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 204 Voluntary Blood Donations Repeal Act — Mr. Yao

Motions Other Than Government Motions

509. Moved by Mr. Nielsen:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce a Bill to expressly ban unpaid internships in order to support youth employment, strengthen fair pay, and improve labour standards and working conditions in Alberta.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 27, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 33 Alberta Investment Attraction Act — Hon. Ms Fir

A debate followed.

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

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 30 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, on behalf of Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, moved that the Bill be amended in section 2(5)(a), in the proposed section 8(1.1), by adding the following immediately after clause (c):

- (c.1) impact of the provision of the insured surgical services as contemplated under the proposed agreement on the publicly funded and publicly administered health system in Alberta
- (c.2) expected public benefit in providing the insured surgical services as contemplated under the proposed agreement, considering
 - (i) quality of service,
 - (ii) flexibility, and
 - (iii) the efficient use of existing capacity;

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Carson Goehring Renaud
Dang Gray Shepherd

Eggen

Against the amendment: 25

Amery Lovely Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk Luan Sawhney
Barnes Madu Schow
Dreeshen McIver Schulz

Fir Neudorf Sigurdson (Highwood)

Getson Orr Smith
Glasgo Rehn Walker
Horner Reid Wilson

Jones

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 32 Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Copping

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, on behalf of Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, moved that the Bill be amended by striking out

- (a) sections 1(3) and (4), and
- (b) section 4.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Eggen Hoffman Renaud Goehring Phillips Shepherd

Gray

Against the amendment: 23

Amery Lovely Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk Luan Schow
Barnes Madu Schulz

Getson McIver Sigurdson (Highwood)

Glasgo Neudorf Smith Hanson Orr Walker Horner Rehn Wilson

Jones Rowswell

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

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 30 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Bill 32 Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Copping

Mr. Hanson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 32 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 313/2020

Subamendment to Bill 30 (A1-SA1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 314/2020

Subamendment to Bill 30 (A1-SA2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 315/2020

Amendment to Bill 30 (A1) (Hon. Minister of Health) — Agreed to Sessional Paper 316/2020

Amendment to Bill 30 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 317/2020

Amendment to Bill 30 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre on behalf of the Official Opposition House Leader) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 318/2020

Amendment to Bill 32 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods on behalf of the Official Opposition House Leader) — Defeated on division Sessional Paper 319/2020

Third Reading

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

Bill 33 Alberta Investment Attraction Act — Hon. Ms Fir

A debate followed.

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 25

AmeryLovelyRowswellArmstrong-HomeniukLuanSawhneyBarnesMaduSchowDreeshenMcIverSchulz

Getson Neudorf Sigurdson (Highwood)
Glasgo Orr Smith

Hanson Rehn Walker Horner Reid Wilson

Jones

Against the motion: 7

Deol Gray Renaud Eggen Phillips Shepherd

Goehring

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 33 Alberta Investment Attraction Act — Hon. Ms Fir

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2), Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no morning sitting on July 28, 2020.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:35 a.m. Tuesday, July 28, 2020, until 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 28, 2020

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, made a statement regarding the Premier's speechwriter.

Ms Issik, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020.

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

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding Government funding for disability services.

Mr. Yaseen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North, made a statement regarding the need for economic diversification in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the need for rent protections in Alberta during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, made a statement regarding Bill 32, Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020.

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the potential establishment of an Alberta police force.

Mr. Toor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding the Government's economic recovery plan.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, presented a petition from 81 residents of Alberta urging the Government to introduce a Bill to repeal the Critical Infrastructure Defence Act.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health:

Letter dated December 15, 2017, from Andre Tremblay, Associate Deputy Minister, Alberta Health, to Dr. Noel Grisdale and Mr. Sean Smith regarding the New Democratic Party Government's negotiations with the Alberta Medical Association

Sessional Paper 320/2020

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Copy of a petition containing 4,200 signatures regarding the protection of disability services

Sessional Paper 321/2020

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College and Association of Opticians Annual Report 2019

Sessional Paper 322/2020

College of Alberta Denturists Annual Report 2019

Sessional Paper 323/2020

College of Dental Technologists of Alberta 2018 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 324/2020

College of Dietitians of Alberta Annual Report 2019

Sessional Paper 325/2020

College of Naturopathic Doctors of Alberta Annual Report 2019

Sessional Paper 326/2020

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta Annual Report 2019

Sessional Paper 327/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

37. Oral notice having been given July 27, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that a special sitting of the Assembly be held on Thursday, August 27, 2020, for the purpose of receiving and holding a debate on the Government of Alberta's 2020-21 First Quarter Fiscal and Economic Update and that on that day

- (a) despite Standing Order 7, there is no daily routine;
- (b) despite Standing Order 8 and 29, the only business for consideration under Orders of the Day is a special debate on the 2020-21 First Quarter Fiscal and Economic Update during which the order of debate and the time limits on speaking are as follows:
 - (i) the President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance may table the 2020-21 First Quarter Fiscal and Economic Update and make the first statement not exceeding 30 minutes;
 - (ii) immediately following the President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance's statement, a Member of the Official Opposition may make a statement not exceeding 10 minutes;

- (iii) immediately following the statement by a Member of the Official Opposition under subclause (ii) and for a period not exceeding 60 minutes
 - (A) Members of the Official Opposition may ask questions on matters relevant to the 2020-21 First Quarter Fiscal and Economic Update and the statement made by the President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, and
 - (B) the President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, or any other member of the Executive Council, may respond to those questions;
- (iv) immediately following the expiry of the 60-minute period referred to in subclause (iii) and for a period not exceeding 20 minutes
 - (A) private Members of the Government caucus may ask questions on matters relevant to the 2020-21 First Quarter Fiscal and Economic Update and the statement made by the President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, and
 - (B) the President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, or any other member of the Executive Council, may respond to those questions;
- (v) a Member who asks a question or a member of the Executive Council who responds in accordance with subclause (iii) or (iv) is limited to a period of 2 minutes at one time to ask that question or make a response;
- (c) officials of the Government may be seated in the Assembly during the debate to assist members of the Executive Council;
- (d) despite Standing Order 3(1) and 4, the Assembly commences its sitting at 10:00 a.m. and the sitting concludes immediately after all statements and related periods for questions and responses have concluded, at which time
 - (i) the debate is considered concluded without decision, and
 - (ii) subject to Standing Order 3(8), the Assembly stands adjourned until the commencement of the 2020 Fall Sitting.

A debate followed.

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, moved that Government Motion 37 be amended:

- (a) in clause (b)
 - (i) by adding the following immediately after subclause (iv):
 - (iv.1) immediately following the expiry of the 20-minute period referred to in subclause (iv), the periods outlined in subclause (iii) and (iv) repeat in sequence until such time when no Members wish to speak;
 - (ii) in subclause (v) by striking out "subclause (iii) or (iv)" and substituting "subclause (iii), (iv), or (iv.1)";
- (b) in clause (d) by striking out "10:00 a.m." and substituting "1:30 p.m." Sessional Paper 328/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 30 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, on behalf of Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, on July 27, 2020, that the Bill be amended by striking out section 5.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Milliken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 8

Feehan Loyola Schmidt

Ganley Notley Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Hoffman Pancholi

Against the amendment: 26

Allard Loewen Singh Copping Neudorf Stephan Toews Ellis **Nicolaides** Glubish Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Toor Goodridge Panda van Dijken Williams Gotfried Pon Rutherford Guthrie Yao Issik Savage Yaseen

Jones Shandro

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

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 30 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Bill 32 Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Copping

Mr. van Dijken, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 32 (A3) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Defeated Sessional Paper 329/2020

Amendment to Bill 30 (A3) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre on behalf of the Official Opposition House Leader on July 27, 2020) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 318/2020

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Motions

33. Oral notice having been given July 27, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 23

Amery Lovely Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk Luan Schow
Barnes Neudorf Schulz

Fir Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Sigurdson (Highwood)

Getson Orr Smith
Glasgo Reid Walker
Horner Rosin Wilson

Jones Rowswell

Against the motion: 8

Feehan Loyola Schmidt

Ganley Notley Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Hoffman Pancholi

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the evening.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

35. Oral notice having been given July 27, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 32, Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 22

Amery Lovely Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk Luan Schow
Barnes Neudorf Schulz

Fir Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Sigurdson (Highwood)

Getson Orr Smith
Glasgo Rosin Walker
Horner Rowswell Wilson

Jones

Against the motion: 8

Feehan Loyola Schmidt

Ganley Notley Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Hoffman Pancholi

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 30 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Pursuant to Government Motion 33, agreed to on July 28, 2020, and Standing Order 21(1), at 9:18 p.m. the question was immediately put on the remaining clauses of Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, which was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 28

AmeryLuanRowswellArmstrong-HomeniukMaduSawhneyBarnesMcIverSchowDreeshenNeudorfSchulzFirNixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)Shandro

Getson Orr Sigurdson (Highwood)

Glasgo Rehn Smith Horner Reid Walker Jones Rosin Wilson

Lovely

Against the motion: 8

Feehan Loyola Schmidt

Ganley Notley Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Hoffman Pancholi

Pursuant to Government Motion 33, agreed to on July 28, 2020, and Standing Order 21(1), at 9:34 p.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble of Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, which was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 27

AmeryLovelyRosinArmstrong-HomeniukLuanRowswellBarnesMaduSawhneyDreeshenMcIverSchowFirNeudorfSchulz

Getson Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Sigurdson (Highwood)

Glasgo Orr Smith Horner Rehn Walker Jones Reid Wilson

Against the motion: 8

Feehan Loyola Schmidt

Ganley Notley Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Hoffman Pancholi

Pursuant to Government Motion 33, agreed to on July 28, 2020, and Standing Order 21(1), at 9:39 p.m. the question was immediately put that Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, be reported, which was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 27

Amery Lovely Rosin
Armstrong-Homeniuk Luan Rowswell
Barnes Madu Sawhney
Dreeshen McIver Schow
Fir Neudorf Schulz

Getson Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Sigurdson (Highwood)

Glasgo Orr Smith Horner Rehn Walker Jones Reid Wilson Against the motion: 8

Feehan Loyola Schmidt

Ganley Notley Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Hoffman Pancholi

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 32 Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Copping

Mr. Feehan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, on behalf of Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, moved that the Bill be amended in section 1 by striking out subsection (15).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Feehan Loyola Schmidt

Ganley Pancholi Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Hoffman

Against the amendment: 26

Aheer Jones Rowswell
Amery Lovely Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk Luan Schow
Dreeshen Madu Schulz

Fir Neudorf Sigurdson (Highwood)

Getson Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Smith
Glasgo Orr Walker
Hanson Rehn Wilson

Horner Rosin

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, on behalf of Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, moved that the Bill be amended by striking out section 1(18)(c).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Feehan Loyola Schmidt

Ganley Pancholi Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Hoffman

Against the amendment: 25

Aheer Jones Rowswell
Amery Lovely Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk Luan Schow
Dreeshen Madu Schulz

Fir Neudorf Sigurdson (Highwood)

Getson Orr Smith
Glasgo Rehn Walker
Hanson Rosin Wilson

Horner

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, on behalf of the Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, moved that the Bill be amended in section 1

- (a) in subsection (22) in the proposed section 137 by adding the following after the proposed subsection (2):
 - (2.1) An employer who gives notice to the Minister under subsection (1) must, immediately after giving that notice to the Minister, provide a copy of it
 - (a) in the case of an employee subject to the notice who has a bargaining agent, to that bargaining agent, and
 - (b) in the case of an employee subject to the notice who does not have a bargaining agent, to the employee in accordance with the regulations.
- (b) in subsection (23)(c) by striking out the proposed clause (d.3) and substituting the following:
 - (d.3) respecting the manner in which notice must be given to an employee under section 137(2.1);

Pursuant to Government Motion 35, agreed to on July 28, 2020, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:43 p.m. the question was immediately put on amendment A10 to Bill 32, Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020, which was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Feehan Pancholi Shepherd

Ganley Schmidt Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Loyola

Against the amendment: 28

Aheer Jones Rosin
Amery Lovely Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk Luan Sawhney
Barnes Madu Schow
Dreeshen McIver Schulz

Fir Neudorf Sigurdson (Highwood)

Getson Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Smith
Glasgo Orr Walker
Hanson Rehn Wilson

Horner

Pursuant to Government Motion 35, agreed to on July 28, 2020, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:47 p.m. the question was immediately put on the clauses of Bill 32, Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020, which was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 28

AheerJonesRosinAmeryLovelyRowswellArmstrong-HomeniukLuanSawhneyBarnesMaduSchowDreeshenMcIverSchulz

Fir Neudorf Sigurdson (Highwood)

Getson Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Smith
Glasgo Orr Walker
Hanson Rehn Wilson

Horner

Against the motion: 7

Feehan Pancholi Shepherd

Ganley Schmidt Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Loyola

Pursuant to Government Motion 35, agreed to on July 28, 2020, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:51 p.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble of Bill 32, Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020, which was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 28

Aheer Jones Rosin
Amery Lovely Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk Luan Sawhney
Barnes Madu Schow
Dreeshen McIver Schulz

Fir Neudorf Sigurdson (Highwood)

Getson Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Smith
Glasgo Orr Walker
Hanson Rehn Wilson

Horner

Against the motion: 9

DachIrwinSchmidtFeehanPancholiShepherd

Ganley Sabir Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Pursuant to Government Motion 35, agreed to on July 28, 2020, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:56 p.m. the question was immediately put that Bill 32, Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020, be reported, which was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 28

AheerJonesRosinAmeryLovelyRowswellArmstrong-HomeniukLuanSawhneyBarnesMaduSchowDreeshenMcIverSchulz

Fir Neudorf Sigurdson (Highwood)

Getson Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Smith
Glasgo Orr Walker
Hanson Rehn Wilson

Horner

Against the motion: 8

Dach Nielsen Schmidt Ganley Pancholi Shepherd

Irwin Sabir

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 32 Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Copping

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 30 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Mr. Barnes, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 30 (A4) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 330/2020

Amendment to Bill 30 (A5) (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 331/2020

Amendment to Bill 30 (A6) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 332/2020

Amendment to Bill 30 (A7) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud on behalf of the Official Opposition House Leader) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 333/2020

Amendment to Bill 30 (A8) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 334/2020

Amendment to Bill 32 (A4) (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 335/2020

Amendment to Bill 32 (A5) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 336/2020

Amendment to Bill 32 (A6) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 337/2020

Amendment to Bill 32 (A7) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Defeated Sessional Paper 338/2020

Amendment to Bill 32 (A8) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 339/2020

Amendment to Bill 32 (A9) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 340/2020

Amendment to Bill 32 (A10) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 341/202

Third Reading

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

Bill 30 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Nixon on behalf of Hon. Mr. Shandro

A debate followed.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, on behalf of Mr. Feehan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Third time but that it be recommitted to the Committee of the Whole for the purpose of reconsidering Section 1.

Sessional Paper 342/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

Hon. Mr. Nixon moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Government Motions

34. Oral notice having been given July 27, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Milliken in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 29

Allard Lovely Reid
Amery Luan Rosin
Dreeshen Madu Rowswell
Ellis McIver Rutherford
Fir Nally Sigurdson (Highwood)

Getson Neudorf Smith
Glasgo Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Turton
Horner Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Walker
Jones Orr Wilson

Kenney Rehn

Against the motion: 7

Bilous Dach Irwin
Carson Dang Sabir

Ceci

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 30 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, on behalf of Mr. Feehan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, on July 28, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Third time but that it be recommitted to the Committee of the Whole for the purpose of reconsidering section 1.

Sessional Paper 342/2020

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Third time because the Assembly is of the view that the Government has not sufficiently consulted with members of the public on the provisions of the Bill as amended.

Sessional Paper 343/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, on behalf of MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Third time but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.

Sessional Paper 344/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

Pursuant to Government Motion 34, agreed to on July 28, 2020, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:14 a.m. the question was immediately put on the amendment to the motion for Third Reading of Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, which was defeated. With Mr. Milliken in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Bilous Dang Nielsen Carson Irwin Sabir

Ceci

Against the amendment: 30

Allard Loewen Shandro Copping Long Singh Ellis McIver Stephan Toews Glubish Nally Nicolaides Goodridge Toor $Nixon \; {\scriptstyle ({\rm Calgary\text{-}Klein})}$ Gotfried Turton Guthrie Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) van Dijken Issik Williams Panda Kenney Pon Yao LaGrange Rutherford Yaseen

Pursuant to Government Motion 34, agreed to on July 28, 2020, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:31 a.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, which was agreed to. With Mr. Milliken in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 30

Allard Loewen Shandro Copping Long Singh Ellis McIver Stephan Glubish Nally Toews Goodridge Nicolaides Toor Gotfried Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Turton Guthrie van Dijken Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Issik Williams Panda Pon Yao Kenney Rutherford LaGrange Yaseen

Against the motion: 7

Bilous Dang Nielsen Carson Irwin Sabir

Ceci

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

Bill 32 Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Copping

A debate followed.

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

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 30 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Government Motions

36. Oral notice having been given July 27, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 32, Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Milliken in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 31

Aheer Loewen Shandro Allard Long Singh Copping McIver Stephan Ellis Nally Toews Glubish Nicolaides Toor Goodridge $Nixon \ ({\it Calgary-Klein})$ Turton Gotfried van Dijken Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Guthrie Panda Williams Issik Pon Yao Rutherford Kenney Yaseen

LaGrange

Against the motion: 7

Bilous Eggen Nielsen Carson Irwin Sabir

Dang

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 32 Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Copping

A debate followed.

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 32, Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020, be not now read a Third time because the Assembly is of the view that the Government has not conducted satisfactory consultations with members of the public regarding the amendments proposed by the Bill.

Sessional Paper 345/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, on behalf of Mr. Feehan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 32, Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020, be not now read a Third time but that it be recommitted to the Committee of the Whole for the purpose of reconsidering Part 1.

Sessional Paper 346/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, on behalf of Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 32, Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020, be not now read a Third time but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.

Sessional Paper 347/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

Pursuant to Government Motion 36, agreed to on July 28, 2020, and Standing Order 21(1), at 7:49 a.m. the question was immediately put on the amendment to the motion for Third Reading of Bill 32, Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020, which was defeated.

Pursuant to Government Motion 36, agreed to on July 28, 2020, and Standing Order 21(1), at 7:50 a.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 32, Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020, which was agreed to. With Mr. Milliken in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 32

Aheer Loewen Shandro Allard Long Singh Copping McIver Stephan Ellis Nally Toews Glubish Nicolaides Toor Goodridge Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Turton Gotfried van Dijken Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Williams Guthrie Panda Issik Pon Yao Kenney Rutherford Yaseen Schweitzer

LaGrange

Against the motion: 9

Bilous Eggen Irwin Carson Goehring Nielsen Dang Gray Renaud

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 32 Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Copping

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 32, agreed to on July 22, 2020; Government Motion 37, agreed to on July 28, 2020; and on advice from Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, to the Assembly that the business for the Spring Sitting is concluded, the Assembly adjourned at 8:09 a.m. Wednesday, July 29, 2020, until August 27, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., pursuant to Government Motion 37, agreed to on July 28, 2020.

Thursday, August 27, 2020

The Speaker took the Chair at 10:00 a.m.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Special Debate on the Government of Alberta's 2020-21 First Quarter Fiscal and Economic Update

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Members to sit, speak, and vote from any seat in the Chamber.

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow the Hon. President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance to table several documents in addition to the Government of Alberta 2020-21 First Quarter Fiscal Update and Economic Statement: Government of Alberta 2019-20 Final Results, Year-End Report; Government of Alberta 2019-2020 Annual Report; and the annual reports for each Ministry on behalf of the Ministers responsible.

Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, then tabled the following documents:

Pursuant to the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, ss1(2) and 8(1):

Government of Alberta 2019-2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 349/2020

Pursuant to the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, ss1(2) and 6(1):

Government of Alberta 2019-20 Final Results, Year-End Report, August 2020 Sessional Paper 350/2020

Pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45, and the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, ss9(1) and (3):

On behalf of Hon. Mr. Nicolaides, Minister of Advanced Education, Advanced Education 2019-2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 351/2020

On behalf of Hon. Mr. Dreeshen, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Agriculture and Forestry 2019-2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 352/2020

On behalf of Hon. Ms Schulz, Minister of Children's Services, Children's Services 2019-2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 353/2020

On behalf of Hon. Mrs. Sawhney, Minister of Community and Social Services, Community and Social Services 2019-2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 354/2020

On behalf of Hon. Mrs. Aheer, Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women, Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women 2019-2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 355/2020

On behalf of Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Minister of Jobs, Economy and Innovation, Economic Development, Trade and Tourism 2019-2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 356/2020

On behalf of Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Education, Education 2019-2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 357/2020

On behalf of Hon. Mrs. Savage, Minister of Energy, Energy 2019-2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 358/2020

On behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks, Environment and Parks 2019-2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 359/2020

On behalf of Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, Executive Council 2019-2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 360/2020

On behalf of Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, Health 2019-2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 361/2020

On behalf of Hon. Mr. Wilson, Minister of Indigenous Relations, Indigenous Relations 2019-2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 362/2020

On behalf of Hon. Mr. Panda, Minister of Infrastructure, Infrastructure 2019-2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 363/2020

On behalf of Hon. Mr. Madu, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, Justice and Solicitor General 2019-2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 364/2020

On behalf of Hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Labour and Immigration, Labour and Immigration 2019-2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 365/2020

On behalf of Hon. Mrs. Allard, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Municipal Affairs 2019-2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 366/2020

On behalf of Hon. Ms Pon, Minister of Seniors and Housing, Seniors and Housing 2019-2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 367/2020

On behalf of Hon. Mr. Glubish, Minister of Service Alberta, Service Alberta 2019-2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 368/2020

On behalf of Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Transportation, Transportation 2019-2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 369/2020

Treasury Board and Finance 2019-2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 370/2020

Pursuant to the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, ss1(2) and 6(1):

Government of Alberta 2020-21 First Quarter Fiscal Update and Economic Statement

Sessional Paper 371/2020

A debate followed on the Government of Alberta 2020-21 First Quarter Fiscal Update and Economic Statement pursuant to Government Motion 37, agreed to on July 28, 2020.

Debate concluded pursuant to Government Motion 37, agreed to on July 28, 2020.

Intersessional Deposits

Pursuant to Standing Order 38.1(3), the following document was deposited with the Clerk of the Assembly and is deemed to have been laid before the Assembly:

Hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Labour and Immigration, pursuant to the Architects Act, cA-44, s6(4):

Alberta Association of Architects 2019 Annual Report, deposited on August 11, 2020

Sessional Paper 348/2020

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 37, agreed to on July 28, 2020, the Assembly adjourned at 11:55 a.m. until Monday, October 26, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

SECOND SITTING OCTOBER 20, 2020, TO DECEMBER 8, 2020

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

The Speaker took the Chair at 10:00 a.m.

Speaker's Statement – COVID-19 Chamber Protocols

The Speaker made a statement regarding the continuing modifications to the handling of House documents during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Government Motions

38. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that, despite Standing Orders 13(7), 16, and 32(4)(b), for the duration of the 2020 Fall Sitting of the Second Session of the 30th Legislature, and to allow for appropriate physical distancing within the Chamber during that time, all Members may sit, speak, and vote in any seat that has not been assigned to them provided that they immediately relinquish that seat on the request of

- (a) the Member who has been assigned that seat, or
- (b) the Speaker.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

41. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the membership of the Assembly's committees be replaced as follows:

- A. on the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, that Mr. Turton replace Hon. Mrs. Allard, Ms Gray replace MLA Loyola, and Ms Phillips replace Mr. Nielsen;
- B. on the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, that MLA Ceci replace Mr. Schmidt, and MLA Loyola replace Ms Gray;
- C. on the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, that Ms Ganley replace Ms Pancholi;
- D. on the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing, that Mr. Reid replace Mr. Schow as Deputy Chair, Ms Pancholi replace Ms Ganley, Mr. Carson be removed, Mr. Schow be removed, and Mr. Turton be removed;
- E. on the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, that Mr. Schmidt replace Ms Hoffman;

- F. on the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services, that Mr. Sabir replace Ms Ganley;
- G. on the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future, that Ms Rosin replace Hon. Mrs. Allard;
- H. on the Standing Committee on Families and Communities, that Mr. Sabir replace Ms Ganley;
- I. on the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, that Ms Ganley replace Mr. Sabir, and Ms Fir replace Ms Rosin.

A debate followed.

Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, moved that the motion be amended by adding the following after Part I:

J. on the Select Special Democratic Accountability Committee, that Ms Fir replace Hon. Mrs. Allard.

Sessional Paper 390/2020

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

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

39. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), for the duration of the 2020 Fall Sitting of the Second Session of the 30th Legislature, the Assembly shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings for consideration of Government business unless the Government House Leader, or a member of the Executive Council on the Government House Leader's behalf, advises the Assembly that there shall be no evening sitting by providing notice during Notices of Motions in the Daily Routine or at any time no later than 6 p.m. on the sitting day on which the evening sitting will be cancelled.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2), Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no morning sittings on Wednesday, October 21, 2020; Thursday, October 22, 2020; Tuesday, October 27, 2020; Wednesday, October 28, 2020; Thursday, October 29, 2020; Tuesday, November 3, 2020; Wednesday, November 4, 2020; and Thursday, November 5, 2020.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:12 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Members Robert A. "Butch" Fischer, Member for Wainwright, 1982 to 2001, who passed away on August 9, 2020; Hon. Nicholas W. Taylor, Member for Westlock-Sturgeon, 1986 to 1996, and Redwater, 1993 to 1996, who passed away on October 3, 2020; and Stanley S. Schumacher, Member for Drumheller, 1986 to 1997, who passed away on October 10, 2020.

Speaker's Statement – Member's Anniversary

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the fifth anniversary of Hon. Mr. Panda, Minister of Infrastructure, who was elected to the Legislative Assembly in a by-election on September 3, 2015.

Members' Statements

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding the New Democratic Party's economic strategy for Alberta.

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding the comments and actions of Gil McGowan, President, Alberta Federation of Labour, toward businesses that support the United Conservative Party.

Mr. Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement regarding the Government's economic recovery plan.

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding Government actions concerning the provincial parks system.

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding commuting and employee mobility.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding difficulties faced by Albertans relying on AISH.

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, made a statement regarding the 2020 harvest season and Alberta's farming families.

Mr. Orr, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding Vesta Energy.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding a recent event recognizing volunteers in the Camrose constituency.

Notices of Motions

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, gave oral notice of her intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, (a) the critical rate of unemployment in Alberta and the consequential impact on Albertans' lives and livelihoods, including in respect of commercial and residential vacancy rates, mortgage deferrals and low business confidence, and (b) the immediate need for the Government to reconsider its economic plan to address the unemployment crisis that takes into account the prevailing economic realities facing Albertans.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

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

— Hon. Mr. Toews

Bill 36 Geothermal Resource Development Act — Hon. Mrs. Savage

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, (a) the critical rate of unemployment in Alberta and the consequential impact on Albertans' lives and livelihoods, including in respect of commercial and residential vacancy rates, mortgage deferrals and low business confidence, and (b) the immediate need for the Government to reconsider its economic plan to address the unemployment crisis that takes into account the prevailing economic realities facing Albertans.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was not in order.

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Government Motions

42. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly commend the tremendous efforts of Albertans to protect lives and livelihoods throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and the consequent global recession, and urge the Government to pursue prudent policies that protect the vulnerable while supporting the broader social, economic, mental and physical health of Albertans.

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Schmidt speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Motions

42. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly commend the tremendous efforts of Albertans to protect lives and livelihoods throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and the consequent global recession, and urge the Government to pursue prudent policies that protect the vulnerable while supporting the broader social, economic, mental and physical health of Albertans.

A debate followed.

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

Intersessional Deposits

Pursuant to Standing Order 38.1(3), the following documents were deposited with the Clerk of the Assembly and are deemed to have been tabled before the Assembly:

Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Combined Laboratory and X-Ray Technologists Annual Report 2019, deposited on September 2, 2020

Sessional Paper 372/2020

College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta 2019 Annual Report, deposited on September 2, 2020

Sessional Paper 373/2020

College of Medical Laboratory Technologists of Alberta 2019 Annual Report, deposited on September 2, 2020

Sessional Paper 374/2020

Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance:

Pursuant to the Securities Act, cS-4, s20(2), Alberta Securities Commission 2020 Annual Report, deposited on September 3, 2020

Sessional Paper 375/2020

Pursuant to the Financial Administration Act, cF-12, s42.1, Alberta Capital Finance Authority Annual Report 2019, deposited on September 3, 2020

Sessional Paper 376/2020

Hon. Mrs. Sawhney, Minister of Community and Social Services, pursuant to the Advocate for Persons with Disabilities Act, cA-5.5, s4(2):

Office of the Advocate for Persons with Disabilities 2019-2020 Annual Report, deposited on September 9, 2020

Sessional Paper 377/2020

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 114:

Legislative Assembly Office Annual Report 2019-2020, deposited on September 14, 2020

Sessional Paper 378/2020

Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Occupational Therapists 2019-2020 Annual Report, deposited on September 18, 2020

Sessional Paper 379/2020

Alberta College of Optometrists 2019 Annual Report to Government, deposited on September 25, 2020

Sessional Paper 380/2020

Hon. Mr. Dreeshen, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, pursuant to the Agriculture Financial Services Act, cA-12, s15(2):

Agriculture Financial Services Corporation 2019-20 Annual Report, deposited on September 25, 2020

Sessional Paper 381/2020

Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Pharmacy 2019-20 Annual Report, deposited on September 25, 2020

Sessional Paper 382/2020

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Child and Youth Advocate Act, cC-11.5, s9.1(5):

Office of the Child and Youth Advocate Alberta Mandatory Reviews into Child Deaths, April 1, 2019, to September 30, 2019, deposited on September 29, 2020 Sessional Paper 383/2020

Mr. Schow, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s20(2):

Report of the Auditor General of Alberta dated September 2020, entitled "Alberta Municipal Affairs, Provincial Hazard Assessment for Emergency Management," deposited on September 29, 2020

Sessional Paper 384/2020

Hon. Mrs. Sawhney, Minister of Community and Social Services, pursuant to the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Act, cP-21, s7(2):

Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Annual Report 2019/2020, deposited on October 5, 2020

Sessional Paper 385/2020

Hon. Mr. Madu, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s5(4):

Law Society of Alberta 2019 Annual Report, deposited on October 8, 2020 Sessional Paper 386/2020

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Ombudsman Act, cO-8, s28:

Alberta Ombudsman 2019-20 Annual Report, deposited on October 15, 2020 Sessional Paper 387/2020

Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta 2018 Annual Report, deposited on October 16, 2020

Sessional Paper 388/2020

Physiotherapy Alberta College and Association 2019 Annual Report, deposited on October 19, 2020

Sessional Paper 389/2020

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Nally, Associate Minister of Natural Gas and Electricity, the Assembly adjourned at 9:25 p.m. until Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding Small Business Week.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding healthcare funding and statements made by the Minister of Health.

Ms Glasgo, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding Government investment in irrigation infrastructure.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement regarding post-secondary education funding.

Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding police reform and the need to maintain funding for community policing.

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the right-to-work resolution adopted at the recent United Conservative Party annual general meeting.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding Navaratri.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement and read a letter from an Albertan regarding proposed changes to AISH funding.

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the federal government's clean fuel standards.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Milliken, Chair, Select Special Public Health Act Review Committee, presented the following report:

Select Special Public Health Act Review Committee Review of the Public Health Act, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, October 2020

Sessional Paper 391/2020

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bills:

- Bill 39 Child Care Licensing (Early Learning and Child Care) Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Ms Schulz
- Bill 40 Forests (Growing Alberta's Forest Sector) Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Dreeshen

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 37 Builders' Lien (Prompt Payment) Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Glubish
- Bill 38 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Madu

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

— Hon. Mr. Toews

A debate followed.

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

Government Motions

- **40.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:
 - A. Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, effective July 22, 2020, be amended
 - (a) in Standing Order 3
 - (i) by striking out suborder (1) and substituting the following:
 - (1) Unless otherwise ordered, the sitting hours of the Assembly shall be as follows:

Monday: 1:30 - 6 p.m.Tuesday: 1:30 - 6 p.m.Wednesday: 1:30 - 6 p.m.Thursday: 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

- (ii) by striking out suborder (1.1) and (1.2), and
- (iii) in suborder (8) by striking out "on a certain date" and substituting "at a certain time";
- (b) in Standing Order 4
 - by striking out the heading and substituting "Morning and evening sittings and adjournment";
 - (ii) by striking out suborder (1) and substituting the following:
 - (1) Despite Standing Order 3 and subject to suborder (1.1), on passage of a Government motion, which may be made upon one day's notice and is not subject to debate or amendment, the Assembly may meet to consider those items of business listed in Standing Order 8(2) at any of the following times as specified in the motion:
 - (a) Tuesday morning commencing at 10 a.m.;
 - (b) Wednesday or Thursday morning commencing at 9 a.m.;
 - (c) Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evening commencing at 7:30 p.m.
 - (1.1) The Assembly shall not meet for a morning sitting during the period that commences on the first day of main estimates consideration by the Legislative Policy Committees and ends on the day on which the Committee of Supply votes on the main estimates.

- (c) in Standing Order 8
 - in suborder (1.2) by striking out "the Assembly may grant unanimous consent to proceed to an additional Motion other than a Government Motion or to any other item of business that is not yet due for consideration by the Assembly" and substituting "the Assembly may consider the motion other than a Government motion that is next in precedence on the Order Paper on passage of a motion made by the sponsor of that motion other than a Government motion";
 - (ii) by adding the following after suborder (1.2):
 - (1.3) A motion made in accordance with suborder (1.2) to proceed to the motion other than a Government motion that is next in precedence on the Order Paper may be made without notice and is not subject to debate or amendment.
 - (iii) in suborder (2) by striking out "During morning sittings and";
 - (iv) in suborder (6) by adding "and the Assembly has not yet considered motions other than Government motions that day" after "4:55 p.m.";
- (d) in Standing Order 38.1 by striking out suborder (1) and (2) and substituting the following:
 - (1) If the Assembly adjourns to a day that is more than 14 days following the sitting day on which it adjourned, a Member may deposit any of the following documents with the Clerk of the Assembly during that period of adjournment:
 - (a) a return, report or other periodic statement that is required to be laid before the Assembly in accordance with an Act, regulation, or Standing Order or resolution of the Assembly;
 - (b) a member of the Executive Council's written response to a question raised during consideration by a committee of the Assembly of the interim, supplementary or main estimates of that Member's ministry.
 - (1.1) The day on which a document is deposited with the Clerk in accordance with suborder (1) is to be considered the day on which the Member laid the document before the Assembly.
 - (2) In respect of each document deposited under this Standing Order during a session, the Clerk must, as soon as practicable after the document is deposited, enter a description of the document on a list made public by the Clerk that shows all documents deposited for that session.
- (e) in Standing Order 52(1)(a) by striking out "15 Members" and substituting "12 Members";

- (f) in Standing Order 52.01(1)(b) by striking out "Economic Development, Trade and Tourism" and substituting "Jobs, Economy and Innovation".
- B. Be it further resolved that temporary amendments be made to Standing Order 5 of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, effective July 22, 2020 as follows:
 - (a) in suborder (1) by striking out "20 Members" and substituting "5 Members", and
 - (b) by replacing suborder (2) with the following:
 - (2) If, during a sitting of the Assembly, a question of quorum arises, the Speaker shall, on determining that a quorum is lacking
 - (a) order the bells to ring for no longer than 15 minutes,
 - (b) conduct a count of the Members present immediately after the bells are rung, and
 - (c) if quorum is still lacking on conclusion of the count, declare a recess or adjourn the Assembly until the next sitting day.

C. Be it further resolved that

- (a) the amendments set out in Part A, clause (a)(i) and (ii), (b) and (c)(iii) come into force on December 18, 2020,
- (b) the amendments set out in Part A, clause (a)(iii), (c)(i), (ii) and (iv), (d), (e) and (f) come into force on the passage of this motion, and
- (c) the temporary amendments in Part B come into force on the passage of this motion and remain effective until the conclusion of the 2020 Fall Sitting of the Second Session of the 30th Legislature.

A debate followed.

Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, moved that the motion be amended

- (a) by striking out Part B and substituting the following:
 - B. Be it further resolved that temporary amendments be made to the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, effective July 22, 2020, as follows:
 - (a) Standing Order 3 is amended
 - (i) in suborder (4) by striking out "(8) or (9)" and substituting "(8), (9) or (10)",
 - (ii) by adding the following after suborder (9):

- (10) If the Assembly stands adjourned until a specified date or time and at any time during that adjournment the Speaker is satisfied that either of the following applies, the Speaker may, in accordance with suborder (11), extend that adjournment beyond that specified date or time unless the Government has advised the Speaker under suborder (8) that the Assembly must meet:
 - (a) the Assembly should not meet on that specific date or time due to an emergency event, or
 - (b) it is not in the public interest for the Assembly to meet on that specific date or time.
- (11) The Speaker may extend an adjournment by, after consulting with the Government House Leader and the Leader of the Official Opposition,
 - (a) specifying the date and time until which the adjournment is extended, and
 - (b) providing notice of that date and time when the Assembly shall next meet to transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that date and time.
- (b) Standing Order 5 is amended
 - (i) in suborder (1) by striking out "20 Members" and substituting "12 Members", and
 - (ii) by replacing suborder (2) with the following:
 - (2) If, during a sitting of the Assembly, a question of quorum arises, the Speaker shall, on determining that a quorum is lacking
 - (a) order the bells to ring for no longer than 15 minutes,
 - (b) conduct a count of the Members present immediately after the bells are rung, and
 - (c) if quorum is still lacking on conclusion of the count, declare a recess or adjourn the Assembly until the next sitting day.
- (b) in Part C, clause (c) by striking out "the conclusion of the 2020 Fall Sitting of the Second Session of the 30th Legislature" and substituting "February 9, 2021".

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Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that, pursuant to Government Motion 39, agreed to on October 20, 2020, there would be no evening sitting today.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

Debate continued on the motion as amended.

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

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2); Government Motion 39, agreed to on October 21, 2020; and on motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:11 p.m. until Thursday, October 22, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 22, 2020

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Feehan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the New Democratic Party's economic strategy for Alberta.

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement regarding Government efforts to reduce delays in Alberta's road test system.

Ms Issik, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding comments made by Members of the Official Opposition concerning the provincial park system.

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding delays in Alberta's road test system.

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, made a statement regarding reopening schools in the Spruce Grove-Stony Plain constituency during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement recognizing early childhood educators and regarding the need for Government to support their work.

Mr. Toor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding the need to recognize the foreign professional credentials of immigrants to Alberta.

Mr. Williams, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding St. John Paul II.

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding small- and medium-sized oil and gas companies in Alberta.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given October 21, 2020:

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

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks, pursuant to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, cE-12, s34(2):

Environmental Protection Security Fund Annual Report, April 1, 2019, to March 31, 2020

Sessional Paper 393/2020

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Labour and Immigration, pursuant to the Land Surveyors Act, cL-3, s4(9):

Alberta Land Surveyors' Association Report of Proceedings of the One Hundred and Eleventh Annual General Meeting, April 16, 2020, and Proceedings of Special General Meetings, April 30, 2020, and May 21, 2020

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 36 Geothermal Resource Development Act — Hon. Mr. Nixon on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Savage

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:21 p.m. until Monday, October 26, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, October 26, 2020

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

The Speaker paid tribute to former Member Hon. Nicholas W. Taylor, Member for Westlock-Sturgeon, 1986 to 1993, and Redwater, 1993 to 1996, who passed away on October 3, 2020.

Members' Statements

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding the role of personal responsibility and public education in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement regarding the New Democratic Party's strategy to support the early learning and childcare sector.

Mr. Hanson, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, made a statement regarding Government actions to improve access to driver road testing.

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting Lethbridge.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding Diwali.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to support the residents of northeast Calgary, who were affected by a major hailstorm this past summer.

Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the Strategic Aviation Advisory Council.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the experiences of AISH recipients and the de-indexing of AISH payments.

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, made a statement regarding the Vauxhall Academy of Baseball.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 205 Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month Act — Mr. Singh

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s46(2):

Office of the Ethics Commissioner of Alberta Annual Report, April 1, 2019, to March 31, 2020

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Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 204 Voluntary Blood Donations Repeal Act — Mr. Yao

Motions Other Than Government Motions

510. Moved by Mr. Turton:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the feasibility of implementing measures such as extended producer liability that balance the environmental and economic needs of Albertans.

A debate followed.

Mr. Schow moved that the motion be amended by striking out "extended producer liability" and substituting "extended producer responsibility".

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A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

Debate continued on the motion as amended.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Madu, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, the Assembly adjourned at 5:55 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 36 Geothermal Resource Development Act — Hon. Mrs. Savage

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Nally, Associate Minister of Natural Gas and Electricity, the Assembly adjourned at 10:20 p.m. until Tuesday, October 27, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mrs. Aheer, Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women, made a statement regarding the life and legacy of Joey Moss, who passed away on October 26, 2020.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the effects of Government economic policy in Calgary.

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Joey Moss.

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, made a statement regarding the disadvantages of lockdowns during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the Government's energy polices in contrast to those of the New Democratic Party.

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement regarding Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting seniors.

Mr. Reid, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the Heritage Acres Farm Museum victory garden donations.

Mr. Yaseen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North, made a statement recognizing Islamic Heritage Month.

Mr. Walker, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding the expansion of the Shad Canada program.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Child and Youth Advocate Act, cC-11.5, s21(2):

Office of the Child and Youth Advocate Annual Report 2019-2020 Sessional Paper 397/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 37 Builders' Lien (Prompt Payment) Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

A debate followed.

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

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

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

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Ceci speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 38 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Madu

A debate followed.

Ms Issik moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

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

A debate followed.

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

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

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

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Madu, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:54 p.m. until Wednesday, October 28, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

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

Members' Statements

Ms Fir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Peigan, made a statement regarding the Government's school re-entry plan during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the Government's record on job creation.

Mr. Williams, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding the need to speak in defence of the people of Hong Kong and their freedoms.

Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to take action against rising auto insurance premium rates in Alberta.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding PolyAg Recycling.

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding the need to make schools safer during the COVID-19 pandemic

Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding the need for a balanced, accurate view of Alberta's oil and gas industry.

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the New Democratic Party's support for Albertans experiencing stress during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding differing narratives concerning climate change.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

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

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 206 Property Rights Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Mr. Barnes

Oral notice having been given October 21, 2020:

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

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain:

4 letters in support of Motion other than a Government Motion 510, proposed by Mr. Turton, relating to comments made by Mr. Turton during debate on the Motion on October 26, 2020

Sessional Paper 398/2020

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows:

Centre for American Progress website article dated August 24, 2017, entitled "Trickle-Down Tax Cuts Don't Create Jobs," relating to comments made by Mr. Deol during Second Reading debate of Bill 35, Tax Statutes (Creating Jobs and Driving Innovation) Amendment Act, 2020, on October 27, 2020

Sessional Paper 399/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 38 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Madu

A debate followed.

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

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

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

— Hon. Mr. Toews

A debate followed.

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 35, Tax Statutes (Creating Jobs and Driving Innovation) Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

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A debate followed on the amendment.

Debate adjourned on the amendment, Mr. Bilous speaking.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 37 Builders' Lien (Prompt Payment) Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

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

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

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

— Hon. Mr. Toews

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, on October 28, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 35, Tax Statutes (Creating Jobs and Driving Innovation) Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

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

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, the Assembly adjourned at 10:41 p.m. until Thursday, October 29, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 29, 2020

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, made a statement regarding the Government's economic policies.

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Rt. Hon. Don Mazankowski.

Mr. Williams, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding the actions of the Alberta Federation of Labour and its president.

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the need for Government leadership to develop Alberta's hydrogen industry.

Ms Fir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Peigan, made a statement regarding early childhood education professionals and comments made by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud.

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the Alberta separatist movement and comments made by the Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat.

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement regarding the Government's French policy action plan (remarks made in French).

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the 30th anniversary of the Alberta Newsprint Company.

Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the economic policies of the federal government and the importance of self-reliance and preparation.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from over 1,500 Albertans urging the Government to (1) halt the removal of any provincial parks, recreation areas and natural areas from Alberta's parks system or any of the associated closures, sales or transfers of infrastructure at these areas to third-party managers, as announced by the Alberta Government on March 3, 2020; (2) keep Chain Lakes, Lawrence Lake, and Fawcett Lake Provincial Recreation Areas fully open within the parks system; (3) keep Alberta's parks publicly managed, open, and protected under the Provincial Parks Act so that recreation areas are available for everyone to enjoy and appreciate nature, thereby enhancing health and well-being, and honouring the ancestors who cared enough to preserve these beautiful natural areas for future generations; and (4) disclose parks usage data, relevant wildlife and water studies, projected impacts on tourism, etc in any future public consultations on Alberta parks management.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given October 28, 2020:

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

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Copy of a petition from 214 Albertans urging the Government to halt the closure of any parks, recreation areas or natural areas from Alberta's parks system

Sessional Paper 401/2020

Document, undated, entitled "Scientists' Feedback" relating to a report dated September 26, 2019, entitled "There is no Climate Emergency"

Sessional Paper 402/2020

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter, undated, from Dr. Bryan Szumlas, Chief Superintendent, Calgary Catholic School District, to Parents/Guardians, regarding the number of schools and individuals with active cases of COVID-19

Sessional Paper 403/2020

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright:

Document dated September 26, 2019, entitled "There is no Climate Emergency," prepared by the European Climate Declaration, relating to comments made by Mr. Rowswell during his Member's Statement on October 28, 2020

Sessional Paper 404/2020

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler:

Edmonton Journal website article dated October 21, 2020, entitled "David Staples: Lockdowns will cause 10 times more harm to human health than COVID-19 itself, says infectious disease expert," relating to comments made by Mr. Horner during his Member's Statement on October 27, 2020

Sessional Paper 405/2020

Article, undated, entitled "COVID-19: Rethinking the Lockdown Groupthink," by Dr. Ari Joffe, relating to comments made by Mr. Horner during his Member's Statement on October 27, 2020

Sessional Paper 406/2020

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Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

Hon. Ms Schulz moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 38 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Madu

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, MLA Loyola speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, November 2, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 2, 2020

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mrs. Sawhney, Minister of Community and Social Services, made a statement regarding Family Violence Prevention Month.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Ms Glasgo, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding suicide prevention efforts in Medicine Hat.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding a recent COVID-19 outbreak at the Foothills Medical Centre in Calgary and comments made by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge concerning healthcare workers.

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding several claims made by Members of the Official Opposition.

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding proposed changes to Alberta's provincial parks system.

Mr. Jones, Hon. Member for Calgary-South East, made a statement regarding the Alberta Petrochemical Incentive Program.

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

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the effects of Government policies on rural Alberta.

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding comments made by the Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West and AUPE members concerning the COVID-19 pandemic in Lethbridge.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding Bill 40, Forests (Growing Alberta's Forest Sector) Amendment Act, 2020, and job creation.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement regarding the need to include and support small business owners as part of Alberta's economic recovery.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bills:

Bill 43 Financing Alberta's Strategic Transportation Act — Hon. Mr. McIver

Bill 44 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Toews

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 42 North Saskatchewan River Basin Water Authorization Act — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

6 recent e-mail messages from Lethbridge-West constituents to Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, expressing concern regarding proposed changes to Alberta's provincial parks system

Sessional Paper 407/2020

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

3 recent e-mail messages, one from Jacob Lee Bachinger of Edmonton to Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Education; one from Scott McCracken of Calgary to Mr. Milliken, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora and Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Education; and one from Avery Teo to Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Education, all expressing concern regarding the ongoing kindergarten to grade 12 curriculum review

Sessional Paper 408/2020

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South:

CBC News website article dated June 18, 2014, entitled "Province rejects P3 approach for building 19 new schools"

Sessional Paper 409/2020

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health:

Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2), College of Alberta Psychologists Annual Report 2019-20

Sessional Paper 410/2020

Pursuant to the Health Disciplines Act, cH-2, s4(5), Health Disciplines Board 2019 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 411/2020

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act, cG-1, s30(2):

Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Annual Report 2019-20

Sessional Paper 412/2020

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Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 204 Voluntary Blood Donations Repeal Act — Mr. Yao

Motions Other Than Government Motions

511. Moved by MLA Loyola:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly affirm that it is unquestionably in Alberta's interest to remain part of the Canadian federation and unequivocally denounce calls for Alberta to become a state that is independent of a strong and united Canada.

A debate followed.

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, moved, pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), that Motion Other Than a Government Motion 511 be moved to the bottom of the relevant item of business on the Order Paper.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 23

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Against the motion: 8

Dach Loyola Schmidt Feehan Notley Sweet

Goehring Phillips

Government Motions

29. Oral notice having been given July 6, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Madu on behalf of Hon. Mr. Kenney:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- a) affirm its loyalty to a united Canadian federation, and
- b) urge the Government to obtain a fair deal for Alberta within the Canadian federation.

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

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 77(1) in order to proceed immediately to Third Reading of Bill 204, Voluntary Blood Donations Repeal Act.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:07 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

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

Government Motions

42. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly commend the tremendous efforts of Albertans to protect lives and livelihoods throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and the consequent global recession, and urge the Government to pursue prudent policies that protect the vulnerable while supporting the broader social, economic, mental and physical health of Albertans.

A debate followed.

Hon. Mrs. Allard moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 36 Geothermal Resource Development Act — Hon. Mrs. Savage

A debate followed.

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

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

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

A debate followed.

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

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

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, on October 28, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 35, Tax Statutes (Creating Jobs and Driving Innovation) Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

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Mr. Deol moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:59 p.m. until Tuesday, November 3, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

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

Members' Statements

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding Motion Other Than a Government Motion 511, which he moved in the Assembly on November 2, 2020, and Government Motion 29.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding the New Democratic Party's economic policies.

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, made a statement regarding the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Alberta Junior Hockey League and the Western Hockey League.

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the Government and economic diversification.

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding neuroendocrine tumors and other types of cancer.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement regarding the Government's economic policies.

Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Cochrane, made a statement regarding environmental and social governance.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding rural Internet.

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

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

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

Privilege – Government Motion 29

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, gave oral notice of her intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding a member of the Executive Council moving Government Motion 29 during the time set aside for private Members' business on November 2, 2020.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given November 2, 2020:

Bill 43 Financing Alberta's Strategic Transportation Act — Hon. Mr. McIver

Bill 44 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Toews

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

E-mail message dated October 28, 2020, from Marlene Nelson of Calgary to Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Education, expressing concern regarding draft proposals for the ongoing kindergarten to grade 12 curriculum review

Sessional Paper 413/2020

E-mail message dated October 28, 2020, from Jeanette Thiessen to Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Education, expressing concern regarding the possible elimination of residential school references as part of the kindergarten to grade 12 curriculum review

Sessional Paper 414/2020

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud:

Letter dated June 12, 2020, from Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, to Hon. Ms Schulz, Minister of Children's Services, requesting additional information regarding the review of the Child Care Licensing Regulation, with attached correspondence between Ms Pancholi and Hon. Mrs. Allard, Minister of Municipal Affairs, and several of Ms Pancholi's responses to a recent child care licensing survey, relating to comments made by Ms Pancholi during Second Reading debate on Bill 39, Child Care Licensing (Early Learning and Child Care) Amendment Act, 2020, on November 2, 2020

Sessional Paper 415/2020

Report, undated, entitled "Responses to the Public Fatality Inquiry – Mackenzy Jane Woolfsmith," prepared by the Ministry of Children's Services, relating to comments made by Ms Pancholi during Second Reading debate on Bill 39, Child Care Licensing (Early Learning and Child Care) Amendment Act, 2020, on November 2, 2020

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Report dated November 26, 2018, entitled "Report to the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, Public Fatality Inquiry," prepared by the Honourable Judge Joshua B. Hawkes, Provincial Court of Alberta, relating to comments made by Ms Pancholi during Second Reading debate on Bill 39, Child Care Licensing (Early Learning and Child Care) Amendment Act, 2020, on November 2, 2020 Sessional Paper 417/2020

Report dated July 2020, entitled "Alberta Policy Coalition for Chronic Disease Prevention: Child Care Engagement Submission," prepared by the Alberta Policy Coalition for Chronic Disease Prevention, relating to comments made by Ms Pancholi during Second Reading debate on Bill 39, Child Care Licensing (Early Learning and Child Care) Amendment Act, 2020, on November 2, 2020

Sessional Paper 418/2020

Report, undated, entitled "Outdoor Play in Child Care Settings: Recommendations for Child Care Licensing in Alberta," prepared by Christina Pickles, Get Outside and Play, relating to comments made by Ms Pancholi during Second Reading debate on Bill 39, Child Care Licensing (Early Learning and Child Care) Amendment Act, 2020, on November 2, 2020

Sessional Paper 419/2020

Report, undated, entitled "Submission to the Ministry of Children's Services' Review of the Child Care Licensing Act and Regulation," prepared by the Muttart Foundation, relating to comments made by Ms Pancholi during Second Reading debate on Bill 39, Child Care Licensing (Early Learning and Child Care) Amendment Act, 2020, on November 2, 2020

Sessional Paper 420/2020

Letter dated June 17, 2020, from Shannon Doram, President and CEO, YMCA Calgary; Jennifer Petracek-Kolb, CEO, YMCA of Lethbridge; Nick Parkinson, President and CEO, YMCA of Northern Alberta; and Sharon Howard, CEO, YMCA of Medicine Hat, to Hon. Mrs. Allard, Minister of Municipal Affairs, containing feedback regarding the review of the Child Care Licensing Act and Regulation, relating to comments made by Ms Pancholi during Second Reading debate on Bill 39, Child Care Licensing (Early Learning and Child Care) Amendment Act, 2020, on November 2, 2020

Sessional Paper 421/2020

Report dated June 12, 2020, entitled "Edmonton Council on Early Learning and Care: Position Paper for the Review of Alberta's Child Care Licensing Act and Regulation," prepared by the Edmonton Council for Early Learning and Care, relating to comments made by Ms Pancholi during Second Reading debate on Bill 39, Child Care Licensing (Early Learning and Child Care) Amendment Act, 2020, on November 2, 2020

Sessional Paper 422/2020

Report dated July 15, 2020, entitled "Public Interest Alberta's submission for the review of Alberta's Child Care Licensing Act and Regulation," prepared by Public Interest Alberta, relating to comments made by Ms Pancholi during Second Reading debate on Bill 39, Child Care Licensing (Early Learning and Child Care) Amendment Act, 2020, on November 2, 2020

Sessional Paper 423/2020

Report, undated and untitled, prepared by Children First: Eagle Ridge Nest, providing comments regarding the Child Care Licensing Act and Regulation, relating to comments made by Ms Pancholi during Second Reading debate on Bill 39, Child Care Licensing (Early Learning and Child Care) Amendment Act, 2020, on November 2, 2020

Sessional Paper 424/2020

Report dated July 3, 2020, entitled "Alberta Family Child Care Submission to the Ministry of Children's Services, Review of the Child Care Licensing Act and Regulation," prepared by the Alberta Child Care Association, relating to comments made by Ms Pancholi during Second Reading debate on Bill 39, Child Care Licensing (Early Learning and Child Care) Amendment Act, 2020, on November 2, 2020

Sessional Paper 425/2020

Letter dated July 5, 2020, from MaryAnn Farebrother, Alberta Early Learning and Child Care Leaders Caucus to Hon. Mrs. Allard, Minister of Municipal Affairs, presenting ideas on how to maximize the efficient delivery of quality learning and child care in Alberta, relating to comments made by Ms Pancholi during Second Reading debate on Bill 39, Child Care Licensing (Early Learning and Child Care) Amendment Act, 2020, on November 2, 2020

Sessional Paper 426/2020

Letter dated June 30, 2020, sent on behalf of the Child Care Association for Resources to Administrators to Hon. Mrs. Allard, Minister of Municipal Affairs, containing recommendations for updating the Child Care Licensing Act and Regulation, relating to comments made by Ms Pancholi during Second Reading debate on Bill 39, Child Care Licensing (Early Learning and Child Care) Amendment Act, 2020, on November 2, 2020

Sessional Paper 427/2020

Report dated February 2020, entitled "Getting It Right: Recommendations for improving Alberta's child care licensing legislation," prepared by the Association of Early Childhood Educators of Alberta, relating to comments made by Ms Pancholi during Second Reading debate on Bill 39, Child Care Licensing (Early Learning and Child Care) Amendment Act, 2020, on November 2, 2020

Sessional Paper 428/2020

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated November 2, 2020, from Momin Saeed, CIFP, MBA, B.Comm, Executive Director, Alberta Muslim Public Affairs Council, to MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern regarding white supremacism and the upcoming elections in the United States

Sessional Paper 429/2020

Hon. Mr. Panda, Minister of Infrastructure:

Letter dated October 28, 2020, from Hon. Mr. Panda, Minister of Infrastructure, to Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, advising that the Calgary Cancer Centre fire safety systems subcontractors are following applicable municipal and national safety codes and standards

Sessional Paper 430/2020

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Advocate for Persons with Disabilities Act, cA-5.5, s6(3):

Office of the Advocate for Persons with Disabilities, Evaluation Summary Report, October 2020

Sessional Paper 431/2020

Privilege – Government Motion 29

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding a member of the Executive Council moving Government Motion 29 during the time set aside for private Members' business on November 2, 2020.

The Speaker heard from Ms Sweet, Hon. Mr. Nixon, and Mr. Barnes.

The Speaker advised that he would take the matter under advisement and provide his ruling at a later date.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 38 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Madu

A debate followed.

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

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

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

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 36 Geothermal Resource Development Act — Hon. Mrs. Savage

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Ms Pancholi speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

Hon. Mrs. Savage moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, on October 28, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 35, Tax Statutes (Creating Jobs and Driving Innovation) Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

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The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

Debate adjourned, Hon. Mrs. Savage speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:04 p.m. until Wednesday, November 4, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Hanson, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, made a statement regarding Remembrance Day.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding Government support for the arts sector.

Mrs. Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie-East, made a statement recognizing Remembrance Day and Bill Ward, a constituent of Airdrie-East who served in the Second World War.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding racism.

Mr. Milliken, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding Government accomplishments during the 30th Legislature.

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding Campus Saint-Jean.

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the importance of relationships during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the proposed phase-out of the Office of the Seniors Advocate.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding Government policies.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bills:

- Bill 46 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2) Hon. Mr. Shandro
- Bill 47 Ensuring Safety and Cutting Red Tape Act, 2020 (\$) Hon. Mr. Copping

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given November 3, 3030:

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

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

3 recent e-mail messages from Lise Mayne of Nanton, one to Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition; one to Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar; and one to Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Transportation, all expressing concern regarding plastic litter left by street sweeping equipment

Sessional Paper 432/2020

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud:

Report dated May 2020, entitled "Manning Regional Childcare Association: Benefit Assessment and Financial Analysis Final Report," prepared by 180 Degrees Consulting

Sessional Paper 433/2020

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain:

2 excerpts, one from the Government of Canada website and one from Alberta Hansard, dated July 20, 2020, page PB-212, relating to comments made by Mr. Turton during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 204, Voluntary Blood Donations Repeal Act, on November 2, 2020

Sessional Paper 434/2020

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Labour and Immigration, pursuant to the Government Organization Act, cG-10, sch10, s10(3):

Alberta Association for Safety Partnerships, Authorized Radiation Health Administrative Organization Annual Report for the period January 1, 2019, to December 31, 2019

Sessional Paper 435/2020

Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors, Authorized Radiation Health Administrative Organization Annual Report for the period July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020

Sessional Paper 436/2020

Alberta Dental Association and College, Authorized Radiation Health Administrative Organization Annual Report for the period January 1, 2019, to December 31, 2019

Sessional Paper 437/2020

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, Authorized Radiation Health Administrative Organization Annual Report for the period November 1, 2018, to October 31, 2019

Sessional Paper 438/2020

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, Authorized Radiation Health Administrative Organization Annual Report for the period January 1, 2019, to December 31, 2019

Sessional Paper 439/2020

University of Alberta, Authorized Radiation Health Administrative Organization Annual Report for the period April 1, 2019, to March 31, 2020

Sessional Paper 440/2020

University of Calgary, Authorized Radiation Health Administrative Organization Annual Report for the period April 1, 2019, to March 31, 2020

Sessional Paper 441/2020

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Glubish, Minister of Service Alberta, pursuant to An Act to End Predatory Lending, cE-9.5, s4(2):

Government of Alberta 2019 Report: An Act to End Predatory Lending Sessional Paper 442/2020

Privilege – Government Motion 29

Honourable Members, I am prepared to rule on the question of privilege raised yesterday, November 3, 2020, by the Official Opposition House Leader, which relates to events that occurred in the Assembly during the afternoon of November 2, 2020. The submissions of the Official Opposition House Leader, the Government House Leader, and the Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat relating to this question of privilege can be found at pages 2957 to 2960 of yesterday's Hansard.

Yesterday morning at 11:23 a.m. my office received written notice from the Official Opposition House Leader that she intended to raise a question of privilege that afternoon. That notice was copied to the Government House Leader. The Official Opposition did not provide notice to the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, as was noted in the Government House Leader's argument.

I would like to remind all Members, and in particular the Official Opposition House Leader, of the requirement under Standing Order 15(2) to, if practicable, provide notice to any person whose conduct may be called into question when the question of privilege is raised in the Assembly. During the arguments provided, the Hon. Minister of Justice and Solicitor General's conduct was called into question, yet he was not included on the memo. It is an important principle that if a Member's conduct is called into question, the Member has the opportunity to defend themselves.

Notwithstanding that caution, that I would like to provide to the Opposition or any Member for the future, I find that the Official Opposition House Leader met the notice requirements under Standing Order 15(2) and has raised this matter at the earliest opportunity, as required under Standing Order 15(6).

The Official Opposition House Leader argued that on November 2, 2020, the privilege of all private Members, specifically the Member for Edmonton-Meadows, who is the sponsor of Motion Other Than a Government Motion 512, was breached when the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General moved Government Motion 29 on behalf of the Hon. Premier during a Monday afternoon sitting of the Assembly. The category of privilege on which the Official Opposition House Leader was relying was not clearly articulated in arguments, although I do note that the privilege of freedom of speech was referenced.

I will not recount the events of the afternoon of November 2, 2020, in detail, as Members may review the Votes and Proceedings for that day.

The Official Opposition House Leader is correct that Standing Order 8(1) sets out the items of business for consideration on Monday afternoons, which include Public Bills and Orders other than Government Bills and Orders as well as Motions other than Government Motions. However, Standing Order 8(1.1)(b) very clearly states the following:

if no items of business under suborder (1) stand on the Order Paper for consideration, the Assembly shall proceed to consideration of any items of Government business under suborder (2).

To be clear, there was no other item of private Members' business available for consideration.

The Official Opposition House Leader stated in her submissions that the Assembly could have proceeded to Motion other than a Government Motion 512 once consideration of Motion 511 concluded. While this is technically correct, in order to proceed to Motion 512, a motion of the sponsor would have been required under Standing Order 8(1.2), which reads as follows:

(1.2) Notwithstanding suborder (1.1) and (5), on a Monday afternoon following the conclusion of business for consideration of the Assembly under suborder (1), the Assembly may consider the motion other than a Government motion that is next in precedence on the Order Paper on passage of a motion made by the sponsor of that motion other than a Government motion.

For clarity's sake, this Standing Order sets out a procedure that allows for an item not otherwise available for consideration.

I was in the Chair during the relevant period of time on the afternoon of November 2, and I can assure the Assembly that if the Member for Edmonton-Meadows had risen to move a motion pursuant to Standing Order 8(1.2) following the announcement of the vote on the motion made by the Member for Cardston-Siksika under Standing Order 8(4), I would have recognized him to do just that. With no motion on the floor to this effect, the Assembly's only option was to proceed to Government business, and I recognized the Hon. Minister of Justice and Solicitor General to move Government Motion 29.

The Official Opposition House Leader stated in her arguments that no opportunity was granted to proceed to Motion 512. However, it was the responsibility of the sponsor in accordance with Standing Order 16 to rise if it was his intention to move a motion under Standing Order 8(1.2).

Accordingly, the Minister did not prevent the Assembly from proceeding to consideration of Motion 512.

I would like to assert that I take objection to the assertion that no opportunity was granted, as it would suggest that the Speaker in some way was a barrier to the Member for Edmonton-Meadows moving Motion 512.

Finally, I must address the statement by the Official Opposition House Leader that a tradition exists in this Assembly of requesting unanimous consent to proceed to Third Reading of a private Member's public bill upon the completion of the committee of the whole stage. Although this has occurred on occasion, it is a departure from the rules of the Assembly, and Members are not required to give their consent if such a request for unanimous consent is made. I would also point out that this type of request can be made at any time under any circumstance.

Although I sympathize with the arguments of the Official Opposition House Leader and the Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, that the result of Monday afternoon's events did limit debate on private Members' business, I find that the procedures followed were consistent with the Assembly's Standing Orders.

While the Speaker has authority under Standing Order 2 to decide matters in all contingencies unprovided for, in this instance the rules the Assembly has set for itself are clear. To quote Speaker Schumacher on February 26, 1996, at page 224 of Hansard:

In this instance, if the Chair were to find that a prima facie question of privilege existed or that a contempt had been committed, the Chair would in effect have to find that the Standing Orders violated the privileges of the members. To make such a finding could cast doubt upon the House's ability to control its own proceedings, which the Chair is not about to do.

Accordingly, I do not find a prima facie case of privilege. However, as a final note, I want to emphasize that this Assembly has, since amendments to the Standing Orders were put in place in 1993, given significant opportunities to private Members to bring their proposals before the Assembly for consideration. This is a tradition that I strongly value and I encourage all Members to assist in ensuring that this tradition can continue.

I consider this matter dealt with and concluded.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

Conflict of Interest

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, declared a potential conflict of interest regarding Bill 41, Insurance (Enhancing Driver Affordability and Care) Amendment Act, 2020, and absented himself from consideration and the vote on the motion.

A debate followed.

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

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 42 North Saskatchewan River Basin Water Authorization Act — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Adjournment

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 42 North Saskatchewan River Basin Water Authorization Act — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 37 Builders' Lien (Prompt Payment) Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Ms Lovely, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 37 (A1) (Hon. Minister of Service Alberta) — Agreed to Sessional Paper 443/2020

Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:47 p.m. until Thursday, November 5, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 5, 2020

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

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to read correspondence sent on behalf of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, for the letter to be tabled immediately following it being read, and for the text of the letter to appear in the Votes and Proceedings for November 5, 2020.

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, then read the letter, dated October 16, 2020, as follows:

Your Honour,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the reintroduction of singing God Save the Queen in the Alberta Legislature. I have shown your letter to The Queen, who was grateful to be kept informed.

This message comes to you with Her Majesty's warm good wishes.

Yours sincerely, Tom Laing-Baker, Assistant Private Secretary to The Queen

Sessional Paper 444/2020

Members' Statements

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding Remembrance Day.

Mr. Rutherford, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding Remembrance Day.

Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement recognizing those in the armed forces and the many sacrifices they make.

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement regarding Government policies and petrochemical diversification in Alberta.

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, made a statement regarding the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Campaign.

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement recognizing several recent religious festivities celebrated by Albertans belonging to the Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, and Jain faiths.

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding comments made by Members of the Official Opposition concerning changes to the provincial parks system.

Ms Issik, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the live events industry.

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding socialism.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

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

Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members Public Bills Final Report, Bill 205, Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month Act, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, November 2020

Sessional Paper 445/2020

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

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

Mr. Neudorf, Chair, Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future, presented the following reports:

Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future, Report Respecting the Presentation Received from the Alberta Construction Association by the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future on July 31, 2020

Sessional Paper 446/2020

Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future, Report Respecting the Presentation Received from the Tourism Industry by the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future on October 21, 2020

Sessional Paper 447/2020

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given November 4, 2020:

- Bill 46 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2) Hon. Mr. Shandro
- Bill 47 Ensuring Safety and Cutting Red Tape Act, 2020 (\$) Hon. Mr. Copping

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter dated October 26, 2020, from Shauna Gibbons, Chair, Ross Sheppard High School, School Council, to Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Education, regarding the decision to make grade 12 diploma exams optional during October and November 2020, and recommending that the decision be applied to the remainder of the 2020-21 school year, relating to comments made by Ms Hoffman during Oral Question Period on November 5, 2020

Sessional Paper 448/2020

CBC News website article dated October 6, 2020, entitled "Edmonton Public Schools will ask province to cancel diploma exams during pandemic," relating to comments made by Ms Hoffman during Oral Question Period on November 5, 2020

Sessional Paper 449/2020

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, on behalf of Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday:

Report dated November 4, 2020, entitled "Earnings Update: Intact Financial Corp," prepared by CIBC, relating to comments made by Mr. Carson during Oral Question Period on November 5, 2020

Sessional Paper 450/2020

Mr. Schow, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s20(1):

Report of the Auditor General, November 2020

Sessional Paper 451/2020

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

CBC News website article dated October 25, 2019, entitled "'I felt betrayed': Gaming companies unsure of future in Alberta after tax credit axed," relating to comments made by Mr. Nielsen during Second Reading debate on Bill 35, Tax Statutes (Creating Jobs and Driving Innovation) Amendment Act, 2020, on November 3, 2020

Sessional Paper 452/2020

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, on behalf of Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View:

Report dated April 3, 2020, entitled "Advice to Minister – For Information: COVID-19 Impacts to Global Affairs Canada Operations and Related Implications for Alberta's International Offices," prepared by Alberta Economic Development, Trade and Tourism, relating to comments made by Ms Ganley during Oral Question Period on November 5, 2020

Sessional Paper 453/2020

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Letter dated November 2, 2020, from Suzanne Hermary, Co-ordinator, Red Deer Arts Council, to Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing concern regarding the decision to close the Hub on Ross in Red Deer

Sessional Paper 454/2020

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Allard, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, cM-26, s708.09:

Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board 2019-2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 455/2020

Calgary Metropolitan Region Board 2019 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 456/2020

Pursuant to the Special Areas Act, cS-16, s19(2), Special Areas Trust Account Financial Statements, December 31, 2019

Sessional Paper 457/2020

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Dreeshen, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, pursuant to the Farm Implement Act, cF-7, s42(2):

Farmers' Advocate Office Annual Report 2019-2020

Sessional Paper 458/2020

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Madu, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General:

Alberta Law Enforcement Review Board 2019 Annual Report Sessional Paper 459/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 42 North Saskatchewan River Basin Water Authorization Act — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Second Reading

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

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

— Hon, Mr. Toews

A debate followed.

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 35, Tax Statutes (Creating Jobs and Driving Innovation) Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that a reduction in the corporate income tax rate that rewards foreign shareholders is an ineffective strategy to create jobs, relative to the alternatives.

Sessional Paper 460/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2), Hon. Mr. Nally, Associate Minister of Natural Gas and Electricity, advised the Assembly that there would be no morning sittings on Tuesday, November 17, 2020; Wednesday, November 18, 2020; and Thursday, November 19, 2020.

Debate adjourned on the amendment, Ms Pancholi speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Orders 3(6) and 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, November 16, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 16, 2020

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Max Ward, a Canadian aviation pioneer.

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding seniors in continuing care who have passed away from COVID-19.

Mr. Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Larry Spilak, who served as a Foothills County councillor for over 13 years.

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the New Democratic Party's plan to help small businesses struggling during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding the Camrose Kodiaks.

Mr. Feehan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the connections between health, education, and economic prosperity.

Mrs. Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie-East, made a statement regarding Alberta Health Service's Review Implementation Plan.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement recognizing disability workers.

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, made a statement regarding the connection between economic diversification and the oil and gas sector.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Schow, Chair, Select Special Democratic Accountability Committee, presented the following report pursuant to Government Motion 25, agreed to June 18, 2020:

Select Special Democratic Accountability Committee Final Report, Citizens' Initiatives and Recall, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, November 2020
Sessional Paper 461/2020

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

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

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Hunter, Associate Minister of Red Tape Reduction, pursuant to the Red Tape Reduction Act, cR-8.2, s2(2):

Red Tape Reduction Annual Report 2019-2020

Sessional Paper 462/2020

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act, cP-39.5, s33(2):

Public Interest Commissioner of Alberta 2019-20 Annual Report Sessional Paper 463/2020

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Aheer, Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women, pursuant to the Alberta Foundation for the Arts Act, cA-19, s14(2):

Alberta Foundation for the Arts 2019-20 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 464/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 204 Voluntary Blood Donations Repeal Act — Mr. Yao

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 28

Allard Lovely Savage
Amery Luan Schow
Armstrong-Homeniuk Madu Schulz

Copping Milliken Sigurdson (Highwood)

Getson Neudorf Singh
Glubish Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Smith
Guthrie Orr Stephan
Hanson Reid Walker
Issik Rowswell Yao

LaGrange

Against the motion: 5

Dach Phillips Schmidt

Loyola Renaud

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 204 Voluntary Blood Donations Repeal Act — Mr. Yao

Second Reading

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

Bill 205 Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month Act — Mr. Singh

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Schow speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

512. Moved by Mr. Deol:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly affirm its support for measures that identify and address racism in Alberta and urge the Government to (a) ensure that all recommendations of the Anti-Racism Advisory Council are publicly available in their original form, and (b) lay before the Assembly a work plan for the implementation of the Council's recommendations and provide regular updates on the progress of the work plan.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 44 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2020—Hon. Mr. Toews

Conflict of Interest

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, declared a potential conflict of interest regarding Bill 44, Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, and absented himself from consideration and the vote on the motion.

A debate followed.

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

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

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

— Hon. Mr. Toews

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, on November 5, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 35, Tax Statutes (Creating Jobs and Driving Innovation) Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that a reduction in the corporate income tax rate that rewards foreign shareholders is an ineffective strategy to create jobs, relative to the alternatives.

Sessional Paper 460/2020

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

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

- Bill 36 Geothermal Resource Development Act Hon. Mrs. Savage
- Bill 38 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Madu
- Bill 40 Forests (Growing Alberta's Forest Sector) Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Dreeshen

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Nally, Associate Minister of Natural Gas and Electricity, the Assembly adjourned at 11:19 p.m. until Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, made a statement regarding the federal and Alberta mobile phone COVID-19 contact tracing applications.

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding extremist groups such as Extinction Rebellion.

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding the importance of connecting with seniors, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding red tape reduction.

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement regarding Robert Sallows and bringing awareness to tissue and organ donation.

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the New Democratic Party's plan to help small businesses struggling during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Walker, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding the Stollery Children's Hospital.

Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding lockdowns and the mental health of young adults during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Glasgo, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat, made a statement recognizing local small business owners' initiatives in philanthropy and volunteerism.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motions:

- **43.** Be it resolved that pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the 2020 Fall Sitting of the Assembly shall stand adjourned upon the Government House Leader advising the Assembly that the business for the Sitting is concluded.
- 44. A. Be it resolved that despite any Standing Order, practice of the Legislative Assembly or the 2020 sessional calendar, at any time during the Second Session of the 30th Legislature the Government House Leader may, upon providing a minimum of 24 hours' written notice to the Speaker, or by notifying the Assembly no later than the time of adjournment on the preceding sitting day, advise that the public interest requires the Assembly to sit extended hours
 - (a) on Thursday beyond the normal adjournment hour, or
 - (b) on Friday, Saturday or Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. commencing with prayers followed by
 - (i) the ordinary daily routine to consist of those items set out in Standing Order 7(1), with Oral Question Period commencing at 10:20 a.m. and, for the purpose of Standing Order 7(7) and (8), the Daily Routine shall be deemed completed at 11:30 a.m., and
 - (ii) Orders of the Day to consist of those items of business set out in Standing Order 8(2)

and the Speaker shall give notice that the Assembly shall meet at that time to transact its business;

- B. And be it further resolved that this motion (a) takes effect immediately on passage, and (b) expires at 11:59 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2021.
- **45.** Be it resolved that when further consideration of Government Motion 44 is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the motion, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the motion shall be put forthwith.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-25, s63(2), the Health Information Act, cH-5, s95(2), and the Personal Information Protection Act, cP-6.5, s44(2):

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Alberta Annual Report 2019-20

Sessional Paper 465/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 43 Financing Alberta's Strategic Transportation Act — Hon. Mr. McIver

A debate followed.

Ms Pancholi moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

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

A debate followed.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, on behalf of Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 41, Insurance (Enhancing Driver Affordability and Care) Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 466/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

Debate adjourned on the amendment, Mr. Dang speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 46 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Madu on behalf of Hon. Mr. Shandro

A debate followed.

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

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

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

A debate followed.

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

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

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

A debate followed.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 39, Child Care Licensing (Early Learning and Child Care) Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that the proposed legislation will not adequately improve safety within the child care sector and therefore further stakeholder consultation is required to address these deficiencies.

Sessional Paper 467/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

Hon. Mr. Madu moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

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

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, on November 5, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 35, Tax Statutes (Creating Jobs and Driving Innovation) Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that a reduction in the corporate income tax rate that rewards foreign shareholders is an ineffective strategy to create jobs, relative to the alternatives.

Sessional Paper 460/2020

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 35, Tax Statutes (Creating Jobs and Driving Innovation) Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

Sessional Paper 468/2020

MLA Irwin moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

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

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Madu, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 18, 2020, until 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

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

Members' Statements

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding the Government's plan to remove the Edmonton Federal Building's living wall.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement regarding the Premier's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Rutherford, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding Government policies encouraging job creation.

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding the New Democratic Party's plan to help schools limit their exposure to COVID-19.

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the role of the Victims of Crime review panel.

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding Bill 47, Ensuring Safety and Cutting Red Tape Act, 2020.

Mr. Reid, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding Family Violence Prevention Month and recognizing Rowan House.

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement regarding the effects of recently announced Government COVID-19 restrictions on small businesses.

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, made a statement regarding red tape reduction.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

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

Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members Public Bills Final Report, Bill 206, Property Rights Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, November 2020

Sessional Paper 469/2020

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

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

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 207 Reservists' Recognition Day Act — Mr. Rutherford

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Hanson, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Minister of Jobs, Economy and Innovation, pursuant to the Northern Alberta Development Council Act, cN-4, s8:

Northern Alberta Development Council 2019-20 Annual Report Sessional Paper 470/2020

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Dreeshen, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, pursuant to the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, cM-4, s14(2):

Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council Annual Report 2019-2020 Sessional Paper 471/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 36 Geothermal Resource Development Act — Hon. Mrs. Savage

Bill 38 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Madu

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 36 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 472/2020

Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Ms Goehring speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

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

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

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, on behalf of Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, on November 17, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 41, Insurance (Enhancing Driver Affordability and Care) Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 466/2020

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

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

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

— Hon. Mr. Toews

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, on November 17, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 35, Tax Statutes (Creating Jobs and Driving Innovation) Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

Sessional Paper 468/2020

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

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

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, on behalf of Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, on November 17, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 41, Insurance (Enhancing Driver Affordability and Care) Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 466/2020

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

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

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

Debate continued on the amendment moved by MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, on November 17, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 39, Child Care Licensing (Early Learning and Child Care) Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that the proposed legislation will not adequately improve safety within the child care sector and therefore further stakeholder consultation is required to address these deficiencies.

Sessional Paper 467/2020

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

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

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

— Hon. Mr. Toews

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, on behalf of Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, on November 17, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 41, Insurance (Enhancing Driver Affordability and Care) Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 466/2020

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

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

- Bill 39 Child Care Licensing (Early Learning and Child Care) Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Ms Schulz
- Bill 41 Insurance (Enhancing Driver Affordability and Care) Amendment Act, 2020
 Hon. Mr. Toews
- Bill 43 Financing Alberta's Strategic Transportation Act Hon. Mr. McIver

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:53 a.m. Thursday, November 19, 2020, until 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 19, 2020

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding the Minister of Health's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, made a statement regarding Amber Valley and the African American immigrants who settled there.

Mr. Orr, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding seniors and Charis Village in Lacombe.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the Government's efforts to create jobs.

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement regarding National Child Day and Government policies regarding children.

Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding Government investment in various sectors.

Ms Fir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Peigan, made a statement regarding Calgary Reads and the benefits of early literacy programs.

Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding Government efforts to support small businesses.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

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

Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members Public Bills Final Report, Bill Pr1, The Sisters of the Precious Blood of Edmonton Repeal Act, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, November 2020

Sessional Paper 473/2020

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to the report.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 36 Geothermal Resource Development Act — Hon. Mrs. Savage

Mr. Neudorf, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 36 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View on November 18, 2020) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 472/2020

Amendment to Bill 36 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Defeated Sessional Paper 474/2020

Amendment to Bill 36 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 475/2020

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nally, Associate Minister of Natural Gas and Electricity, the Assembly adjourned at 3:02 p.m. until Monday, November 23, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 23, 2020

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

The Speaker offered a prayer in recognition of the fifth anniversary of the death of former Member Manmeet Bhullar, Member for Calgary-Montrose, 2008 to 2012, and Calgary-Greenway, 2012 to 2015, who passed away on November 23, 2015.

Members' Statements

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding the New Democratic Party's response to the Alberta to Alaska transportation corridor.

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding the Premier's response to the recent surge in Alberta's COVID-19 cases.

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the achievements of the Minister of Indigenous Relations and the Associate Minister of Red Tape Reduction.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the Government's approach to the economy and public health.

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding the good work being done by businesses and non-profits in the Central Peace-Notley constituency.

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the Premier's response to the recent surge in Alberta's COVID-19 cases.

Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding the recent decision of Calgary city council to reduce police funding.

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding National Housing Day and the need for Government to support affordable housing.

Mr. Milliken, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the many uses of petrochemical products.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motions:

- 47. Be it resolved that the Message from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2020-21 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.
- **48**. Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 61(2), the Committee of Supply shall be called to consider the 2020-21 Supplementary Supply Estimates for three hours on Wednesday, November 25, 2020.
- **49.** Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly
 - (a) acknowledge the recent increase in COVID-19 cases in Alberta,
 - (b) express its support for the Government in any future actions that will help protect the public, and

- (c) urge the Government to
 - (i) continue to provide the necessary supports to small- and medium-sized businesses to assist in their economic recovery, and
 - (ii) encourage Albertans to follow all future actions taken by the Government in order to help relieve the pressure on our health care system.

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, on behalf of Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral notice of her intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the alarming and rapid increase in cases in Alberta over the weekend; the federal release on Friday of modelling that indicates an expectation that COVID-19 spread in Alberta will continue to rapidly grow exponentially based on current trajectories; the dangerous levels of pressure being experienced in our healthcare sector due to the recent increases; and the recently growing need for economic supports for small- and medium-sized businesses in the province to survive the pandemic.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

South Peace News website article dated November 23, 2020, entitled "Breaking provincial news from Peace River UCP AGM: provincial COVID testing questioned," relating to comments made by Mr. Shepherd during Oral Question Period on November 23, 2020

Sessional Paper 476/2020

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

Letter, undated, from Roxanne Bampton, unaddressed, expressing concern regarding possible changes to AISH eligibility requirements

Sessional Paper 477/2020

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Labour and Immigration, pursuant to the Chartered Professional Accountants Act, cC-10.2, s28(2):

Chartered Professional Accountants Alberta Annual Report 2019/2020 Sessional Paper 478/2020

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive all necessary Standing Orders to allow the Leader of the Official Opposition and any member of Executive Council who spoke previously in debate on Government Motion 42 to speak a second time to that motion.

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, notified the Assembly that she would not be proceeding with her motion to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to transfer the sponsorship of Bill 206, Property Rights Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, to Ms Glasgo, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat.

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

Bill 206 Property Rights Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Ms Glasgo

Conflict of Interest

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, declared a potential conflict of interest regarding Bill 206, Property Rights Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, and withdrew from the proceedings without participating in the consideration of the motion.

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Williams speaking.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 205 Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month Act — Mr. Singh

Motions Other Than Government Motions

513. Moved by Ms Hoffman:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider (a) restoring per-student provincial funding in the Ministry of Education budget in line with levels during the 2018-2019 fiscal year, and (b) providing additional support to school boards to address the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on Alberta's students.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Motions

42. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly commend the tremendous efforts of Albertans to protect lives and livelihoods throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and the consequent global recession, and urge the Government to pursue prudent policies that protect the vulnerable while supporting the broader social, economic, mental and physical health of Albertans.

A debate followed.

Ms Notley moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 36 Geothermal Resource Development Act — Hon. Mrs. Savage

Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

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

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 44 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Toews

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Mr. Sigurdson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 39 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein) — Adjourned Sessional Paper 479/2020

Second Reading

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

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, on November 17, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 35, Tax Statutes (Creating Jobs and Driving Innovation) Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

Sessional Paper 468/2020

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question being immediately put on the motion for Second Reading, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

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

— Hon, Mr. Toews

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nally, Associate Minister of Natural Gas and Electricity, the Assembly adjourned at 12:59 a.m. Tuesday, November 24, 2020, until 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

The Speaker took the Chair at 10:00 a.m.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, the Assembly adjourned at 10:55 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2020 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the challenges of parenting during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Toor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Manmeet Bhullar, former Member of the Legislative Assembly.

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

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement regarding the Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Reid, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the New Democratic Party's response to the recent report of the Auditor General.

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement recognizing Holodomor Memorial Day.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement regarding National Housing Day.

Mr. Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement regarding the City of Calgary's decision to reduce funding for its police force.

Mr. Williams, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding the need to build a bridge at Tompkins Landing in the Peace River constituency.

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Registered Dental Hygienists of Alberta Annual Report 2019 Sessional Paper 480/2020

College of Midwives of Alberta Annual Report 2019

Sessional Paper 481/2020

Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors Annual Report 2019-2020 Sessional Paper 482/2020

College of Alberta Dental Assistants Annual Report 2019-20 Sessional Paper 483/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Message From Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, delivered a certain Message from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker read the Message to the Assembly (the Members standing).

Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following documents pursuant to the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, ss4(5), 1(2) and 6(1):

2020-21 Supplementary Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund Sessional Paper 484/2020 2020-21 Mid-Year Fiscal Update and Economic Statement, November 2020 Sessional Paper 485/2020

Government Motions

47. Oral notice having been given November 23, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Toews on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Message from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2020-21 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

48. Oral notice having been given November 23, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Toews on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 61(2), the Committee of Supply shall be called to consider the 2020-21 Supplementary Supply Estimates for three hours on Wednesday, November 25, 2020.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

Hon. Mrs. Savage moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 37 Builders' Lien (Prompt Payment) Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

- Bill 38 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Madu
- Bill 39 Child Care Licensing (Early Learning and Child Care) Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Ms Schulz

Mr. Reid, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 39 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein) — Agreed to Sessional Paper 479/2020

Amendment to Bill 39 (A1-SA1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 486/2020

Amendment to Bill 39 (A2) (Hon. Member for St. Albert on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 487/2020

Amendment to Bill 39 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) — Adjourned Sessional Paper 488/2020

Amendment to Bill 38 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) — Defeated Sessional Paper 489/2020

Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 47, Ensuring Safety and Cutting Red Tape Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 490/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:33 a.m. Wednesday, November 25, 2020, until 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 25, 2020

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, on November 24, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 47, Ensuring Safety and Cutting Red Tape Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 490/2020

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

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

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

A debate followed.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 46, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2), be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 491/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

Debate adjourned on the amendment, Mr. Dang speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 11:59 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2020 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

Ms Issik, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence.

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding Bill 47, Ensuring Safety and Cutting Red Tape Act, 2020.

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, made a statement regarding the historical significance of the Newbrook Observatory.

Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement regarding Government policies and comments from the Government concerning public sector front-line workers.

Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding socialism.

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the Government's response to the surge in the number of seniors infected with COVID-19.

Mr. Walker, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding a pilot program for international travellers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding the Premier's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, made a statement regarding the proposed federal economic reset.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Schulz, Minister of Children's Services:

Business Council of Alberta website article dated August 14, 2020, entitled "The surprising picture of women's economic recovery – it's not what you think," relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Schulz during Oral Question Period on November 25, 2020

Sessional Paper 492/2020

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Document dated November 13, 2020, entitled "Information and Privacy Commissioner Comments on Amendments to the Health Information Act," relating to comments made by Ms Hoffman during Second Reading debate on Bill 46, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2), on November 25, 2020

Sessional Paper 493/2020

Canadian Association of Journalists blog post dated April 28, 2020, entitled "Code of Silence Award goes to Alberta Government," relating to comments made by Ms Hoffman during Second Reading debate on Bill 46, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2), on November 25, 2020

Sessional Paper 494/2020

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

9 recent e-mail messages to Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, expressing opposition to the Government's closure, partial closure, and privatization of 184 provincial parks and recreation areas

Sessional Paper 495/2020

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Alberta Health Act, cA-19.5, s6(2), and the Mental Health Act, cM-13, s47(2):

Office of the Alberta Health Advocates (Health Advocate and Mental Health Patient Advocate) 2019-20 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 496/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Supplementary Supply Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair and Mrs. Pitt reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2020-21 Supplementary Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021, for the purposes indicated:

Advanced Education

Expense	\$65,389,000
Agriculture and Forestry	
Expense Financial Transactions	\$72,608,000 \$500,000
Children's Services	
Expense	\$53,781,000
Community and Social Services	
Expense	\$118,492,000
Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women	
Expense	\$3,215,000
Education	
Expense	\$469,826,000

Energy	
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Expense	\$513,594,000
Financial Transactions	\$104,000,000
Environment and Parks	

Expense \$302,984,000

Health

Expense \$1,303,227,000

Indigenous Relations

Financial Transactions \$500,000

Jobs, Economy and Innovation

Expense \$282,500,000 Financial Transactions \$25,000,000

Justice and Solicitor General

Capital Investment \$10,835,000

Labour and Immigration

Expense \$325,943,000

Municipal Affairs

Expense \$1,289,685,000 Financial Transactions \$76,800,000

Seniors and Housing

Expense \$31,100,000

Transportation

Expense \$133,764,000 Capital Investment \$468,383,000

Treasury Board and Finance

Expense \$2,436,000

Committee of Supply has also approved the following amounts to be transferred:

Transfer from **Advanced Education** Expense vote

to **Transportation** Expense vote \$1,000,000

Transfer from Labour and Immigration Expense vote

to **Agriculture and Forestry** Expense vote \$3,000,000

Transfer from Community and Social Services Expense vote

to **Transportation** Expense vote \$1,000,000

Transfer from **Labour and Immigration** Expense vote to **Transportation** Expense vote

\$1,000,000

Transfer from **Indigenous Relations** Financial Transactions vote to **Seniors and Housing** Financial Transactions vote

\$1,389,000

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, the Assembly adjourned at 5:51 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 38 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Madu

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Mr. Neudorf, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 38 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 497/2020

Amendment to Bill 38 (A3) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 498/2020

Amendment to Bill 38 (A4) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 499/2020

Amendment to Bill 39 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud on November 24, 2020) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 488/2020

Amendment to Bill 39 (A4) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 500/2020

Amendment to Bill 39 (A5) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 501/2020

Amendment to Bill 39 (A6) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 502/2020

Amendment to Bill 39 (A7) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein) — Agreed to Sessional Paper 503/2020

Amendment to Bill 39 (A8) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 504/2020

Amendment to Bill 39 (A9) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 505/2020

Amendment to Bill 39 (A10) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 506/2020

Amendment to Bill 45 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 507/2020

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 37 Builders' Lien (Prompt Payment) Amendment Act, 2020 — Mr. Neudorf on behalf of Hon. Mr. Glubish

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

Government Motions

46. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that:

- The October 2020 Evaluation Summary Report of the Office of the Advocate for Persons with Disabilities (Sessional Paper 431/2020) be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities for review;
- 2. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued;
- 3. In accordance with section 6(5) of the Advocate for Persons with Disabilities Act, the Committee shall report back to the Assembly within 90 days of the report being referred to it if the Assembly is then sitting or, if it is not then sitting, within 15 days after the commencement of the next sitting.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2), Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no morning sitting on Thursday, November 26, 2020.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:50 p.m. until Thursday, November 26, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 26, 2020

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

Members' Statements

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the need for Government leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement regarding actions and comments from the New Democratic Party opposition during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding a virtual town hall hosted by the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society with respect to provincial parks.

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting small- and medium-sized businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, made a statement regarding protective measures instituted by the Government to curb the recent surge in COVID-19 cases.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting disability supports.

Mr. Reid, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the lack of high-speed Internet in rural communities.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding the need to support seniors' mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Orr, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding the Virtual Opioid Dependency Program.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be accepted or otherwise dealt with, pursuant to Standing Order 34(3):

Written Questions

To be accepted: WQ2, WQ3
To be dealt with: WQ1

Motions for Returns

To be accepted: MR6, MR12, MR13

To be dealt with: MR1, MR2, MR3, MR4, MR5, MR7, MR8, MR9, MR10,

MR11

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Sigurdson, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Election Act, cE-1, s4(7) and the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, cE-2, s4(2):

Chief Electoral Officer Annual Report 2019-20

Sessional Paper 508/2020

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Canadian Parents for French Alberta news release dated August 25, 2020, regarding access to French language remote and distance learning

Sessional Paper 509/2020

Letter dated September 1, 2020, from Victoria Wishart, P. Eng, President, Canadian Parents for French Alberta, to Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Education, requesting an increase in access to distance French language learning for French-immersion students

Sessional Paper 510/2020

Letter dated October 22, 2020, from Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Education, to Victoria Wishart, President, Canadian Parents for French, Alberta Branch, responding to Ms Wishart's letter dated September 1, 2020

Sessional Paper 511/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 37 Builders' Lien (Prompt Payment) Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:15 p.m. until Monday, November 30, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 30, 2020

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the airline sector and the effects of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the federal wage top-up for essential workers.

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, made a statement regarding Adoption Awareness Month.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding Government policies.

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding small businesses and the recent COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.

Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement regarding the New Democratic Party's plan to support small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Cochrane, made a statement regarding the dedication of RCMP, sheriffs and municipal forces and proposed plans to defund them.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding comments made by the Premier concerning the number of COVID-19 cases in the constituency of Calgary-McCall.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding his Member's Statement on October 28, 2020, and freedom of speech.

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s37(4), and the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s16(5):

Report of Selected Payments to the Members and Former Members of the Legislative Assembly and Persons Directly Associated with Members of the Legislative Assembly, Year Ended March 31, 2020

Sessional Paper 512/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(1) in order to proceed immediately to Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 205, Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month Act, and, if time remains, to return to Written Questions at the conclusion of Committee of Whole consideration.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ2. Asked for by Mr. Deol:

How many agendas, minutes, and reports on key measurement targets have been produced by Alberta's Anti-Racism Advisory Council from May 1, 2019, to October 19, 2020?

WQ3. Asked for by Ms Phillips:

How many applications for public agency board positions were received by the Public Agency Secretariat between April 20, 2019, and October 19, 2020?

The following Written Question was rejected:

WQ1. Moved by Mr. Shepherd:

How much was spent by the Government to cancel the Edmonton lab hub project?

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(1) and proceed immediately to Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 205, Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month Act, and, if time remains, to return to Motions for Returns at the conclusion of Committee of Whole consideration.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR6. Proposed by Ms Ganley:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

Copies of all documents, including but not limited to business plans, agendas, minutes, Ministerial Orders, and directives, prepared by the Government between April 16, 2019, and October 16, 2019, relating to the incorporation of the Canadian Energy Centre as a provincial corporation under the Financial Administration Act.

MR12. Proposed by Ms Phillips:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of the competition matrix for each position posted between April 20, 2019, and October 19, 2020, on the Public Agency Secretariat public agency board opportunities website.

MR13. Proposed by Ms Phillips:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

A list of public agency board opportunities posted, including competition number, opening date, closing date, job description, and the Ministry, agency, board, or commission seeking applicants, between April 20, 2019, and October 19, 2020, for which an executive or professional search firm was contracted.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR1. Moved by Mr. Feehan on behalf of MLA Loyola:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: A list of all service level changes in provincial highways maintenance contracts between March 31, 2019, and October 19, 2020.

MR2. Moved by Mr. Feehan on behalf of MLA Loyola:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of all documents prepared by the Ministry of Transportation between March 31, 2019, and October 19, 2020, containing or related to service level changes for provincial highway maintenance contracts.

MR3. Moved by Ms Phillips on behalf of MLA Loyola:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of briefing materials, SMS messages, and email messages providing advice to the Minister of Transportation, including media preparation materials, prepared between May 1, 2019, and October 29, 2019, relating to Mandatory Entry-level Training for class 1 and 2 commercial drivers.

MR7. Moved by Mr. Schmidt on behalf of Mr. Shepherd:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of documents prepared for and by the Ministry of Health between May 1, 2019, and October 19, 2020, relating to the Alberta Dental Association and College's dental fee guide.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, on behalf of the motions' sponsors, advised that Motions for Return MR4 and MR5 would not proceed.

The following Motions for Returns were not moved and were removed from the Order Paper:

MR4. Mr. Dang to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of all purchase orders, invoices, and other transaction records from May 1, 2019, to October 19, 2020, relating to the purchase of new furniture and amenities for offices in the Legislature Building.

MR5. Mr. Bilous to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of all Ministerial Orders issued by each Ministry between January 1, 2019, and October 19, 2020, excluding those items that fall within the exceptions to disclosure provisions in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Debate on the following Motion for a Return was adjourned:

MR8. Moved by Mr. Sabir on behalf of Mr. Shepherd:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of all reports received by the Ministry of Health from Alberta Health Services between May 1, 2019, and October 19, 2020, relating to medical device reprocessing. A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Sabir speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

514. Moved by Mr. Bilous:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly (a) recognize that technology companies are essential to Alberta's economic future, and (b) urge the Government to support the growth of these companies by (i) immediately adopting and investing in an industry-led approach to developing and commercializing artificial intelligence, machine learning, and data science technology; (ii) ensuring province-wide access to high speed internet; and (iii) attracting a globally recognized technology accelerator to Alberta.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, pursuant to Standing Order 64(4), at 10:15 p.m. the Chair interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper referred to Committee of the Whole, which was agreed to.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 44 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Toews

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 43 Financing Alberta's Strategic Transportation Act — Hon. Mr. McIver

Mr. Horner, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 43 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-South) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 513/2020

Amendment to Bill 43 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-South) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 514/2020

Government Motions

- **44.** Oral notice having been given November 17, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:
 - A. Be it resolved that despite any Standing Order, practice of the Legislative Assembly or the 2020 sessional calendar, at any time during the Second Session of the 30th Legislature the Government House Leader may, upon providing a minimum of 24 hours' written notice to the Speaker, or by notifying the Assembly no later than the time of adjournment on the preceding sitting day, advise that the public interest requires the Assembly to sit extended hours
 - (a) on Thursday beyond the normal adjournment hour, or
 - (b) on Friday, Saturday or Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. commencing with prayers followed by
 - (iii) the ordinary daily routine to consist of those items set out in Standing Order 7(1), with Oral Question Period commencing at 10:20 a.m. and, for the purpose of Standing Order 7(7) and (8), the Daily Routine shall be deemed completed at 11:30 a.m., and
 - (iv) Orders of the Day to consist of those items of business set out in Standing Order 8(2)

and the Speaker shall give notice that the Assembly shall meet at that time to transact its business;

B. And be it further resolved that this motion (a) takes effect immediately on passage, and (b) expires at 11:59 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2021.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 38 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. McIver on behalf of Hon. Mr. Madu

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 24

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Against the motion: 0

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 38 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Madu

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

Second Reading

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

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, on November 25, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 46, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2), be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 491/2020

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

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

Bill 46, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2), be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that it jeopardizes the confidential health information of Albertans by failing to put adequate safeguards in place for the use of that information.

Sessional Paper 515/2020

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

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

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, on November 24, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 47, Ensuring Safety and Cutting Red Tape Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 490/2020

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 47, Ensuring Safety and Cutting Red Tape Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that the proposed legislation will not ensure the safety of workers in Alberta and therefore additional consultation is required.

Sessional Paper 516/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

Mr. Shepherd moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 2:01 a.m. Tuesday, December 1, 2020, until 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

The Speaker took the Chair at 10:00 a.m.

Government Bills and Orders / Private Bills

Second Reading

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

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, on November 30, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 47, Ensuring Safety and Cutting Red Tape Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that the proposed legislation will not ensure the safety of workers in Alberta and therefore additional consultation is required.

Sessional Paper 516/2020

Debate adjourned on the amendment.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill Pr1 The Sisters of the Precious Blood of Edmonton Repeal Act — Mr. Williams

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2.1), the Assembly adjourned at 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, made a statement regarding the Premier's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Toor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding the anniversary of the birth of Guru Nanak.

Ms Fir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Peigan, made a statement regarding Theatre Calgary's digital production of A Christmas Carol.

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement regarding the Government's spending of emergency funds from the federal government.

Mr. Yaseen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North, made a statement regarding Government accomplishments.

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the effects of Government policies on seniors in continuing care.

Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding Calgary City Council's motion to reduce police funding.

Mr. Milliken, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement recognizing all Albertans who are following current health measures to limit the spread of COVID-19.

Ms Glasgo, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the need to take a balanced approach with COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motions:

50. Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the 2020 Fall Sitting of the Assembly be extended beyond the first Thursday in December until such time as, or when, the Government House Leader advises the Assembly that the business for the sitting is concluded and at such time the Assembly stands adjourned.

51. Be it resolved that:

- The 2019-2020 Annual Report of the Office of the Child and Youth Advocate be referred to the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices for review;
- 2. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued;
- 3. In accordance with section 21(4) of the Child and Youth Advocate Act, the Committee shall report back to the Assembly within 90 days of the report being referred to it if the Assembly is then sitting or, if it is not then sitting, within 15 days after the commencement of the next sitting.
- **52**. Be it resolved that pursuant to section 3 of the Statutes Repeal Act, SA 2013, cS-19.3, the following statutes, appearing on the list of statutes to be repealed which was tabled in the Assembly by the Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General on March 31, 2020 (Sessional Paper 95/2020), not be repealed:
 - 1. Black Creek Heritage Rangeland Trails Act (2004 cB-2.5);

- 2. Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2014 (2014 c10) ss2(a)(xiv) and (b), 46, 47, and 58;
- 3. Forest Reserves Amendment Act, 2004 (2004 c9) s8;
- 4. Securities Amendment Act, 2014 (2014 c17) ss2(c), (e), 22 to 24, and 55(b);
- 5. Wilderness Areas, Ecological Reserves and Natural Areas Amendment Act (RSA 2000 c34 (Supp)) s8 "8.1(3)"

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

E-mail message dated November 7, 2020, from Kate, surname redacted, to Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, and Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, expressing concern regarding teachers' salaries and pensions Sessional Paper 517/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Mr. Horner, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 48 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 518/2020

Second Reading

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

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, on November 30, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 46, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2), be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that it jeopardizes the confidential health information of Albertans by failing to put adequate safeguards in place for the use of that information.

Sessional Paper 515/2020

Debate adjourned on the amendment, Mr. Shepherd speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

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

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

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

Mr. Rutherford, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 41 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 519/2020

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 39 Child Care Licensing (Early Learning and Child Care) Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Ms Schulz
- Bill 44 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Toews
- Bill 45 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2) Hon. Mrs. Allard
- Bill 50 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2020 (\$) Hon. Mr. Toews

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:00 p.m. until Wednesday, December 2, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

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

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 43 Financing Alberta's Strategic Transportation Act — Hon. Mr. McIver

Ms Fir, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 43 (A2) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-South on November 30, 2020) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 514/2020

Third Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Ms Hoffman speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2.1), the Assembly adjourned at 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding a child known as "Mighty Max," who is fighting a rare disease, and Max's need for a costly potential treatment that is not funded by Health Canada.

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the United Conservative Party's lack of support for Calgary's front-line healthcare workers.

Mr. Hanson, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, made a statement regarding International Human Rights Day.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding the Premier's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding the region's new identity and destination name, Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo.

Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement regarding schools and preparations for the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding the success of the Edmonton Air Tour.

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding Bill 47, Ensuring Safety and Cutting Red Tape Act, 2020.

Ms Issik, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the New Democratic Party and its role as the Official Opposition.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Schow, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, presented the following report:

Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills Final Report, Bill 207, Reservists' Recognition Day Act, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, December 2020

Sessional Paper 520/2020

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

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

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Schow, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, sA-46, s19(5):

Office of the Auditor General of Alberta Annual Report Results for the Year Ended March 31, 2020

Sessional Paper 521/2020

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3):

Alberta Health Services Annual Report 2019-20

Sessional Paper 522/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

50. Oral notice having been given December 1, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the 2020 Fall Sitting of the Assembly be extended beyond the first Thursday in December until such time as, or when, the Government House Leader advises the Assembly that the business for the sitting is concluded and at such time the Assembly stands adjourned.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders / Private Bills

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill Pr1 The Sisters of the Precious Blood of Edmonton Repeal Act — Mr. Williams

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 43 Financing Alberta's Strategic Transportation Act — Hon. Mr. McIver

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

Ms Issik, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 43 (A2) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-South on November 30, 2020) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 514/2020

Amendment to Bill 43 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-South) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 523/2020

Amendment to Bill 43 (A4) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-South) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 524/2020

Amendment to Bill 48 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on December 1, 2020) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 518/2020

Amendment to Bill 48 (A2) (Hon. Minister of Municipal Affairs) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 525/2020

Amendment to Bill 48 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 526/2020

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill Pr1 The Sisters of the Precious Blood of Edmonton Repeal Act — Mr. Williams

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nally, Associate Minister of Natural Gas and Electricity, the Assembly adjourned at 5:52 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the duration of Second Reading debate on Bill 47, Ensuring Safety and Cutting Red Tape Act, 2020 (\$).

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, on November 30, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 47, Ensuring Safety and Cutting Red Tape Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that the proposed legislation will not ensure the safety of workers in Alberta and therefore additional consultation is required.

Sessional Paper 516/2020

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 10

DachNotleySabirEggenPhillipsSchmidtFeehanRenaudSweet

Nielsen

Against the amendment: 19

Aheer Guthrie Neudorf

 $Amery \qquad \qquad Horner \qquad \qquad Nixon \ {\scriptstyle (Rimbey-Rocky \ Mtn. \ House-Sundre)}$

CoppingJonesToewsEllisKenneyToorGetsonLongTurtonGlasgoLovelyWilson

Goodridge

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 20

Aheer Goodridge Neudorf

Amery Guthrie Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)

CoppingHornerToewsEllisJonesToorFirKenneyTurtonGetsonLongWilson

Glasgo Lovely

Against the motion: 10

DachNotleySabirEggenPhillipsSchmidtFeehanRenaudSweet

Nielsen

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

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

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 43 Financing Alberta's Strategic Transportation Act — Hon. Mr. McIver

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

Government Motions

42. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly commend the tremendous efforts of Albertans to protect lives and livelihoods throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and the consequent global recession, and urge the Government to pursue prudent policies that protect the vulnerable while supporting the broader social, economic, mental and physical health of Albertans.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

49. Oral notice having been given November 23, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) acknowledge the recent increase in COVID-19 cases in Alberta,
- (b) express its support for the Government in any future actions that will help protect the public, and
- (c) urge the Government to
 - (i) continue to provide the necessary supports to small and medium-sized businesses to assist in their economic recovery, and
 - (ii) encourage Albertans to follow all future actions taken by the Government in order to help relieve the pressure on our health care system.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

51. Oral notice having been given December 1, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that:

- 1. The 2019-2020 Annual Report of the Office of the Child and Youth Advocate be referred to the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices for review;
- 2. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued;
- 3. In accordance with section 21(4) of the Child and Youth Advocate Act, the Committee shall report back to the Assembly within 90 days of the report being referred to it if the Assembly is then sitting or, if it is not then sitting, within 15 days after the commencement of the next sitting.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

52. Oral notice having been given December 1, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that pursuant to section 3 of the Statutes Repeal Act, SA 2013, cS-19.3, the following statutes, appearing on the list of statutes to be repealed which was tabled in the Assembly by the Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General on March 31, 2020 (Sessional Paper 95/2020), not be repealed:

- 1. Black Creek Heritage Rangeland Trails Act (2004 cB-2.5);
- 2. Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2014 (2014 c10) ss2(a)(xiv) and (b), 46, 47, and 58;
- 3. Forest Reserves Amendment Act, 2004 (2004 c9) s8;
- 4. Securities Amendment Act, 2014 (2014 c17) ss2(c), (e), 22 to 24, and 55(b);
- 5. Wilderness Areas, Ecological Reserves and Natural Areas Amendment Act (RSA 2000 c34 (Supp)) s8 "8.1(3)"

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:55 p.m. until Thursday, December 3, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 3, 2020

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

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 47 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 527/2020

Amendment to Bill 47 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 528/2020

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:05 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2020 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund and AIMCo.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement regarding Father Mercredi's Santas Anonymous and Fort McMurray's community spirit.

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement regarding the New Democratic Party's early learning and child care proposal.

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding Marmot Basin.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding International Day of Persons with Disabilities and Government policies affecting persons with disabilities.

Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding how individual actions can affect the collective good.

Mr. Williams, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding International Day of Persons with Disabilities and the need for society to defend its weakest members.

Ms Rosin, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, made a statement regarding the need to follow public health guidelines while returning to the ideals of self-determination and freedom.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 208 Alberta Investment Management Corporation Amendment Act, 2020 — Ms Phillips

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, on behalf of Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

CBC News website article dated December 3, 2020, entitled "Housekeeper diagnosed with PTSD after alleged work camp assault wins compensation"

Sessional Paper 529/2020

Community Mental Health Journal article dated January 25, 2019, entitled "PTSD Symptoms, Vicarious Traumatization, and Burnout in Front Line Workers in the Homeless Sector"

Sessional Paper 530/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 43 Financing Alberta's Strategic Transportation Act — Hon. Mr. McIver

A debate followed.

Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the afternoon.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Milliken in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 15

AmeryLovelySchweitzerArmstrong-HomeniukMcIverSmithEllisNeudorfTurtonGetsonRosinWalkerLoewenRowswellYaseen

Against the motion: 7

Eggen Pancholi Schmidt Feehan Sabir Shepherd

Hoffman

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 43 Financing Alberta's Strategic Transportation Act — Hon. Mr. McIver

Second Reading

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

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, on November 30, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 46, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2), be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that it jeopardizes the confidential health information of Albertans by failing to put adequate safeguards in place for the use of that information.

Sessional Paper 515/2020

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Milliken in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 17

Amery Jones Schweitzer Armstrong-Homeniuk Loewen Smith Ellis Lovely Turton Fir Neudorf Walker Getson Rosin Yaseen Goodridge Rowswell

Against the motion: 7

Eggen Pancholi Schmidt Feehan Sabir Shepherd

Hoffman

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:25 p.m. until Monday, December 7, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, December 7, 2020

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding the importance of local businesses in the Central Peace-Notley constituency.

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding comments made by the Premier concerning the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement regarding the Perfect Gift Store, a non-profit organization in Lac La Biche.

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding the Government's education policies during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding the many steps required to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement regarding the need to protect service and retail workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Glasgo, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the work of the Alberta Firearms Advisory Committee and the Fair Deal Panel.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the need for Government to take action on gender-based violence.

Ms Fir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Peigan, made a statement regarding the final permit approval for Enbridge Energy's Line 3 pipeline.

Notices of Motions

Ms Glasgo, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 211 Municipal Government (Firearms) Amendment Act, 2020 — Ms Glasgo

Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader gave oral notice of the following motions:

- 53. Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 35, Tax Statutes (Creating Jobs and Driving Innovation) Amendment Act, 2020, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.
- 54. Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 35, Tax Statutes (Creating Jobs and Driving Innovation) Amendment Act, 2020, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.
- 55. Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 46, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2), is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

- **56.** Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 46, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2), is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.
- 57. Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 47, Ensuring Safety and Cutting Red Tape Act, 2020, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.
- **58**. Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 47, Ensuring Safety and Cutting Red Tape Act, 2020, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.
- **59.** Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 48, Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2020 (No. 2), is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.
- **60.** Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 48, Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2020 (No. 2), is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 209 Cost of Public Services Transparency Act — Mr. Stephan

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Twitter post dated November 28, 2020, from Darren Markland, regarding his experiences of treating patients during the COVID-19 pandemic

Sessional Paper 531/2020

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

CBC News website article dated November 29, 2020, entitled "Canadian researchers turn to wastewater tests at long-term care homes to detect COVID hot spots"

Sessional Paper 532/2020

CBC News website article dated October 29, 2020, entitled "Alberta excrement being tested for COVD-19 as researchers refine sewage surveillance"

Sessional Paper 533/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR8. Moved by Mr. Sabir on behalf of Mr. Shepherd:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of all reports received by the Ministry of Health from Alberta Health Services between May 1, 2019, and October 19, 2020, relating to medical device reprocessing.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 5

Dach Renaud Schmidt

Feehan Sabir

Against the motion: 17

Armstrong-HomeniukHunterRehnEllisIssikRosinFirLoewenSavageGetsonLongSinghGlasgoNeudorfTurton

Goodridge Panda

MR9. Moved by Mr. Dach on behalf of Mr. Shepherd:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of all surveillance reports prepared by the Ministry of Health between May 1, 2014, and October 19, 2020, relating to the incidence of sexually transmitted infections and diseases in Alberta.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 4

Feehan Sabir Schmidt

Renaud

Against the motion: 15

Armstrong-Homeniuk Goodridge Rehn
Ellis Issik Savage
Fir Loewen Singh
Getson Long Turton
Glasgo Neudorf Wilson

MR10. Moved by Ms Renaud on behalf of Ms Goehring:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

A list of Screen-based Production Grant recipients and the total dollar amount approved for those grants in the fiscal year 2018-2019, broken down by fiscal quarter.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 5

Dach Renaud Schmidt

Feehan Sabir

Against the motion: 15

EllisIssikRehnFirLoewenSavageGetsonLongSinghGlasgoLovelyTurtonGoodridgeNeudorfWilson

MR11. Moved by Mr. Schmidt on behalf of Ms Phillips:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of all documents, including tables and graphs, prepared between April 16, 2019, and August 15, 2019, containing or relating to the projections and forecasts used by the Government to determine the effect of the corporate tax reduction on Government revenue.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 5

Dach Renaud Schmidt

Feehan Sabir

Against the motion: 15

Armstrong-Homeniuk Long Toor
Ellis Lovely van Dijken
Getson Rosin Walker
Horner Singh Williams
Issik Smith Yaseen

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 205 Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month Act — Mr. Singh

Mr. Williams, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 205 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-East) — Adjourned Sessional Paper 534/2020

Motions Other Than Government Motions

515. Moved by Mr. Horner:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work with electricity agencies and electric utilities to lower transmission and distribution costs for consumers.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, the Assembly adjourned at 5:55 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

Mr. Schow moved to adjourn debate and report progress.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 21

Allard LaGrange Reid Armstrong-Homeniuk Lovely Rowswell Copping Madu Rutherford Glasgo McIver Schow Gotfried Orr Singh Guthrie Smith Panda Hanson Rehn Yao

Against the motion: 7

Eggen Nielsen Sabir
Ganley Pancholi Shepherd

Hoffman

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

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

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

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

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

Mr. Yao, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 46 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre) — Defeated

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Amendment to Bill 46 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 536/2020

Amendment to Bill 46 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 537/2020

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2), Hon. Mr. Madu, Deputy Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no morning sitting on Tuesday, December 8, 2020.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Madu, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:47 p.m. until Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Judy Gordon, Member for Lacombe-Stettler, 1993 to 2004, who passed away in December 2020.

Members' Statements

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding comments made by the Premier concerning the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Issik, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding Hanukkah.

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement and read a poem reflecting on the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, made a statement regarding protests in India over its federal agriculture bill and the support for these protests in the Edmonton-Meadows constituency.

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, made a statement and read a poem regarding Government action and the conduct of the Official Opposition during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding Bill 47, Ensuring Safety and Cutting Red Tape Act, 2020.

Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the need to support seniors' mental health and safely observe the holiday season during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, made a statement regarding the agricultural sector's contributions toward Alberta's economic recovery.

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding the conduct of the Official Opposition.

Speaker's Statement - Rebecca Hicks and Maria Ovcharenko

The Speaker recognized Rebecca Hicks and Maria Ovcharenko, two Legislative Assembly employees selected to participate in the annual Commonwealth Youth Parliament.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given December 7, 2020:

Bill 211 Municipal Government (Firearms) Amendment Act, 2020 — Ms Glasgo

Notice having been given:

Bill 212 Official Sport of Alberta Act — Mr. Yaseen

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Copy of a petition containing approximately 5,000 signatures asking for compassionate care ratios, accountability and regulations, and affordable and compassionate care alternatives for the elder care system in Alberta

Sessional Paper 538/2020

Hon. Mr. Glubish, Minister of Service Alberta, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-25, s86:

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Annual Report 2019-20 Sessional Paper 539/2020 Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Several draft amendments to Bill 47, Ensuring Safety and Cutting Red Tape Act, 2020

Sessional Paper 540/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the afternoon, including for the duration in Committee of the Whole.

Government Motions

53. Oral notice having been given December 7, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 35, Tax Statutes (Creating Jobs and Driving Innovation) Amendment Act, 2020, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 27

Aheer Rutherford Luan Allard Madu Savage Copping McIver Schow Dreeshen Nally Schulz Glubish Neudorf Schweitzer Gotfried **Nicolaides** Toews $Nixon \ ({\it Calgary-Klein})$ Hunter Turton Walker Issik Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) LaGrange Panda Wilson

Against the motion: 7

Dang Hoffman Sabir Eggen Pancholi Shepherd

Ganley

55. Oral notice having been given December 7, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 46, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2), is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Milliken in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 26

Aheer Luan Savage Allard Madu Schow Copping McIver Schulz Dreeshen Neudorf Schweitzer **Nicolaides** Glubish Toews Gotfried Turton Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Hunter Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Walker Issik Wilson Panda

LaGrange Rutherford

Against the motion: 7

Dang Hoffman Sabir Eggen Pancholi Shepherd

Ganley

59. Oral notice having been given December 7, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 48, Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2020 (No. 2), is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Milliken in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 26

Aheer Luan Savage Allard Madu Schow Copping McIver Schulz Dreeshen Schweitzer Neudorf Glubish Nicolaides Toews Gotfried $Nixon \ ({\it Calgary-Klein})$ Turton Hunter Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Walker Issik Panda Wilson

LaGrange Rutherford

Against the motion: 7

Dang Hoffman Sabir Eggen Pancholi Shepherd

Ganley

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, moved that the Bill be amended by striking out section 63.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Milliken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Dang Hoffman Sabir Eggen Pancholi Shepherd

Ganley

Against the amendment: 24

Aheer LaGrange Rutherford Allard Luan Savage Copping McIver Schow Dreeshen Neudorf Schulz Glubish **Nicolaides** Toews Gotfried Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Turton Hunter Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Walker Issik Panda Wilson

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, moved that the Bill be amended in section 68

- (a) by renumbering clause (a) as clause (a.1), and
- (b) by adding the following immediately before clause (a.1)
 - (a) by adding the following immediately after subsection (2)(b):
 - (b.1) make accessible, or attempt to make accessible, health information in contravention of this Act,
 - (b.2) limit accessibility, or attempt to limit accessibility, to health information in contravention of this Act.

Pursuant to Government Motion 55, agreed to on December 8, 2020, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:33 p.m. the question was immediately put on amendment A5 to Bill 46, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2), which was defeated. With Mr. Milliken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Ceci Hoffman Sabir Eggen Pancholi Shepherd

Ganley

Against the amendment: 24

Allard Rutherford Luan Copping Madu Savage Dreeshen McIver Schow Glubish Neudorf Schulz Gotfried **Nicolaides** Toews Hunter Turton Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Issik Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Walker LaGrange Panda Wilson

Pursuant to Government Motion 55, agreed to on December 8, 2020, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:37 p.m. the question was immediately put on the clauses of Bill 46, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2), which was agreed to. With Mr. Milliken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 24

Allard LaGrange Panda Copping Luan Rutherford Dreeshen Madu Savage Ellis McIver Schulz Glubish Neudorf Toews Gotfried **Nicolaides** Turton Hunter Walker Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Issik Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Wilson

Against the motion: 7

Ceci Hoffman Sabir Eggen Pancholi Shepherd

Ganley

Pursuant to Government Motion 55, agreed to on December 8, 2020, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:41 p.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble of Bill 46, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2), which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 55, agreed to on December 8, 2020, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:42 p.m. the question was immediately put that Bill 46, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2), be reported, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

Pursuant to Government Motion 59, agreed to on December 8, 2020, and Standing Order 21(1), at 5:42 p.m. the question was immediately put on the remaining clauses of Bill 48, Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2020 (No. 2), which was agreed to. With Mr. Milliken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 22

Allard Luan Panda Copping Madu Rutherford Nally Dreeshen Savage Ellis Neudorf Schulz Glubish Nicolaides Turton Hunter Walker Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Issik Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Wilson

LaGrange

Against the motion: 6

Ceci Ganley Sabir Eggen Hoffman Shepherd Pursuant to Government Motion 59, agreed to on December 8, 2020, and Standing Order 21(1), at 5:47 p.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble of Bill 48, Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2020 (No. 2), which was agreed to. With Mr. Milliken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 23

Allard Rutherford Luan Copping Madu Savage Dreeshen Nally Schulz Ellis Neudorf Schweitzer Turton Glubish **Nicolaides** Hunter Walker Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Issik $Nixon \ ({\tt Rimbey-Rocky \ Mtn. \ House-Sundre}) \quad Wilson$

LaGrange Panda

Against the motion: 6

Ceci Ganley Sabir Eggen Hoffman Shepherd

Pursuant to Government Motion 59, agreed to on December 8, 2020, and Standing Order 21(1), at 5:52 p.m. the question was immediately put that Bill 48, Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2020 (No. 2), be reported, which was agreed to. With Mr. Milliken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 23

Allard Rutherford Luan Copping Madu Savage Dreeshen Nally Schulz Ellis Neudorf Schweitzer Nicolaides Glubish Turton Hunter Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Walker Issik $Nixon \ ({\tt Rimbey-Rocky \ Mtn. \ House-Sundre}) \quad Wilson$

LaGrange Panda

Against the motion: 6

Ceci Ganley Sabir Eggen Hoffman Shepherd

Hon. Mr. Madu, Deputy Government House Leader, moved to rise and report Bill 46, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2), and Bill 48, Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2020 (No. 2).

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Milliken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 23

Rutherford Allard Luan Copping Madu Savage Dreeshen Nally Schulz Ellis Neudorf Schweitzer Glubish Nicolaides Turton Hunter Walker Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Issik Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Wilson

LaGrange Panda

Against the motion: 6

Ceci Ganley Sabir Eggen Hoffman Shepherd

The Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

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

Mr. Neudorf, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 46 (A3) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre on December 7, 2020) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 537/2020

Amendment to Bill 46 (A4) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 541/2020

Amendment to Bill 46 (A5) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 542/2020

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:01 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the evening, including for the duration in Committee of the Whole.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Government Motions

56. Oral notice having been given December 7, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 46, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2), is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 25

Aheer Madu Rutherford McIver Allard Savage Copping Nally Schow Glubish Neudorf Schulz Goodridge Nicolaides Toews Hunter Turton Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Issik Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Walker LaGrange Wilson Panda

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Against the motion: 7

Carson Irwin Sabir

Ceci Nielsen Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Goehring

60. Oral notice having been given December 7, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 48, Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2020 (No. 2), is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

57. Oral notice having been given December 7, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 47, Ensuring Safety and Cutting Red Tape Act, 2020, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 26

Rutherford Aheer Luan Allard Madu Savage Copping McIver Schow Dreeshen Nally Schulz Glubish Neudorf Toews Goodridge Nicolaides Turton Hunter Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Walker Issik Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Wilson

LaGrange Panda

Against the motion: 7

Carson Irwin Sabir

Ceci Nielsen Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Goehring

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 46, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2), be not now read a Third time but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.

Sessional Paper 543/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

Pursuant to Government Motion 56, agreed to on December 8, 2020, and Standing Order 21(1), at 9:07 p.m. the question was immediately put on the amendment to the motion for Third Reading of Bill 46, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2), which was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 6

Carson Irwin Sabir

Goehring Nielsen Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Against the amendment: 23

Aheer LaGrange Savage Allard Luan Schow Copping McIver Schulz Neudorf Schweitzer Dreeshen Glubish **Nicolaides** Toews $Nixon \ ({\sf Rimbey\text{-}Rocky \ Mtn. \ House\text{-}Sundre})$ Goodridge Turton Hunter Panda Wilson

Issik Rutherford

Pursuant to Government Motion 56, agreed to on December 8, 2020, and Standing Order 21(1), at 9:13 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 46, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2), which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 25

Aheer Luan Rutherford Allard McIver Savage Copping Nally Schow Dreeshen Neudorf Schulz Glubish **Nicolaides** Schweitzer Goodridge Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Toews Hunter Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Turton Issik Panda Wilson

LaGrange

Against the motion: 6

Carson Irwin Sabir

Goehring Nielsen Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

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

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

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 60, agreed to on December 8, 2020, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:17 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 48, Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2020 (No. 2), which was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 27

Aheer LaGrange Panda Allard Luan Rutherford Copping Madu Savage Dreeshen McIver Schow Glubish Nally Schulz Goodridge Neudorf Schweitzer Hunter **Nicolaides** Toews Issik Turton Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Kenney Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Wilson

Against the motion: 9

Carson Gray Notley
Ceci Irwin Sabir
Goehring Nielsen Sweet

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

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

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

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

— Hon, Mr. Toews

Pursuant to Government Motion 53, agreed to on December 8, 2020, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:23 p.m. the question was immediately put on the clauses of Bill 35, Tax Statutes (Creating Jobs and Driving Innovation) Amendment Act, 2020, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 53, agreed to on December 8, 2020, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:23 p.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble of Bill 35, Tax Statutes (Creating Jobs and Driving Innovation) Amendment Act, 2020, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 53, agreed to on December 8, 2020, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:23 p.m. the question was immediately put that Bill 35, Tax Statutes (Creating Jobs and Driving Innovation) Amendment Act, 2020, be reported, which was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 26

Aheer Kenney Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Allard LaGrange Rutherford Copping Luan Savage Dreeshen Madu Schulz Ellis McIver Schweitzer Glubish Nally Toews Turton

Goodridge Neudorf Turton Hunter Nicolaides Wilson

Issik Nixon (Calgary-Klein)

Against the motion: 9

Carson Gray Sabir

Ceci Irwin Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Goehring Notley Sweet

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

Pursuant to Government Motion 57, agreed to on December 8, 2020, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:28 a.m. the question was immediately put on amendment A9 to Bill 47, Ensuring Safety and Cutting Red Tape Act, 2020 (\$), which was defeated.

Pursuant to Government Motion 57, agreed to on December 8, 2020, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:28 a.m. the question was immediately put on the clauses of Bill 47, Ensuring Safety and Cutting Red Tape Act, 2020 (\$), which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 57, agreed to on December 8, 2020, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:28 a.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble of Bill 47, Ensuring Safety and Cutting Red Tape Act, 2020 (\$), which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 57, agreed to on December 8, 2020, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:28 a.m. the question was immediately put that Bill 47, Ensuring Safety and Cutting Red Tape Act, 2020 (\$), be reported, which was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 23

Aheer Rutherford Kenney Allard Luan Savage Copping Madu Schulz Dreeshen Nally Schweitzer Ellis Neudorf Toews Goodridge **Nicolaides** Turton Hunter Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Wilson

Issik Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)

Against the motion: 8

Carson Irwin Sabir Feehan Nielsen Sweet

Gray Notley

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

The following Bills were reported:

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

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

Mr. Neudorf, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 47 (A2) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods on December 3, 2020) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 528/2020

Amendment to Bill 47 (A3) (Hon. Member Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 544/2020

Amendment to Bill 47 (A4) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 545/2020

Amendment to Bill 47 (A5) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 546/2020

Amendment to Bill 47 (A6) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 547/2020

Amendment to Bill 47 (A7) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 548/2020

Amendment to Bill 47 (A8) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 549/2020

Amendment to Bill 47 (A9) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 550/2020

Third Reading

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

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

— Hon. Mr. Toews

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

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

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

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

Government Motions

54. Oral notice having been given December 7, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 35, Tax Statutes (Creating Jobs and Driving Innovation) Amendment Act, 2020, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

58. Oral notice having been given December 7, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 47, Ensuring Safety and Cutting Red Tape Act, 2020, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

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

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 54, agreed to on December 8, 2020, and Standing Order 21(1), at 1:55 a.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 35, Tax Statutes (Creating Jobs and Driving Innovation) Amendment Act, 2020, which was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 25

LaGrange Rutherford Aheer Allard Luan Savage Copping Madu Schow Dreeshen Nally Schulz Ellis Neudorf Schweitzer Goodridge Nicolaides Toews Hunter Turton Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Issik $Nixon \ ({\tt Rimbey-Rocky \ Mtn. \ House-Sundre}) \quad Wilson$

Kenney

Against the motion: 9

Carson Gray Notley
Dach Irwin Sabir
Feehan Nielsen Sweet

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

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

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 58, agreed to on December 8, 2020, and Standing Order 21(1), at 3:00 a.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 47, Ensuring Safety and Cutting Red Tape Act, 2020 (\$), which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 27

Aheer Kenney Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)

Allard LaGrange Rutherford Copping Luan Savage Dreeshen Madu Schow Ellis McIver Schulz Glubish Nally Schweitzer Goodridge Neudorf Toews Hunter **Nicolaides** Turton Issik Wilson Nixon (Calgary-Klein)

Against the motion: 8

Carson Gray Sabir
Dach Irwin Sweet

Feehan Nielsen

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 35 Tax Statutes (Creating Jobs and Driving Innovation) Amendment Act, 2020
 Hon. Mr. Toews
- Bill 47 Ensuring Safety and Cutting Red Tape Act, 2020 (\$) Hon. Mr. Copping

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 50, agreed to on December 2, 2020, and on advice by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, to the Assembly that the business for the Fall Sitting is concluded, the Assembly adjourned at 3:07 a.m. Wednesday, December 9, 2020, until February 2021.

THIRD SITTING FEBRUARY 25, 2021, TO JUNE 16, 2021

Thursday, February 25, 2021

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Members James Henderson, Member for Leduc, 1963 to 1971, and Member for Wetaskiwin-Leduc, 1971 to 1975, who passed away on June 29, 2020; L. Barry Pashak, Member for Calgary-Forest Lawn, 1986 to 1993, who passed away on February 3, 2021; and Elaine McCoy, Member for Calgary-West, 1986 to 1993, who passed away on December 29, 2020.

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Government Motions.

Government Motions

62. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that, despite Standing Orders 13(7), 16, and 32(4)(b), for the duration of the 2021 Spring Sitting of the Second Session of the 30th Legislature, and to allow for appropriate physical distancing within the Chamber during that time, all Members may sit, speak, and vote in any seat that has not been assigned to them provided that they immediately relinquish that seat on the request of

- (a) the Member who has been assigned that seat, or
- (b) the Speaker.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Members' Statements

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the Government's Critical Worker Benefit.

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, made a statement regarding several Government policies to address the health and economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding Ken Fowler and Hannelie Eder, two Albertan aviators who passed away on September 26, 2020.

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, made a statement regarding a lack of Government action to address racism in Alberta.

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, made a statement regarding Pink Shirt Day.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement regarding Government funding for post-secondary institutions.

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding federal and provincial COVID-19 vaccination distribution.

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement regarding the Government's Critical Worker Benefit.

Mr. Orr, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding private-sector innovation in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Speaker's Statement — Table Officer

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of Stephanie LeBlanc, Clerk Assistant and Senior Parliamentary Counsel, whose last day as a Table Officer in the Chamber is today, and thanking her for her service to the Legislative Assembly.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader:

2021-22 Main Estimates Schedule, Second Session, 30th Legislature Sessional Paper 565/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

63. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the membership of the Assembly's committees be replaced as follows:

- A. on the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, that Mr. Rowswell replace Mr. Getson and Mr. Rowswell replace Mr. Getson as Deputy Chair, Ms Issik replace Ms Glasgo, and Mr. Yaseen replace Mr. Turton;
- B. on the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, that Ms Rosin replace Mr. Nixon, Mr. Smith replace Mr. van Dijken, and Mr. Yaseen replace Mr. Walker;
- C. on the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, that Mr. Dang replace Ms Ganley, Mr. Amery replace Mr. Horner, Mr. Rutherford replace Mr. Neudorf, and Mr. Getson replace Mr. Nixon;

- D. on the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing, that Mr. Barnes replace Ms Issik, Ms Ganley replace Ms Pancholi, and Mr. Gotfried replace Mr. Yao;
- E. on the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, that Mr. Guthrie replace Mr. Gotfried as Deputy Chair, Mr. Walker replace Mr. Gotfried, Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk replace Mr. Barnes, Ms Pancholi replace Mr. Dach, Mr. Neudorf replace Mr. Reid, Ms Lovely replace Ms Rosin, Mr. Singh replace Mr. Stephan, and Mr. Turton replace Mr. Toor;
- F. on the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services, that Mr. Sigurdson replace Mr. Walker;
- G. on the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future, that Ms Sweet replace Mr. Dang, Mr. van Dijken replace Mr. Horner, Mr. Rowswell replace Mr. Stephan, and Mr. Walker replace Mr. Toor;
- H. on the Standing Committee on Families and Communities, that Ms Lovely replace Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Gotfried replace Mr. Nixon, and Mr. Smith replace Mr. Yao;
- on the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, that Mr. Guthrie replace Ms Fir, Ms Issik replace Mr. Rehn, and Mr. Turton replace Mr. Smith.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

64. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

- A. Be it resolved that temporary amendments be made to the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, effective February 10, 2021, as follows:
 - (a) Standing Order 3 is amended
 - (i) in suborder (4) by striking out "(8) or (9)" and substituting "(8), (9) or (10)", and
 - (ii) by adding the following after suborder (9):
 - (10) Subject to suborder (12), the Speaker may extend a period of adjournment in accordance with suborder (11) if the Speaker is satisfied that either of the following applies:
 - (a) the Assembly should not meet on that specific date or time due to an emergency event;
 - (b) it is in the public interest for the period of adjournment to be extended.
 - (11) The Speaker may extend an adjournment by, after consulting with the Government House Leader and the Official Opposition House Leader,

- (a) specifying the date and time until which the adjournment is extended, and
- (b) providing notice of that date and time when the Assembly shall next meet to transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that date and time.
- (12) A period of adjournment extended under suborder (11) may be superseded by subsequent notification from the Government under suborder (8) that the Assembly must meet.
- (b) Standing Order 5 is amended
 - (i) in suborder (1) by striking out "20 Members" and substituting "12 Members", and
 - (ii) by striking out suborder (2) and substituting the following:
 - (2) If, during a sitting of the Assembly, a question of quorum arises, the Speaker shall, on determining that a quorum is lacking
 - (a) order the bells to ring for no longer than 15 minutes,
 - (b) conduct a count of the Members present immediately after the bells are rung, and
 - (c) if quorum is still lacking on conclusion of the count, declare a recess or adjourn the Assembly until the next sitting day.
- B. Be it further resolved that the temporary amendments in this motion come into force on passage and expire at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, June 4, 2021.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

66. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that Bill 211, Municipal Government (Firearms) Amendment Act, 2020, be moved to Government Bills and Orders on the Order Paper.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Temporary Recess

The Speaker recessed the Assembly at 3:00 p.m. until 3:15 p.m.

Budget Address / Messages From Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, delivered certain Messages from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker read the Messages to the Assembly (the Members standing).

Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related documents:

Pursuant to the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, s4.1(1):

2021-22 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, General Revenue Fund Sessional Paper 566/2020-21

2021-22 Government Estimates, General Revenue Fund

Sessional Paper 567/2020-21

Pursuant to the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, ss1(2) and 5(4):

Budget 2021 Government of Alberta 2021-24 Strategic Plan

Sessional Paper 568/2020-21

Budget 2021 Ministry Business Plans

Sessional Paper 569/2020-21

Government Motions

Prior to moving Government Motion 61, Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related document, pursuant to the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, ss1(2) and 4(4):

Budget 2021-24 Fiscal Plan

Sessional Paper 570/2020-21

61. Moved by Hon. Mr. Toews:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the business plans and fiscal policies of the Government, as presented in the Assembly on February 25, 2021.

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

Intersessional Deposits

Pursuant to Standing Order 38.1(3), the following documents were deposited with the Clerk of the Assembly and are deemed to have been laid before the Assembly:

Hon. Mrs. Sawhney, Minister of Community and Social Services, pursuant to the Protection Against Family Violence Act, cP-27, s19(2):

Family Violence Death Review Committee 2019/2020 Annual Report, deposited on January 6, 2021

Sessional Paper 551/2020-21

Mr. Schow, Chair of the Select Special Democratic Accountability Committee, pursuant to Government Motion 25, agreed to on June 18, 2020:

Select Special Democratic Accountability Committee Final Report, Review of the Election Act and the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, January 2021, deposited on January 8, 2021 Sessional Paper 552/2020-21

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

Pursuant to a motion agreed to by the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services on January 20, 2021, Special Standing Committee on Members' Services Subcommittee to Review the Members' Services Committee Orders and Expenditure Guidelines Interim Report, Review of the Constituency Services Order, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, January 2021, deposited on January 20, 2021

Sessional Paper 553/2020-21

Pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s39(3), Special Standing Committee on Members' Services Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 33), Order No. MSC 01/21, deposited on January 20, 2021

Sessional Paper 554/2020-21

Mr. Schow, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Child and Youth Advocate Act, cC-11.5, s21(4):

Standing Committee on Legislative Offices Report on the Review of the Office of the Child and Youth Advocate 2019-2020 Annual Report, January 2021, deposited on January 27, 2021

Sessional Paper 555/2020-21

Ms Goodridge, Chair, Standing Committee on Families and Communities, pursuant to the Advocate for Persons with Disabilities Act, cA-5.5, s6(5):

Standing Committee on Families and Communities Review of the Office of the Advocate for Persons with Disabilities Evaluation Summary Report, October 2020, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, January 2021, deposited on January 27, 2021

Sessional Paper 556/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta Dental Association and College Annual Report 2019, deposited on January 29, 2021

Sessional Paper 557/2020-21

College and Association of Respiratory Therapists of Alberta Annual Report 2020, deposited on January 29, 2021

Sessional Paper 558/2020-21

College of Dental Technologists of Alberta 2019 Annual Report, deposited on January 29, 2021

Sessional Paper 559/2020-21

College of Hearing Aid Practitioners of Alberta 2019-20 Annual Report, deposited on January 29, 2021

Sessional Paper 560/2020-21

College of Podiatric Physicians of Alberta 2019 Annual Report, deposited on January 29, 2021

Sessional Paper 561/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Dreeshen, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, pursuant to the Livestock Identification and Commerce Act, cL-16.2, s90(3) and the Stray Animals Act, cS-20, s33(3):

Livestock Identification Services Ltd. Report to the Minister and Summary of Activities, April 1, 2019, to March 31, 2020, deposited on February 5, 2021

Sessional Paper 562/2020-21

Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Education, pursuant to the Teaching Profession Act, cT-2, s15(2):

Alberta Teachers' Association 2019 Annual Report, deposited on February 12, 2021

Sessional Paper 563/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Alberta Annual Report 2019-2020, deposited on February 16, 2021

Sessional Paper 564/2020-21

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Orders 3(6) and 4(2), and on motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:53 p.m. until Monday, March 8, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 8, 2021

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Members Ty Lund, Member for Rocky Mountain House, 1989 to 2012, who passed away on February 28, 2021, and Janice Sarich, Member for Edmonton-Decore, 2008 to 2015, who passed away on February 26, 2021.

Members' Statements

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding International Women's Day.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding a lack of Government action to support women in Alberta.

Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement recognizing Sergeant Andrew Harnett of the Calgary Police Service, who was killed during a traffic stop on December 31, 2020.

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to develop a plan for Calgary's economy.

Mrs. Allard, Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement regarding International Women's Day and the MLA Youth Council.

Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement regarding a COVID-19 outbreak and mouse infestation at the Churchill Manor retirement home.

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding freedom of speech and healthy debate within and between political parties.

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding Social Work Week and the effects of Government policies on social workers.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding initiatives in the Camrose constituency that support and give back to seniors.

Notices of Motions

Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, gave oral notice of her intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the fact that Alberta has the highest number of per-capita variant cases in Canada, saw a record number of new variant cases on March 7, and efforts to fight this are undermined by: contradictory Government caucus communications about the efficacy of public health measures, interference with evidence-based decision making during a public health emergency, and lack of transparency around public health recommendations and COVID-19 modelling.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, on behalf of Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

Briefing note dated June 10, 2020, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills to Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, providing a summary of the changes proposed in Bill 203, Pension Protection Act

Sessional Paper 571/2020-21

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Paramedics 2019-2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 572/2020-21

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Insurance Act, cI-3, s601(2):

Alberta Automobile Insurance Rate Board Annual Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Sessional Paper 573/2020-21

Speaker's Statement – Commonwealth Day

The Speaker made a statement and read a message from Her Majesty the Queen in recognition of Commonwealth Day 2021.

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the fact that Alberta has the highest number of per-capita variant cases in Canada, saw a record number of new variant cases on March 7, and efforts to fight this are undermined by: contradictory Government caucus communications about the efficacy of public health measures, interference with evidence-based decision making during a public health emergency, and lack of transparency around public health recommendations and COVID-19 modelling.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was not in order.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 205 Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month Act — Mr. Singh

Ms Issik, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Subamendment to Bill 205 (A1-SA1) (Hon. Member for Peace River) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 574/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 205 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary- East on December 7, 2020) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 534/2020-21

Motions Other Than Government Motions

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to replace the version of Motion 516 currently standing on the Order Paper in her name with the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take into consideration the views of the residents of Calgary, Lethbridge, and Red Deer, who are well served by a local, integrated model of emergency dispatch, and immediately take steps to reverse the decision to implement the centralization of the dispatch of emergency medical services.

516. Moved by Ms Phillips:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take into consideration the views of the residents of Calgary, Lethbridge, and Red Deer, who are well served by a local, integrated model of emergency dispatch, and immediately take steps to reverse the decision to implement the centralization of the dispatch of emergency medical services.

A debate followed.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Debate adjourned, Ms Phillips speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement regarding Government funding to the post-secondary education sector.

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding Government policies to support Albertans during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding a child known as "Mighty Max" and the recent approval of funding for his medical treatment.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, made a statement regarding the proposed Budget 2021.

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding challenges faced by homeless shelters during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding her treatment by the Lethbridge Police Service.

Mr. Hanson, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, made a statement regarding the need to invest in proper infrastructure in northern Alberta.

Mr. Toor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding insurance coverage for the residents of northeast Calgary, who were affected by a major hailstorm in June 2020.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement recognizing the work of front-line workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 53 Service Alberta Statutes (Virtual Meetings) Amendment Act, 2021 Hon. Mr. Glubish
- Bill 55 College of Alberta School Superintendents Act Hon. Min. LaGrange

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Sigurdson, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, sA-46, s20(2):

Report of the Auditor General of Alberta dated March 2021, entitled "Alberta Advanced Education: Report on Post-secondary Institutions 2020"

Sessional Paper 575/2020-21

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

Document dated September 2020, entitled "EMS Dispatch," prepared by the City of Lethbridge

Sessional Paper 576/2020-21

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(5)(b) and the 2021-2022 Main Estimates schedule, the Assembly adjourned at 2:47 p.m. until Wednesday, March 10, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

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

Speaker's Statement - Oral Question Period and Members' Statements Rotations

Hon. Members, I would like to inform you that there has been a slight modification to the Oral Question Period and Members' Statements rotations as a result of a change in caucus composition in the Assembly. The Member for Lesser Slave Lake, who now sits as an Independent, is entitled to one question per week starting with question eight on day four of the Oral Question Period rotation, which is today, and is allocated one Member's Statement every three weeks, starting on Day 87 of the Projected Sitting Days Calendar.

Members' Statements

Mr. Jones, Hon. Member for Calgary-South East, made a statement regarding economic growth in Alberta.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the proposed Budget 2021 and economic challenges currently faced by the City of Calgary.

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding Alberta's COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding Government funding for income support programs.

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, made a statement regarding proposed federal carbon tax legislation.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding Alberta's agricultural sector.

Ms Issik, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the Prairie Sky Equine Assisted Therapy program.

Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement regarding the proposed privatization of Alberta registries.

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding the need for consistent, reliable funding for rural Alberta.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, gave oral notice of the following motions:

- 67. Be it resolved that the Message from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2020-21 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.
- **68.** Be it resolved that pursuant to Standing Order 61(2), the Committee of Supply shall be called to consider the 2020-21 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2) for three hours on Tuesday, March 16, 2021.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 54 Irrigation Districts Amendment Act, 2021 Hon. Mr. Dreeshen
- Bill 213 Traffic Safety (Maximum Speed Limit for Provincial Freeways)

 Amendment Act, 2021 Mr. Turton

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Panda, Minister of Infrastructure:

5 copies of a form letter dated September 17, 2020, from Hon. Mr. Panda, Minister of Infrastructure, one to Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance; one to Hon. Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities; one to Hon. Seamus O'Regan, Minister of Natural Resources; one to Hon. Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change; and one to provincial and territorial ministers of environment, requesting federal assistance to cover operating costs and to retire the environmental liability for the Swan Hills Treatment Centre

Sessional Paper 577/2020-21

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

FOIP requests from January 1, 2020, to May 21, 2020, for an issues manager calendar, relating to comments made by Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, during Main Estimates consideration on March 9, 2021

Sessional Paper 578/2020-21

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(5)(b) and the 2021-2022 Main Estimates schedule, the Assembly adjourned at 2:49 p.m. until Thursday, March 11, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 11, 2021

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

Speaker's Statement – COVID-19 National Day of Observance

Hon. Members, over the past year Albertans have faced many challenges and endured tremendous loss due to COVID-19. More than 136,000 Albertans have fought COVID-19 during the past 12 months, and sadly, 1,926 people in our province have lost that fight. Today our flags fly at half-mast in recognition of March 11, 2021, as the National Day of Observance for those who have lost their lives as well as for all Albertans who have been significantly impacted by this global pandemic. We are all anxious for life to return to what we once knew as normal, but it is essential that we remember those for whom that will not be possible. Until then, we recognize the strength, commitment and resiliency of Albertans as we continue to face this crisis and carry the burdens for others.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, made a statement regarding the signing of a Relationship Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding to improve the health and well-being of the Siksika'tsi'tapii (remarks made in Blackfoot).

Mr. Feehan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the one-year anniversary of the World Health Organization declaring COVID-19 a pandemic.

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding Social Work Week.

Mrs. Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie-East, made a statement regarding Alberta Francophonie Month.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement regarding the conduct of the Premier's former chief of staff.

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding the Protection of Students with Life-threatening Allergies Act.

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding Government investments.

Mr. Yaseen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North, made a statement regarding the need to eradicate racism.

Mr. Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement regarding the importance of supporting small- and medium-sized oil and gas producers.

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding proposed federal firearms legislation.

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

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Schow, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, presented the following report:

Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills Final Report, Bill 208, Alberta Investment Management Corporation Amendment Act, 2020, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, March 2021

Sessional Paper 579/2020-21

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to the report that the Bill not proceed.

A Member rose to speak to the motion. The Speaker advised that debate on the motion for concurrence will take place on the next available Monday.

Mr. Schow, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, presented the following report:

Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills Final Report, Bill 209, Cost of Public Services Transparency Act, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, March 2021

Sessional Paper 580/2020-21

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

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

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 56 Local Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2021—Hon. Mr. McIver

Bill 57 Metis Settlements Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Wilson

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Panda, Minister of Infrastructure:

Document entitled "Edmonton Schools Currently in Design and Construction and the Student Spaces They Will Create"

Sessional Paper 581/2020-21

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Message From Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, delivered a Message from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker read the Message to the Assembly (the Members standing).

Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following document pursuant to the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, s4(5):

2020-21 Supplementary Supply Estimates No. 2, General Revenue Fund Sessional Paper 582/2020-21

Government Motions

67. Oral notice having been given March 10, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. Toews:

Be it resolved that the Message from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2020-21 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

68. Oral notice having been given March 10, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. Toews:

Be it resolved that pursuant to Standing Order 61(2), the Committee of Supply shall be called to consider the 2020-21 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2) for three hours on Tuesday, March 16, 2021.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 211 Municipal Government (Firearms) Amendment Act, 2020 — Ms Glasgo

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Ms Hoffman speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, March 15, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 15, 2021

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

Speaker's Statement – Anniversary of First Sitting of the Legislative Assembly

The Speaker made a statement recognizing the 115th anniversary of the first sitting of the 1st Legislature of the province of Alberta on March 15, 1906.

Members' Statements

Ms Glasgo, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding Bob Ridley and regarding the need to support junior hockey.

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding the need for private Members to think critically about Government policies.

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding the importance of Canadian energy independence.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding a lack of Government support for residents of northeast Calgary.

Mr. Williams, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding Nowruz.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement recognizing March as Alberta Francophonie Month and urging the Government to fly the Franco-Alberta flag for the entire month (remarks made in French).

Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Cochrane, made a statement regarding Project Jack and Jill.

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to respond to hate crimes against Black Muslim women.

Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the need for a healthy perspective on the COVID-19 pandemic.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 52 Recall Act — Hon. Mr. Madu

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Wilson, Minister of Indigenous Relations, pursuant to the Metis Settlements Act, cM-14, s211(2):

Metis Settlements Appeal Tribunal Annual Report 2020

Sessional Paper 583/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Motions for Concurrence in Committee Reports on Public Bills Other Than Government Bills

Debate continued on the motion moved on March 11, 2021, by Mr. Schow, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, that the Assembly concur in the report of the committee recommending that Bill 208, Alberta Investment Management Corporation Amendment Act, 2020, not proceed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 22

Getson McIver Sawhney Glasgo Orr Schow Glubish Pon Singh Goodridge Reid Stephan Guthrie Rosin Turton Rowswell Walker Hunter LaGrange Rutherford Yao

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Against the motion: 6

Dang Nielsen Renaud

Irwin Pancholi Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 205 Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month Act — Mr. Singh

Mr. Yao, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Subamendment to Bill 205 (A1-SA1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Peace River on March 8, 2021) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 574/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 205 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-East on December 7, 2020) — Agreed to as amended

Sessional Paper 534/2020-21

Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8 in order to proceed immediately to Third Reading debate on Bill 205, Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month Act.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Second Reading

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

Bill 206 Property Rights Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Ms Glasgo

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Nielsen speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

516. Moved by Ms Phillips:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take into consideration the views of the residents of Calgary, Lethbridge, and Red Deer, who are well served by a local, integrated model of emergency dispatch, and immediately take steps to reverse the decision to implement the centralization of the dispatch of emergency medical services.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 7

Dang Nielsen Renaud

Irwin Pancholi Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Loyola

Against the motion: 22

Ellis Luan Rutherford McIver Getson Singh Orr Stephan Glasgo Turton Glubish Pon Goodridge Reid Walker Guthrie Williams Rosin Hunter Rowswell Wilson

LaGrange

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, moved, pursuant to Standing Order 8(1.2), that the Assembly consider Motion 511, the motion other than a Government motion that is next in precedence on the Order Paper.

The question being put, the motion under Standing Order 8(1.2) was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 7

Dang Nielsen Renaud

Irwin Pancholi Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Loyola

Against the motion: 22

Luan Rutherford Getson McIver Singh Stephan Glasgo Orr Turton Glubish Pon Reid Walker Goodridge Wilson Guthrie Rosin Hunter Rowswell Yao

LaGrange

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

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

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

Bill 55 College of Alberta School Superintendents Act — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Hon. Min. LaGrange moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 56 Local Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2021—Hon. Mr. McIver

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

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

Bill 57 Metis Settlements Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Wilson

Debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. Wilson speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

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

Members' Statements

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding the need for coal development policy consultation and a lack of Government support in Lethbridge.

Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding preparedness and self-reliance.

Mr. Rutherford, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding a number of Government investments in the Leduc-Beaumont constituency.

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding comments made by the Hon. Member for Red Deer-South during his Member's Statement on March 15, 2021.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding the Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2).

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding Government funding for the Calgary Green Line project.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding Holi.

Mr. Reid, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the Stavely School Council.

Mr. Orr, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding faith communities and COVID-19 health measures.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 51 Citizen Initiative Act — Hon. Mr. Madu

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Several recent e-mail messages, with senders' names redacted, to Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, regarding United Conservative caucus members and Government staff travelling during the COVID-19 pandemic

Sessional Paper 584/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minster of Environment and Parks:

Letter dated May 24, 2016, from Margaret McCuaig-Boyd, Minister of Energy, to Jim Ellis, President and Chief Executive Officer, Alberta Energy Regulator, providing clarity on Alberta's coal development policy, relating to comments made by Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, during Oral Question Period on March 16, 2021

Sessional Paper 585/2020-21

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Glubish, Minister of Service Alberta:

3 recent e-mail messages, with senders' names redacted, regarding condominium boards holding annual general meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic, relating to comments made by Hon. Mr. Glubish, Minister of Service Alberta, during Second Reading debate on Bill 53, Service Alberta Statutes (Virtual Meetings) Amendment Act, 2021 on March 15, 2021

Sessional Paper 586/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s28(1):

Office of the Ethics Commissioner, Province of Alberta, Report of the Investigation under the Conflicts of Interest Act by Hon. Marguerite Trussler, QC, Ethics Commissioner, into allegations involving Shannon Phillips, Member for Lethbridge-West, March 15, 2021

Sessional Paper 587/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Supplementary Supply Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair and Mrs. Pitt reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2020-21 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2), General Revenue Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021, for the purposes indicated:

Children's Services

Expense	\$30,580,000
Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women	
Expense	\$12,000,000
Education	
Expense	\$43,200,000
Energy	
Expense	\$274,800,000
Health	
Expense	\$323,478,000
Jobs, Economy and Innovation	
Expense Capital Investment	\$381,000,000 \$200,000
Labour and Immigration	
Expense Capital Investment	\$237,436,000 \$550,000

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:55 p.m. until Wednesday, March 17, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding opponents of the oil and gas industry.

Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement regarding the Government's lack of support for workers.

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, made a statement regarding Bill 52, Recall Act.

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the need to prioritize COVID-19 vaccines for cancer patients and their caregivers.

Mr. Milliken, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the economic importance of Alberta's energy industry.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to support community organizations.

Mrs. Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie-East, made a statement regarding the upcoming parole review of a convicted criminal who has stated a desire to live in Bowden.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the absence of a Government plan to address the economic downturn in Calgary.

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement regarding Alberta Francophonie Month (remarks made in French).

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Schow, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, presented the following report:

Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills Final Report, Bill 212, Official Sport of Alberta Act, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, March 2021

Sessional Paper 588/2020-21

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

A Member rose to speak to the motion. The Speaker advised that debate on the motion for concurrence will take place on the next available Monday.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 61 Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

urge the Government to address the current jobs emergency in Alberta as evidenced by the province lagging behind all other Canadian jurisdictions in economic recovery, the province holding the 2nd-highest unemployment rate in the country, and the loss of 1,000 jobs in the last 24 hours by:

- a) committing to fully fund the Alberta Jobs Now program including securing Alberta's \$185 million share of the Workforce Development Agreements from the Federal Government in a timely manner;
- tabling a detailed jobs strategy with cost estimates in the Legislative Assembly no later than May 15, 2021; and
- c) committing to not exacerbating the job loss emergency by eliminating public-sector jobs.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Williams, Hon. Member for Peace River:

41 recent e-mail messages from Albertans to Mr. Williams, Hon. Member for Peace River, requesting that COVID-19 public health restrictions be lifted

Sessional Paper 589/2020-21

Motions Under Standing Order 42

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

urge the Government to address the current jobs emergency in Alberta as evidenced by the province lagging behind all other Canadian jurisdictions in economic recovery, the province holding the 2nd-highest unemployment rate in the country, and the loss of 1,000 jobs in the last 24 hours by:

- a) committing to fully fund the Alberta Jobs Now program including securing Alberta's \$185 million share of the Workforce Development Agreements from the Federal Government in a timely manner;
- b) tabling a detailed jobs strategy with cost estimates in the Legislative Assembly no later than May 15, 2021; and
- c) committing to not exacerbating the job loss emergency by eliminating public-sector jobs.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Mr. Neudorf, Chair, Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future, presented the following report:

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(10), the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future has reviewed the 2021-22 proposed estimates and business plans for the ministries of Advanced Education; Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women; Jobs, Economy and Innovation; Executive Council; Infrastructure; and Labour and Immigration.

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

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(10), the Standing Committee on Families and Communities has reviewed the 2021-22 proposed estimates and business plans for the ministries of Children's Services, Community and Social Services, Education, Health, Justice and Solicitor General, Seniors and Housing, and Service Alberta.

MLA Ceci, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, presented the following report:

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(10), the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship has reviewed the 2021-22 proposed estimates and business plans for the ministries of Agriculture and Forestry, Energy, Environment and Parks, Indigenous Relations, Municipal Affairs, Transportation, and Treasury Board and Finance.

MLA Ceci then presented a proposed amendment to the 2021-22 estimates for the Ministry of Energy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.03(1)(a), the following amendment was voted on:

The question being put on amendment A1, proposed by Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, that the 2021-22 Main Estimates of the Ministry of Energy be reduced for Industry Advocacy under reference 2.3 at page 81 by \$26,999,000, so that the amount to be voted at page 79 for Expenses is \$1,595,957,000, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 6

Ceci Ganley Hoffman Feehan Gray Loyola

Against the amendment: 26

Ellis Madu Sawhney Getson McIver Singh Glasgo Toews Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Goodridge Orr Turton Gotfried Walker Pon Guthrie Reid Williams Wilson Hunter Rosin Kenney Rowswell Yao Rutherford LaGrange

Amendment to the Main Estimates for the Ministry of Energy (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 590/2020-21

The question being put on the resolutions for the 2021-22 Government Estimates, General Revenue Fund for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 25

Ellis Madu Rutherford Getson McIver Sawhney Glasgo $Nixon \ ({\tt Rimbey-Rocky \ Mtn. \ House-Sundre})$ Singh Goodridge Toews Orr Gotfried Pon Turton Guthrie Reid Walker Hunter Rosin Williams Kenney Rowswell Wilson

LaGrange

Against the motion: 7

Ceci Ganley Hoffman
Dach Gray Loyola

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And after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair and Mrs. Pitt reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2021-22 Offices of the Legislative Assembly and the 2021-22 Government Estimates for the General Revenue Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022, for the departments and purposes indicated:

Support to the Legislative Assembly	\$65,915,000
Office of the Auditor General	\$26,250,000
Office of the Ombudsman	\$3,847,000
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	\$11,213,000
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	\$932,000
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	\$6,998,000
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	\$14,922,000
Office of the Public Interest Commissioner	\$1,030,000

Advanced Education

Expense	\$2,607,219,000
Capital Investment	\$25,000
Financial Transactions	\$731,100,000

Agriculture and Forestry

Expense	\$627,227,000
Capital Investment	\$13,262,000
Financial Transactions	\$1,310,000

Children's Services

Expense	\$1,384,557,000
Capital Investment	\$350,000

Community and Social Services

Expense	\$3,912,305,000
Capital Investment	\$547,000

Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women

Expense	\$225,808,000
Capital Investment	\$2,331,000
Financial Transactions	\$1,995,000

Education

Expense	\$4,906,896,000
Capital Investment	\$1,433,000
Financial Transactions	\$17,297,000

Energy

Expense	\$1,622,956,000
Capital Investment	\$500,000
Financial Transactions	\$96,970,000

Environment and Parks

Expense	\$556,295,000
Capital Investment	\$119,764,000
Financial Transactions	\$4,019,000

Executive Council

Expense	\$18,255,000
Capital Investment	\$25,000

Health

Expense	\$21,755,542,000
Capital Investment	\$28,230,000
Financial Transactions	\$70,676,000

Indigenous Relations

Expense	\$214,671,000
Capital Investment	\$25,000

Infrastructure

Expense	\$446,767,000
Capital Investment	\$1,993,913,000
Financial Transactions	\$21,137,000

Jobs, Economy and Innovation

Expense	\$380,010,000
Capital Investment	\$1,825,000
Financial Transactions	\$25,000,000

Justice and Solicitor General

Expense	\$1,275,644,000
Capital Investment	\$18,258,000

Labour and Immigration

Expense	\$331,588,000
Capital Investment	\$1,102,000

Municipal Affairs

Expense	\$1,703,019,000
Capital Investment	\$9,188,000
Financial Transactions	\$7,990,000

Seniors and Housing

Expense	\$670,526,000
Capital Investment	\$25,000
Financial Transactions	\$19,700,000

Service Alberta

Expense	\$529,051,000
Capital Investment	\$97,327,000
Financial Transactions	\$5,500,000

Transportation

Expense	\$1,412,152,000
Capital Investment	\$1,533,845,000
Financial Transactions	\$114,679,000

Treasury Board and Finance

Expense	\$211,096,000
Capital Investment	\$25,000
Contingency	\$2,500,000,000

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 55 College of Alberta School Superintendents Act — Hon. Min. LaGrange

A debate followed.

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

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

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

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 64(3), at 5:45 p.m. the Speaker interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper for Second Reading, which was agreed to.

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

- Bill 59 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2021 (\$) Hon. Mr. Toews
- Bill 211 Municipal Government (Firearms) Amendment Act, 2020 Ms Glasgo

Adjournment

On motion by MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, the Assembly adjourned at 5:46 p.m. until Thursday, March 18, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 18, 2021

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

Speaker's Statement — International Francophonie Day

The Speaker made a statement regarding Franco-Albertans and recognizing March 20, 2021, as International Francophonie Day.

Members' Statements

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding a lack of Government support for permanent housing for unhoused people in Edmonton.

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement regarding New Democratic Party opposition to Budget 2021.

Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding challenges faced by the airline industry during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement regarding the need for increased Government support for universal affordable child care.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding Government action to support the health and economy of the Calgary-East constituency during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding comments made by the Minister of Environment and Parks concerning water allocation orders on the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains.

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, made a statement regarding the resilience of faith communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding the Residents in Recovery program.

Mr. Rehn, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the importance of Canadian energy security.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

69. Be it resolved that:

1. A Select Special Committee on Real Property Rights be established and consist of the following Members:

Sigurdson (Highwood) (Chair)	Goodridge	Nielsen
Rutherford (Deputy Chair)	Hanson	Orr
Ganley	Rowswell	Schmidt
Glasgo	Milliken	Sweet

- 2. The Committee's mandate is limited to consideration of the following matters:
 - (a) whether the legal remedies available to a real property owner who is deprived of the use of their real property are adequate;
 - (b) whether the real property rights should be expanded, or in the case of an individual, constitutionally protected;
 - (c) whether the law of adverse possession should be abolished;
 - (d) whether the expropriation processes provided under the Expropriation Act are adequate;
 - (e) any other matter that the Committee decides is necessary to ensure the completeness of its review;
- 3. The Committee may, if it considers it relevant to its mandate, review any part of the following Acts, including any regulation made under that Act:
 - (a) Alberta Bill of Rights;
 - (b) Alberta Land Stewardship Act;
 - (c) Expropriation Act;
 - (d) Land Titles Act;
 - (e) Law of Property Act;
 - (f) Limitations Act;
 - (g) Responsible Energy Development Act;

- (h) any other Act, a review of which the Committee determines is necessary to ensure completeness of its review;
- 4. During the course of its review, the Committee
 - (a) continues despite a prorogation of a Session of the 30th Legislature, and
 - (b) may, without leave of the Assembly, meet during a period when the Assembly is prorogued;
- 5. The Committee may, subject to the Chair's approval, pay any reasonable costs necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities, specifically the costs of advertising, staff assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel and other similar costs;
- 6. The Committee may, during the course of its review, utilize the services of any of the following:
 - (a) Legislative Assembly Office employees, or
 - (b) subject to the approval of the head of a department or an office of the Legislature, the public service employees of that department or office;
- 7. No later than December 15, 2021, the Committee must submit a report to the Assembly that sets out its recommendations, if any;
- 8. If the Assembly is not sitting on the day that the Committee completes its report, the Chair of the Committee must, as soon as practicable
 - (a) deposit the report with the Clerk in accordance with Standing Order 38.1, and
 - (b) provide a copy of the report to each Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

Screenshot of a portion of an Angus-Reid poll asking about a potential merger between ATB Financial and TD Canada Trust, relating to comments made by Ms Phillips during Oral Question Period on March 18, 2021

Sessional Paper 591/2020-21

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

Alberta Canola Producers Commission news release dated March 17, 2021, entitled "Alberta producer organizations encourage the Government of Alberta to accept the current AgriStability proposal"

Sessional Paper 592/2020-21

Document dated November 20, 2020, entitled "Oldman River Basin Water Allocation Order Information Briefing," prepared by Alberta Environment and Parks

Sessional Paper 593/2020-21

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud:

8 recent pieces of correspondence from residents of the Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills constituency to Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, expressing support for \$25-a-day child care

Sessional Paper 594/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

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

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, pursuant to Standing Order 64(4), at 4:15 p.m. the Chair interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper referred to Committee of the Whole, which was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:16 p.m. until Monday, March 22, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 22, 2021

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement regarding the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and denouncing recent hate crimes in Alberta.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding an increase in people leaving Alberta to live in other provinces.

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, made a statement regarding George Visser, who was recently inducted into the Alberta Agriculture Hall of Fame.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding a proposal to privatize Alberta's land titles and corporate registry services.

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding a proposed industrial hemp processing plant in Vegreville.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding changes to the business plan of the Ministry of Community and Social Services for Budget 2021.

Mr. Jones, Hon. Member for Calgary-South East, made a statement regarding Budget 2021.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding the Government's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding the need for reasonable and temporary restrictions on gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given March 17, 2021:

Bill 61 Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Yaseen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North:

Letter dated March 5, 2021, from Steve McDonough, President and Chairman of the Board, Calgary Stampede, and Dana Peers, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Calgary Stampede, to Members of the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, expressing support for Bill 212, Official Sport of Alberta Act

Sessional Paper 595/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(1) in order to proceed immediately to consideration of Government Motion 69.

Government Motions

69. Oral notice having been given March 18, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that

1. A Select Special Committee on Real Property Rights be established and consist of the following Members:

Sigurdson (Highwood) (Chair)	Goodridge	Orr
Rutherford (Deputy Chair)	Hanson	Rowswell
Ganley	Milliken	Schmidt
Glasgo	Nielsen	Sweet

- 2. The Committee's mandate is limited to consideration of the following matters:
 - (a) whether the legal remedies available to a real property owner who is deprived of the use of their real property are adequate;
 - (b) whether the real property rights should be expanded, or in the case of an individual, constitutionally protected;
 - (c) whether the law of adverse possession should be abolished;
 - (d) whether the expropriation processes provided under the Expropriation Act are adequate;
 - (e) any other matter that the Committee decides is necessary to ensure the completeness of its review;

- The Committee may, if it considers it relevant to its mandate, review any part of the following Acts, including any regulation made under that Act:
 - (a) Alberta Bill of Rights;
 - (b) Alberta Land Stewardship Act;
 - (c) Expropriation Act;
 - (d) Land Titles Act;
 - (e) Law of Property Act;
 - (f) Limitations Act;
 - (g) Responsible Energy Development Act;
 - (h) any other Act, a review of which the Committee determines is necessary to ensure completeness of its review;
- 4. During the course of its review, the Committee
 - (a) continues despite a prorogation of a Session of the 30th Legislature, and
 - (b) may, without leave of the Assembly, meet during a period when the Assembly is prorogued;
- 5. The Committee may, subject to the Chair's approval, pay any reasonable costs necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities, specifically the costs of advertising, staff assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel and other similar costs;
- 6. The Committee may, during the course of its review, utilize the services of any of the following:
 - (a) Legislative Assembly Office employees, or
 - (b) subject to the approval of the head of a department or an office of the Legislature, the public service employees of that department or office;
- 7. No later than December 15, 2021, the Committee must submit a report to the Assembly that sets out its recommendations, if any;
- 8. If the Assembly is not sitting on the day that the Committee completes its report, the Chair of the Committee must, as soon as practicable
 - (a) deposit the report with the Clerk in accordance with Standing Order 38.1, and
 - (b) provide a copy of the report to each Member of the Legislative Assembly.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Motions for Concurrence in Committee Reports on Public Bills Other Than Government Bills

Debate continued on the motion moved on March 17, 2021, by Mr. Schow, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, that the Assembly concur in the report of the committee recommending that Bill 212, Official Sport of Alberta Act, proceed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 30

Aheer Jones Savage Allard Lovely Schmidt Armstrong-Homeniuk Nally Schulz

Copping Neudorf Sigurdson (Highwood)

Nielsen Singh Dang Dreeshen $Nixon \ ({\it Calgary-Klein})$ Smith Fir Pancholi Toews Horner Panda Toor Irwin **Phillips** van Dijken Issik Renaud Yaseen

Against the motion: 0

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 205 Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month Act — Mr. Singh

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 32

Allard Lovely Savage
Armstrong-Homeniuk Loyola Schmidt
Copping Nally Schulz

Dang Neudorf Sigurdson (Highwood)

Ellis Nielsen Singh Fir Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Smith Horner Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Toews Irwin Pancholi Toor Issik Panda van Dijken Jones **Phillips** Yaseen

Kenney Renaud

Against the motion: 0

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 205 Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month Act — Mr. Singh

Motions Other Than Government Motions

511. Moved by MLA Loyola:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly affirm that it is unquestionably in Alberta's interest to remain part of the Canadian federation and unequivocally denounce calls for Alberta to become a state that is independent of a strong and united Canada.

A debate followed.

Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, moved, pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), that Motion other than a Government Motion 511 be moved to the bottom of the relevant item of business on the Order Paper.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 25

Aheer Jones Panda Allard Kenney Schulz

Armstrong-Homeniuk Lovely Sigurdson (Highwood)

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Against the motion: 8

Dang Nielsen Renaud Irwin Pancholi Schmidt

Loyola Phillips

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, moved, pursuant to Standing Order 8(1.2), that the Assembly consider Motion 517, the Motion Other Than a Government Motion that is next in precedence on the Order Paper.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

517. Moved by Mr. Dang (amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to denounce the display and use of all symbols and insignia associated with racism and hate speech in all public spaces and further denounce all demonstrations, marches and rallies meant to terrorize and promote racism, including recent rallies held in Alberta during which some attendees carried symbols associated with racism such as tiki torches.

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, MLA Irwin speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Tuesday, March 23, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to address the rise of Islamophobia and racism in Alberta.

Mr. Toor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding the importance of Albertans getting vaccinated in order to combat the COVID-19 virus.

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, made a statement regarding the need for regionally based restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the Renewable Electricity Program.

Ms Issik, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding Alberta Precision Laboratories and their work on genetic sequencing of the COVID-19 virus.

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the need for new schools in the Edmonton-Decore constituency.

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding Government investment in mental health and addiction supports for the homeless.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding Careers: The Next Generation and its Youth Internship Incentive Program.

Mr. Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement regarding the Foothills Lions Rugby Football Club.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

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

Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills Final Report, Bill 213, Traffic Safety (Maximum Speed Limit for Provincial Freeways) Amendment Act, 2021, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, March 2021

Sessional Paper 596/2020-21

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

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Ellis, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, presented the following petition for Private Bills:

of Reverend Michael Blair, General Secretary, on behalf of The United Church of Canada, for The United Church of Canada Amendment Act, 2021.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

- **70.** Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly express profound dismay at the revocation of the permit issued by the President of the United States authorizing the Keystone XL Pipeline border crossing, as the Assembly is of the view the decision will:
 - a) lead to the loss of an estimated 60,000 direct, indirect and induced jobs associated with the Keystone XL project, in both Canada and the United States;
 - b) undermine North American energy security, making the United States more dependent on OPEC oil imports in the future;
 - c) damage the critically important Canada-US bilateral relationship; and

be it further resolved that the Assembly express its gratitude to the majority of members of the United States Senate and the coalition of state governments who are seeking a reversal of this decision; and

that the Assembly call upon the Government of the United States to compensate the Government of Alberta and TC Energy for damages created by the arbitrary revocation of the Presidential permit.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 58 Freedom to Care Act — Hon. Mrs. Aheer

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. Savage, Minister of Energy, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Minister of Jobs, Economy and Innovation:

Responses to questions raised by Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, March 10, 2021, Ministry of Executive Council, 2021-22 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 597/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 64(3), at 5:45 p.m. the Deputy Speaker interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper for Second Reading, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:45 p.m. until Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding misinformation with respect to Alberta's energy industry.

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding Budget 2021.

Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding the harmful effects of cancel culture.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the lack of kosher food options in Alberta's correctional facilities.

Mrs. Allard, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement recognizing the achievements of two Albertans from the Grande Prairie constituency.

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to reintroduce an eviction ban and rent freeze during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding federal government policies affecting Alberta.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to invest in diversifying the agriculture industry.

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the electricity system in Alberta.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud:

Copy of a petition from 1,140 Albertans urging the Government to continue the early learning and child care program (also known as the \$25-a-day childcare program) or to create an extension of the Early Learning and Child Care program that will support families beyond the March 31, 2021, scheduled end date

Sessional Paper 598/2020-21

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Alberta Farmer Express website article dated March 22, 2021, entitled "The plant protein ship hasn't sailed – but time is running out," relating to comments made by Ms Sweet during Second Reading debate on Bill 60, Appropriation Act, 2021, on March 23, 2021

Sessional Paper 599/2020-21

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, on behalf of Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs:

Copies of more than 150 form letters to Hon. Mrs. Aheer, Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women, from community leagues and associations from Edmonton and Calgary, expressing concern regarding Budget 2021 and the Community Facility Enhancement Program

Sessional Paper 600/2020-21

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

CBC News website article dated March 23, 2021, entitled "'Not asking for the moon': CBE trustees worry what lack of capital funding means for future," relating to comments made by Ms Hoffman during Oral Question Period on March 24, 2021

Sessional Paper 601/2020-21

Calgary Herald website article dated March 23, 2021, entitled "CBE pushes wish list amid no capital funding and \$173 million in deferred maintenance," relating to comments made by Ms Hoffman during Oral Question Period on March 24, 2021

Sessional Paper 602/2020-21

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

191 e-mail messages to Mr. Loyola regarding the United Nurses of Alberta calling on the Government to reverse the proposed cuts to health care worker positions

Sessional Paper 603/2020-21

36 e-mail messages to Mr. Loyola asking that Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, rescind a recent ministerial order regarding AIMCo and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund

Sessional Paper 604/2020-21

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Madu, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, pursuant to the Statutes Repeal Act, cS-19.3, s2(1):

Report, undated, entitled "Statutes Repeal Act – 2021 List" Sessional Paper 605/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

65. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), for the duration of the 2021 Spring Sitting of the Second Session of the 30th Legislature, the Assembly shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings for consideration of Government business unless the Government House Leader, or a member of the Executive Council on the Government House Leader's behalf, advises the Assembly that there shall be no evening sitting by providing notice during Notices of Motions in the Daily Routine or at any time no later than 6 p.m. on the sitting day on which the evening sitting will be cancelled.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 54 Irrigation Districts Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Dreeshen

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

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

Bill 58 Freedom to Care Act — Hon. Mrs. Aheer

Hon. Mrs. Aheer moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:56 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Motions

70. Oral notice having been given March 23, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly express profound dismay at the revocation of the permit issued by the President of the United States authorizing the Keystone XL Pipeline border crossing, as the Assembly is of the view the decision will:

- a) lead to the loss of an estimated 60,000 direct, indirect and induced jobs associated with the Keystone XL project, in both Canada and the United States:
- b) undermine North American energy security, making the United States more dependent on OPEC oil imports in the future;

c) damage the critically important Canada-US bilateral relationship; and

be it further resolved that the Assembly express its gratitude to the majority of members of the United States Senate and the coalition of state governments who are seeking a reversal of this decision; and

that the Assembly call upon the Government of the United States to compensate the Government of Alberta and TC Energy for damages created by the arbitrary revocation of the Presidential permit.

A debate followed.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, moved that the motion be amended by adding the following after "Presidential permit":

Be it further resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of Alberta to immediately publish

- (a) a complete estimate of the potential claim for damages by the Government of Alberta as a result of the revocation of the Presidential permit, and
- (b) a detailed breakdown of the financial commitments made by the Government of Alberta and TC Energy, including equity investments, loan guarantees, and reimbursement plans, under the agreement between those parties that was entered into in 2020 in respect of the Keystone XL project.

Sessional Paper 606/2020-21

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 8

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Irwin Renaud Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

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Against the amendment: 25

Aheer Issik Savage
Allard Jones Schow
Amery Loewen Schulz

Armstrong-Homeniuk Nally Sigurdson (Highwood)

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Debate continued on the main motion.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, pursuant to Standing Order 64(4), at 10:15 p.m. the Chair interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper referred to Committee of the Whole, which was agreed to.

The Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill 53 Service Alberta Statutes (Virtual Meetings) Amendment Act, 2021 Hon. Mr. Glubish
- Bill 60 Appropriation Act, 2021 (\$) Hon. Mr. Toews

Ms Lovely, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 53 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday) — Defeated Sessional Paper 607/2020-21

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nally, Associate Minister of Natural Gas and Electricity, the Assembly adjourned at 10:29 p.m. until Thursday, March 25, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 25, 2021

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Nicolaides, Minister of Advanced Education, made a statement commemorating the 200th anniversary of Greek independence.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding Budget 2021 and schools.

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding the need for investment in rural Alberta communities.

Mr. Milliken, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the Imagine Sunalta project.

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, made a statement regarding Budget 2021 and rising acts of racism.

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the Métis Nation of Alberta and Bill 57, Metis Settlements Amendment Act, 2021.

Ms Fir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Peigan, made a statement regarding Passover.

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to address systemic poverty.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement recognizing small family-run businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

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

In accordance with Standing Order 99, the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills has reviewed the petition that was presented on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, and I can advise the Assembly that the petition complies with Standing Orders 90 to 94.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

The Canadian Journal of Psychiatry article, undated, entitled "The Impact of Supervised Consumption Services on Fentanyl-related Deaths: Lessons Learned from Alberta's Provincial Data"

Sessional Paper 608/2020-21

Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader:

Letter dated February 23, 2021, from Alberta Co-op Taxiline Ltd. to whom it may concern regarding its drivers not being eligible for the Critical Worker Benefit Sessional Paper 609/2020-21

Letter dated February 26, 2021, from Barry Sharkey, General Manager, BPS Protective Services K-9 Inc. Edmonton, to Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, regarding BPS workers not being eligible for the Critical Worker Benefit Sessional Paper 610/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Child and Youth Advocate Act, cC-11.5, s9.1(5):

Office of the Child and Youth Advocate Alberta Mandatory Reviews into Child Deaths, April 1, 2020, to September 30, 2020

Sessional Paper 611/2020-21

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations:

Supplemental response to a question raised by Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, March 10, 2021, Ministry of Executive Council 2021-22 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 612/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 64(5), at 4:15 p.m. the Acting Speaker interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper for Third Reading, which was agreed to. With Mr. Milliken in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 33

Aheer Issik Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)

Allard Jones Panda Amery Kenney Savage Armstrong-Homeniuk Loewen Schow

Barnes Long Sigurdson (Highwood)

Copping Lovely Smith Dreeshen Madu Toews Ellis Nally Toor Fir Neudorf van Dijken Goodridge Nicolaides Williams Horner Yaseen Nixon (Calgary-Klein)

Against the motion: 8

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The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Orders 3(6) and 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:33 p.m. until Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Ty Lund, Member for Rocky Mountain House, 1989 to 2012, who passed away on February 28, 2021.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Ty Lund, Member for Rocky Mountain House, 1989 to 2012, who passed away on February 28, 2021.

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement recognizing the hard work and challenges faced by healthcare workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Rutherford, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement recognizing the 104th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge and regarding the importance of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Ms Glasgo, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat, made a statement recognizing the third anniversary of the Humboldt Broncos bus collision.

Mr. Feehan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the absence of Indigenous Alberta history in the recently proposed Alberta kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum.

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, made a statement regarding the benefits of the recently proposed Alberta kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding a lack of Government action to advance progress on the Calgary Green Line project.

Mr. Orr, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding Enhance Energy.

Mr. Milliken, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the Glendale Community Hall rebuilding campaign.

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

Mr. Walker, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding the Disclosure to Protect Against Domestic Violence (Clare's Law) Act, which comes into force on April 1, 2021.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bills:

- Bill 63 Police (Street Checks and Carding) Amendment Act, 2021 Hon. Mr. Madu
- Bill 64 Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021 Hon. Mr. Nixon
- Bill 65 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 Hon. Mr. Shandro
- Bill 66 Public Health Amendment Act, 2021 Hon. Mr. Shandro

Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 214 Eastern Slopes Protection Act — Ms Notley

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to listen to the concerns and voices of Albertans, educators and experts, and delay the pilot of their draft K to 6 curriculum until a broad consultation with staff, teachers, students, parents, curriculum experts and all Albertans is completed, given the significant negative public response to the draft curriculum.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Pancholi, Hon, Member for Edmonton-Whitemud:

31 pieces of correspondence from Albertans to Hon. Ms Schulz, Minister of Children's Services, expressing concern regarding the discontinuation of the \$25-a-day child care program

Sessional Paper 613/2020-21

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Statement, undated, prepared by the Association of Alberta Deans of Education, advising that the organization will not endorse the recently proposed Alberta kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum

Sessional Paper 614/2020-21

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health:

Pursuant to the Public Health Act, cP-37, s7(2), Public Health Appeal Board 2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 615/2020-21

Hospital Privileges Appeal Board 2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 616/2020-21

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Pon, Minister of Seniors and Housing:

Supplemental response to a question raised by Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, March 17, 2021, Ministry of Seniors and Housing 2021-22 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 617/2020-21

Motions Under Standing Order 42

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to listen to the concerns and voices of Albertans, educators and experts, and delay the pilot of their draft K to 6 curriculum until a broad consultation with staff, teachers, students, parents, curriculum experts and all Albertans is completed, given the significant negative public response to the draft curriculum.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 55 College of Alberta School Superintendents Act — Hon. Min. LaGrange

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 54 Irrigation Districts Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Dreeshen

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 56 Local Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2021—Hon. Mr. McIver

A debate followed.

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

Government Motions

70. Oral notice having been given March 23, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly express profound dismay at the revocation of the permit issued by the President of the United States authorizing the Keystone XL Pipeline border crossing, as the Assembly is of the view the decision will:

- a) lead to the loss of an estimated 60,000 direct, indirect and induced jobs associated with the Keystone XL project, in both Canada and the United States;
- b) undermine North American energy security, making the United States more dependent on OPEC oil imports in the future;
- c) damage the critically important Canada-US bilateral relationship; and

be it further resolved that the Assembly express its gratitude to the majority of members of the United States Senate and the coalition of state governments who are seeking a reversal of this decision; and

that the Assembly call upon the Government of the United States to compensate the Government of Alberta and TC Energy for damages created by the arbitrary revocation of the Presidential permit.

A debate followed.

Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, moved that the motion be amended by adding the following after "Presidential permit":

And be it further resolved that the Legislative Assembly request the Auditor General to audit the agreement between the Government of Alberta and TC Energy entered into in 2020 in respect of Keystone XL, and report to the Legislative Assembly on the results of the audit by September 1, 2022.

Sessional Paper 618/2020-21

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, moved that the motion be amended by

- (a) striking out "and" at the end of clause (c), and
- (b) adding the following immediately after clause (c):
 - (d) result in a loss to Albertans of public funds in the range of \$1.3 billion and \$7.5 billion; and

Sessional Paper 619/2020-21

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, moved that the motion be amended by adding the following after "Presidential permit":

And be it further resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of Alberta to table in the Assembly a copy of all third-party and internal risk assessments that the Government of Alberta considered prior to entering into an agreement with TC Energy in which it agreed to a \$1.5 billion equity investment in the Keystone XL project in 2020.

Sessional Paper 620/2020-21

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 29

Ceci Kenney Rosin Dach LaGrange Rowswell Feehan Sawhney Luan Glasgo McIver Schow Glubish $Nixon \ ({\tt Rimbey-Rocky \ Mtn. \ House-Sundre}) \quad Schweitzer$ Goodridge Singh Orr Gotfried Williams Pitt Pon Wilson Gray Guthrie Rehn Yao Hunter Reid

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Against the motion: 0

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 211 Municipal Government (Firearms) Amendment Act, 2020 — Ms Glasgo

Mr. Gotfried, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 211 (A1) (Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 621/2020-21

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:42 p.m. until Wednesday, April 7, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

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

Speaker's Statement – Member's Anniversary

The Speaker made a statement recognizing Hon. Mr. Luan, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, on five years of service as a Member of the Legislative Assembly. The Speaker then presented Hon. Mr. Luan with a five-year Mace pin.

Members' Statements

Ms Rosin, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, made a statement regarding the Government's work to increase investment in environmental conservation.

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding the Premier's handling of the health and economic aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding Yom HaShoah.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the recently proposed Alberta kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum.

Mr. Reid, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the mental health challenges faced by farmers and rural Albertans during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement regarding funding for post-secondary institutions.

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement recognizing the achievements of three young women from northeastern Alberta.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the efforts of the previous New Democratic Party Government to support current and veteran Canadian Forces members and their families.

Mrs. Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie-East, made a statement regarding the need for a fair relationship between Alberta and the federal government.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

- 71. A. Be it resolved that despite any Standing Order, practice of the Legislative Assembly or the 2021 sessional calendar, at any time during the Second Session of the 30th Legislature the Government House Leader may, upon providing a minimum of 24 hours' written notice to the Speaker, advise that the public interest requires the Assembly to sit extended hours
 - (a) on Thursday beyond the normal adjournment hour, or
 - (b) on Friday or Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. commencing with prayers followed by
 - (i) the ordinary Daily Routine to consist of those items set out in Standing Order 7(1), with Oral Question Period commencing at 10:20 a.m. and, for the purpose of Standing Order 7(7) and (8), the Daily Routine shall be deemed completed at 11:30 a.m., and
 - (ii) Orders of the Day to consist of those items of business set out in Standing Order 8(2)

and the Speaker shall give notice that the Assembly shall meet at that time to transact its business;

B. And be it further resolved that this motion (a) takes effect immediately on passage, and (b) expires at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, June 4, 2021.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given April 6, 2021:

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

Bill 214 Eastern Slopes Protection Act — Ms Notley

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Copy of a petition containing 351 signatures urging the Legislative Assembly to reverse recent changes to the AISH program payment date

Sessional Paper 622/2020-21

Copy of an online petition containing 281 names regarding recent changes to the AISH program

Sessional Paper 623/2020-21

Copy of an online petition containing 3,990 names regarding recent changes to AISH program payment dates

Sessional Paper 624/2020-21

Copy of online comments made in connection with an online petition regarding recent changes to AISH payment dates

Sessional Paper 625/2020-21

Mr. Reid, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod:

Report, undated, entitled "Submission to the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food: Strengthening Canada's Agricultural Sector – A Canadian Network for Farmer Mental Health," prepared Dr. Andria Jones-Bitton, Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph, relating to comments made by Mr. Reid during his Member's Statement on April 7, 2021

Sessional Paper 626/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 51 Citizen Initiative Act — Hon. Mr. Madu

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 61 Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

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

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

Bill 56 Local Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2021—Hon. Mr. McIver

A debate followed.

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

Bill 56, Local Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2021, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 627/2020-21

A debate followed on the amendment.

Debate adjourned on the amendment, Ms Gray speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 54 Irrigation Districts Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Dreeshen

Second Reading

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

Bill 56 Local Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2021—Hon. Mr. McIver

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, on April 7, 2021, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 56, Local Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2021, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 627/2020-21

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Madu, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:59 p.m. until Thursday, April 8, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 8, 2021

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding recent comments made by United Conservative Caucus Members concerning COVID-19 restrictions.

Mr. Reid, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding recent indications of an economic recovery in Alberta.

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement regarding the Government's Civil Society Fund.

Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement regarding the recently proposed Alberta kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum.

Mr. Rutherford, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding the recently proposed Alberta kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding Autism Awareness Month.

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding the federal government and access to the COVID-19 vaccine.

Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Cochrane, made a statement regarding the Canadian Energy Centre.

Ms Glasgo, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the recently proposed Alberta kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum.

Notices of Motions

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly affirm the need to uphold and enforce all current public health measures now, and prevent the spread of COVID-19 so that our businesses, our schools, our communities, and our economy as a whole can get back to normal and get back to work as soon as possible.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 62 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Hunter

Oral notice having been given April 6, 2021:

Bill 65 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Motions Under Standing Order 42

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly affirm the need to uphold and enforce all current public health measures now, and prevent the spread of COVID-19 so that our businesses, our schools, our communities, and our economy as a whole can get back to normal and get back to work as soon as possible.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 211 Municipal Government (Firearms) Amendment Act, 2020 — Ms Glasgo

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Reid in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 20

Glasgo Luan Singh Glubish Orr Stephan Goodridge Pitt Turton Walker Gotfried Pon Wilson Guthrie Rehn Hunter Rowswell Yao Schweitzer LaGrange

Against the motion: 6

Dang Nielsen Renaud Irwin Pancholi Schmidt

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 54 Irrigation Districts Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Dreeshen

Bill 211 Municipal Government (Firearms) Amendment Act, 2020 — Ms Glasgo

Second Reading

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

Bill 56 Local Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. McIver

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, April 12, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 12, 2021

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

Speaker's Statement – Passing of His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

The Speaker made a statement and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, who passed away on April 9, 2021.

Members' Statements

Mr. Yaseen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North, made a statement regarding impaired driving.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding recent comments made by United Conservative caucus members concerning COVID-19 restrictions.

Mr. Hanson, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, made a statement regarding the need for more students from rural communities in Alberta medical schools.

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding Ramadan.

Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding the potential value of regional policing in Alberta.

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the Premier's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Fir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Peigan, made a statement regarding the recently proposed Alberta kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding Ramadan and the need to take a stand against Islamophobia.

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the Spruceview Lodge in Whitecourt.

Speaker's Statement - Impartiality of the Chair

Members, in my first remarks to this Assembly upon being elected as your Speaker just shy of two years ago, I shared with you some guiding words of my grandmother, that I have reflected upon greatly over the past few days. Those words were this: in our haste to do good, we must never forget to be good for our families, our communities, our province, and to each other. In haste, I engaged on a matter of political discourse that may have raised questions about the impartiality of the Chair. Upon quiet reflection and given the benefit of time, I have regret for my error in judgment.

I have always believed in the fundamental sanctity of our democracy and its institutions that are built to uphold it. It is my job to serve you in my role as Speaker and ensure the privileges you enjoy as elected Members are upheld and treated with that same sanctity of the institution. The principle of the impartiality of the Chair is fundamental to a healthy, functioning democracy. I deeply regret my actions, that they may have jeopardized the importance and supremacy of this principle.

I serve the Legislature at the pleasure and in the confidence of its Members. I do not take this responsibility lightly. I apologize to each and every one of you for crossing a line that the Speaker ought not cross. My goal as Speaker has always been to bring forward momentum, learning, and improving. I can assure my colleagues that I have taken significant learnings from this event, and I recommit to you to give you my best at every turn, and I apologize unreservedly.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motions:

72. Hon. Mr. Kenney to propose that an humble address be presented to Her Majesty The Queen as follows:

To Her Majesty The Queen:

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, wish to express the deepest sympathies of this Assembly on the death of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and the heartfelt thanks of this Assembly and the Province of Alberta for his unfailing dedication to Canada and the Commonwealth, exemplified in his distinguished service in the Royal Navy in the Second World War, his commitment to young people in setting up the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, his passionate commitment to the environment, and his unstinting support to Your Majesty throughout his life.

73. Hon. Mrs. Savage to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 56, Local Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2021, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Second Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

74. Hon. Mrs. Savage to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 56, Local Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2021, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given April 6, 2021:

Bill 64 Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Bill 66 Public Health Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Notice having been given:

Bill Pr2 The United Church of Canada Amendment Act, 2021 — Ms Phillips

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Report dated February 2, 2021, entitled "Summary of Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) Survey," prepared by the office of Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert

Sessional Paper 628/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 206 Property Rights Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Ms Glasgo

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Milliken in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 28

Aheer Issik Pancholi
Allard Loewen Panda
Amery Long Phillips
Armstrong-Homeniuk Lovely Renaud
Dang Nally Rutherford

DreeshenNeudorfSigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)EllisNicolaidesSigurdson (Highwood)FirNielsenvan DijkenHansonNixon (Calgary-Klein)Yaseen

Irwin

Against the motion: 0

Pursuant to Standing Order 78.1 and on motion by Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, the following Bill was referred to the Select Special Committee on Real Property Rights for the Committee's review:

Bill 206 Property Rights Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Ms Glasgo

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

Bill 207 Reservists' Recognition Day Act — Mr. Rutherford

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, MLA Irwin speaking.

The following Bill was read a Second time:

Bill 206 Property Rights Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Ms Glasgo

Motions Other Than Government Motions

517. Moved by Mr. Dang (amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to denounce the display and use of all symbols and insignia associated with racism and hate speech in all public spaces and further denounce all demonstrations, marches and rallies meant to terrorize and promote racism, including recent rallies held in Alberta during which some attendees carried symbols associated with racism such as tiki torches.

A debate followed.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the afternoon sitting.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 28

Aheer Issik Renaud Allard Long Savage Amery Lovely Shepherd

Armstrong-Homeniuk Neudorf Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Copping Nicolaides Sigurdson (Highwood)

DangNielsenSmithDreeshenNixon (Calgary-Klein)ToorEllisPancholivan DijkenFirPhillipsYaseen

Irwin

Against the motion: 0

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:43 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 56 Local Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2021—Hon. Mr. McIver

A debate followed.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, on behalf of Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 56, Local Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2021, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that municipalities cannot sustain the reduction in funding proposed by the Bill without making substantial cuts to services or substantial increases to property taxes.

Sessional Paper 629/2020-21

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

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

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

Bill 58 Freedom to Care Act — Hon. Mrs. Aheer

Debate adjourned.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 55 College of Alberta School Superintendents Act — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nally, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:59 p.m. until Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Members' Statements

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding Bill 56, Local Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2021.

Mr. Yaseen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North, made a statement regarding Ramadan.

Mr. Toor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding Vaisakhi (remarks made in Punjabi).

Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement regarding Government actions and the well-being of Albertans during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding economic opportunities in Lethbridge.

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding positive COVID-19 cases among some staff who work in the Legislature Building and the need for Government transparency.

Mrs. Allard, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, recited a poem regarding cancel culture.

Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding the recently proposed Alberta kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum.

Mr. Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement regarding restaurant owners.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

75. Be it resolved that when further consideration of Government Motion 71 is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the motion, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the motion shall be put forthwith.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 67 Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Education Act — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health:

Supplemental response to a question raised by Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, March 9, 2021, Ministry of Health 2021-22 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 630/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

72. Oral notice having been given April 12, 2021, Hon. Mr. Kenney proposed that an humble address be presented to Her Majesty The Queen as follows:

To Her Majesty The Queen:

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, wish to express the deepest sympathies of this Assembly on the death of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and the heartfelt thanks of this Assembly and the Province of Alberta for his unfailing dedication to Canada and the Commonwealth, exemplified in his distinguished service in the Royal Navy in the Second World War, his commitment to young people in setting up the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, his passionate commitment to the environment, and his unstinting support to Your Majesty throughout his life.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 64 Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Ms Schulz on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon

A debate followed.

Mr. Schow moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 66 Public Health Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Hon. Mr. Shandro moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nally, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:52 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 66 Public Health Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

A debate followed.

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 57 Metis Settlements Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Wilson

A debate followed.

Mr. Ceci moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 61 Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:33 p.m. until Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Members' Statements

Ms Issik, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding Bill 64, Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021.

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the recently proposed Alberta kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum.

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, read a letter from a constituent regarding the need to fast-track the approval and funding processes for the drug Trikafta.

Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement regarding the lack of Government policies to address unemployment during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding the Alberta Petrochemicals Incentive Program.

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting seniors in continuing care during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, made a statement regarding the federal carbon tax.

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, made a statement regarding the recently proposed Alberta kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum.

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding the recently proposed Alberta kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Calgary Herald website article dated March 19, 2021, entitled "Alberta Health quietly updated travel expenses policy after panel exceeded travel, meal budget by \$10K"

Sessional Paper 631/2020-21

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

88 e-mail messages from Albertans to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the recently proposed Alberta kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum

Sessional Paper 632/2020-21

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Online article, undated, entitled "Hate won't stop me from taking up space in my city"

Sessional Paper 633/2020-21

Online article, undated, entitled "8 Key Issues for Indigenous Peoples In Canada," relating to comments made by MLA Loyola during Second Reading debate on Bill 57, Metis Settlements Amendment Act, 2021, on April 13, 2021

Sessional Paper 634/2020-21

Online article, undated, entitled "The Indigenous people killed by Canada's police"

Sessional Paper 635/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 65 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

A debate followed.

Mrs. Allard moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 66 Public Health Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

A debate followed.

Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 66, Public Health Amendment Act, 2021, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there has not been sufficient public consultation on the proposed legislative amendments.

Sessional Paper 636/2020-21

A debate followed on the amendment.

Debate adjourned on the amendment.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 64 Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nixon

A debate followed.

Mr. Dang moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 58 Freedom to Care Act — Hon. Mrs. Aheer

A debate followed.

Mr. Long moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 51 Citizen Initiative Act — Hon. Mr. Madu

A debate followed.

Ms Renaud moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the evening.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 57 Metis Settlements Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Wilson

A debate followed.

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, on behalf of Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 57, Metis Settlements Amendment Act, 2021, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that the Government failed to adequately consult with the Metis Settlement General Council in respect of the provisions of the Bill, therefore unduly harming the Government's relationship with the Metis people of Alberta.

Sessional Paper 637/2020-21

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Dang Pancholi Renaud

Irwin Phillips Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Nielsen

Against the amendment: 23

Aheer Issik Schow Allard Jones Schulz

Amery Loewen Sigurdson (Highwood)

Armstrong-Homeniuk Nally Toews
Copping Neudorf Toor
Dreeshen Nicolaides van Dijken
Fir Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Yaseen

Horner Panda

Debate continued on the main motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 24

Aheer Issik Schow Allard Jones Schulz

Amery Loewen Sigurdson (Highwood)

Armstrong-Homeniuk Lovely Smith
Copping Nally Toews
Dreeshen Nicolaides Toor
Fir Nixon (Calgary-Klein) van Dijken
Horner Panda Yaseen

Against the motion: 7

Dang Pancholi Renaud

Irwin Phillips Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Nielsen

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 57 Metis Settlements Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Wilson

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nally, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:44 a.m. Thursday, April 15, 2021, until 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 15, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Members' Statements

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding recent school closures in Calgary due to rising COVID-19 cases.

Mr. Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement regarding Bill 67, Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Education Act.

Mr. Jones, Hon. Member for Calgary-South East, made a statement regarding the importance of family mental health supports during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding the Premier's actions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Issik, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the expansion of Alberta's COVID-19 vaccine rollout.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding Jessie's House and the need for consistent support for women's shelters during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding challenges faced by small-business owners during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Fir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Peigan, made a statement regarding National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day and the Calgary Humane Society.

Mr. Rehn, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the Rumble Alberta challenge.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 69 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Bill 215 Seniors Advocate Act — Ms Sigurdson

Bill 216 Fire Prevention and Fire Services Recognition Act — Ms Lovely

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Panda, Minister of Infrastructure:

Supplemental response to a question raised by Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, March 8, 2021, Ministry of Infrastructure 2021-22 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 638/2020-21

Notification card regarding construction of the Valley Line West LRT, prepared by the City of Edmonton

Sessional Paper 639/2020-21

Report dated December 1, 2020, entitled "Unsolicited Report Framework and Guidelines," prepared by the Ministry of Infrastructure, Government of Alberta Sessional Paper 640/2020-21

Mr. Rehn, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake:

Two charts depicting STARS Air Ambulance usage in northern Alberta communities

Sessional Paper 641/2020-21

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Open letter to Ms Rosin, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, undated, from Bear Street Family Physicians Doctors James Baergen, Elisabeth Brodeur, Nancy Blaney, Mette Hoegh-Petersen, Monica O'Gorman, and Dino Smiljic, relating to comments made by Ms Hoffman during Oral Question Period on April 15, 2021

Sessional Paper 642/2020-21

Several recent e-mail messages from Albertans to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the recently proposed Alberta kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum

Sessional Paper 643/2020-21

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Several recent e-mail messages from Albertans to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the recently proposed Alberta kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum

Sessional Paper 644/2020-21

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre:

Several recent e-mail messages from Albertans to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the recently proposed Alberta kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum

Sessional Paper 645/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 67 Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Education Act — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

Hon. Mr. Nicolaides moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 55 College of Alberta School Superintendents Act — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

- (a) by striking out section l(l)(q);
- (b) by renumbering section 14 as section 14(1) and
 - (i) in subsection (1), by striking out "If an individual meets" and substituting "Subject to subsection (2), if an individual meets", and
 - (ii) by adding the following immediately after subsection (1):
 - (2) An individual who is an active member of the Alberta Teachers' Association is not eligible to be a non-regulated member of the College.
- (c) in section 15, by striking out subsection (2) and substituting the following:
 - (2) A membership granted to an individual employed in a position referred to in section 17(1) is effective on the date of commencement of the individual's employment in that position.
- (d) in section 16
 - (i) in subsection (1), by striking out "section 17(1)(a) or (b)" and substituting "section 17(1)",
 - (ii) by striking out subsection 2,
 - (iii) by renumbering subsection (3) as subsection (2) and striking out "or (2), as the case may be" in that subsection,
 - (iv) by renumbering subsection (4) as subsection (3) and, in that subsection, striking out "subsection (3)" and substituting "subsection (2)",
 - (v) by renumbering subsection (5) as subsection (4) and, in that subsection, striking out "section 1 7(1)(a) or (b)" and substituting "section 17(1)", and
 - (vi) by striking out subsection (6);
- (e) in section 17
 - (i) in subsection (1)
 - (A) by striking out "the employment of" and substituting "the employment or appointment of", and
 - (B) by striking out clause (c) and substituting the following:
 - (c) a secretary or treasurer of a school board.
 - (ii) in subsections (2) and (3), by striking out "employed in" and substituting "employed in or appointed to";
- (f) in sections 25(3) and 29(b), by striking "with a regulated or non-regulated membership".

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 6

Ceci Feehan Hoffman Dach Ganley Loyola

Against the amendment: 23

Aheer Issik Panda Allard Jones Savage

Amery Loewen Sigurdson (Highwood)

CoppingLovelySmithDreeshenNallyToorFirNeudorfvan DijkenHansonNicolaidesYaseen

Horner Nixon (Calgary-Klein)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 55 College of Alberta School Superintendents Act — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Ms Lovely, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 55 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 646/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 55 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 647/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 55 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 648/2020-21

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nally, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:20 p.m. until Monday, April 19, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 19, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Robert Maskell, Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, 2001 to 2004, who passed away on April 14, 2021.

Members' Statements

Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the recently lowered age of eligibility for the Astra-Zeneca COVID-19 vaccine in Alberta.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, made a statement regarding comments made by the Premier concerning the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding fearful behaviour by Albertans during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement regarding the recently proposed Alberta kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum.

Mr. Reid, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding recent wildfires in southern Alberta.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding challenges faced by Albertans during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Orr, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding Alberta's agricultural plastics recycling pilot project and efforts to reduce industrial plastic waste.

Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement regarding the proposed privatization of Alberta registries.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding Bill 52, Recall Act.

Notices of Motions

Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

agrees that, notwithstanding Standing Order 74.11(2), the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills shall report back to the Assembly within 6 days for Bill 214, and be it further resolved that:

- a) the Chair of the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills table the final report on Bill 214 no later than 4:30 p.m. today, April 19, 2021,
- b) immediately following the tabling of the report on Bill 214, if debate on concurrence is requested by a Member of the Assembly, the Assembly revert immediately to Public Bills and Orders other than Government Bills and Orders for the purpose of the concurrence debate, pursuant to Standing Order 8(7)(a.1), and
- c) upon the completion of the concurrence debate if so requested, or the concurrence by the Assembly in the report, Bill 214 shall be considered to be on the Order Paper for Second Reading and, notwithstanding Standing Order 9, the Assembly shall debate Second Reading the evening of April 19, 2021.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 68 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Madu

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung:

2 e-mail messages, one from Mark and one from Janet Bauer, expressing concern regarding the condition of highway 55

Sessional Paper 649/2020-21

Several photographs depicting road conditions along highway 55

Sessional Paper 650/2020-21

Two Twitter posts from the account of Jacqueline Jonk, depicting vehicle debris from highway 55 found in a resident's yard

Sessional Paper 651/2020-21

Town And Country Today website article, undated, entitled "County meets with transportation minister on local projects"

Sessional Paper 652/2020-21

Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Copy of e-mail correspondence between Alberta Health and Alberta Health Services staff regarding COVID-19 projection modelling, relating to comments made by Ms Notley during Oral Question Period on April 19, 2021

Sessional Paper 653/2020-21

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance:

Supplemental responses to questions raised by Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West; Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar; and Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, March 9, 2021, Ministry of Treasury Board and Finance, 2021-22 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 654/2020-21

Motions Under Standing Order 42

Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

agrees that, notwithstanding Standing Order 74.11(2), the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills shall report back to the Assembly within 6 days for Bill 214, and be it further resolved that:

- a) the Chair of the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills table the final report on Bill 214 no later than 4:30 p.m. today, April 19, 2021,
- b) immediately following the tabling of the report on Bill 214, if debate on concurrence is requested by a Member of the Assembly, the Assembly revert immediately to Public Bills and Orders other than Government Bills and Orders for the purpose of the concurrence debate, pursuant to Standing Order 8(7)(a.1), and
- c) upon the completion of the concurrence debate if so requested, or the concurrence by the Assembly in the report, Bill 214 shall be considered to be on the Order Paper for Second Reading and, notwithstanding Standing Order 9, the Assembly shall debate Second Reading the evening of April 19, 2021.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 207 Reservists' Recognition Day Act — Mr. Rutherford

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 29

Dang Madu Schmidt Getson McIver Schow

Glasgo Nielsen Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Glubish Singh Orr Goodridge Pancholi Stephan Turton Gotfried Pon Guthrie Reid Walker Hunter Rosin Wilson Irwin Rowswell Yao

LaGrange Rutherford

Against the motion: 0

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 209 Cost of Public Services Transparency Act - Mr. Stephan

A debate followed.

Mr. Dang moved adjournment of the debate, which was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 6

Dang Nielsen Schmidt

Irwin Pancholi Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Against the motion: 23

Getson Luan Schow Glasgo Madu Singh Glubish Stephan McIver Goodridge Orr Turton Gotfried Walker Pon Wilson Guthrie Reid Hunter Rowswell Yao Rutherford LaGrange

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(1), debate adjourned.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 207 Reservists' Recognition Day Act - Mr. Rutherford

Motions Other Than Government Motions

518. Moved by Mr. Schow on behalf of Mr. Williams:

Be it resolved that

A. the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta effective February 25, 2021 be amended

- (a) in Standing Order 29 by striking out suborder (2), and
- (b) by adding the following after Standing Order 29:

Intervention

- 29.1(1) A Member may, in accordance with this Standing Order, intervene during another Member's speech on any item of debate referred to in Standing Order 29(1) except if the speech is one of the following:
 - (a) a Member's opening or closing speech in respect of moving a resolution or a Bill;
 - (b) a Member's speech immediately following an opening speech referred to in clause (a);
 - (c) a Member's speech on a motion for an address in reply to the Lieutenant Governor's speech.
- (2) A Member may request to intervene during another Member's speech by rising while that Member is speaking.
- (3) If a Member requests to intervene, the Member who is speaking may, immediately on the other Member rising
 - (a) agree to the request by
 - (i) acknowledging the Member's request,

- (ii) stating that they agree to the request, and
- (iii) taking their seat, or
- (b) refuse the request by continuing with their speech.
- (4) If a Member agrees to a request to intervene
 - (a) the Member's speaking time is immediately suspended until the intervention concludes,
 - (b) the Member who intervenes
 - (i) is limited to a speaking time of one minute, and
 - (ii) may only ask questions or make comments on matters relevant to the speech on which they have intervened,
 - (c) no Member, including the Member whose speech is the subject of the intervention, may request to intervene during the intervention, and
 - (d) on conclusion of the intervention, the Member whose speech was the subject of the intervention may resume speaking for the remainder of their speaking time.
- (5) If a Member refuses a request to intervene
 - (a) the Member may continue speaking for the remainder of their speaking time, and
 - (b) the Member who made the request must immediately take their seat.
- (6) A Member may not agree to more than five interventions during their speech.
- (7) For greater certainty, a Member may make multiple requests to intervene in another Member's speech.
- (8) Despite any other suborder under this Standing Order, the Speaker may direct any Member as is necessary to preserve order and decorum during a debate.
- B. the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing
 - (a) conduct a review of the amendments set out in Part A within one year of the day on which these amendments come into force, and
 - (b) table a report in the Assembly on that review, which may include any amendments recommended by the Committee, within 365 days of the day on which the Standing Committee commences its review.
- C. the amendments set out in Part A come into force on passage of this Motion.

A debate followed.

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, moved, pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), that Motion other than a Government Motion 518 be moved to the bottom of the relevant item of business on the Order Paper.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 6

Dang Nielsen Schmidt

Pancholi Irwin Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Against the motion: 20

Getson LaGrange Schow Glasgo Madu Singh Glubish Orr Turton Goodridge Pon Walker Gotfried Reid Wilson Guthrie Rowswell Yao

Hunter Rutherford

Debate resumed on the main motion.

Debate adjourned, Ms Goodridge speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 52 Recall Act — Hon. Mr. Madu

A debate followed.

Ms Goehring moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nixon

A debate followed.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 64, Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 655/2020-21

A debate followed on the amendment.

Ms Sweet moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 56 Local Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2021—Hon. Mr. McIver

A debate followed.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, on behalf of Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 56, Local Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2021, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

Sessional Paper 656/2020-21

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question being immediately put on the motion for Second Reading, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 56 Local Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2021—Hon. Mr. McIver

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:35 a.m. Tuesday, April 20, 2021, until 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Members' Statements

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement regarding federal funding for child care.

Ms Glasgo, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding National Volunteer Week.

Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the federal carbon tax.

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding comments made by the Premier concerning the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding Government mental health supports.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding comments made by the Minister of Education concerning student learning during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement regarding flood mitigation strategies by Keyano College.

Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the need for Albertans to work together during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding the Government's efforts to reduce red tape.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Ellis, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, presented the following report:

Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills Final Report, Bill 214, Eastern Slopes Protection Act, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, April 2021

Sessional Paper 657/2020-21

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to the report that the Bill proceed.

A Member rose to speak to the motion. The Speaker advised that debate on the motion for concurrence will take place on the next available Monday.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Rosin, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis:

Report, undated, entitled "Recreational Issues in the Ghost Watershed, A Focus on Random Camping and Shooting: Then, Now, and Next," prepared by the Ghost Watershed Alliance Society, relating to comments made by Ms Rosin during Second Reading debate on Bill 64, Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021, on April 19, 2021

Sessional Paper 658/2020-21

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Several recent e-mail messages from Albertans to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the recently proposed Alberta kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum

Sessional Paper 659/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 62 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Hunter

A debate followed.

Mr. Deol moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 58 Freedom to Care Act — Hon. Mrs. Aheer

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Schweitzer moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 51 Citizen Initiative Act — Hon. Mr. Madu

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 22

Ellis Schweitzer LaGrange Getson Orr Singh Glasgo Pon Stephan Goodridge Reid Turton Gotfried Rosin Walker Guthrie Rowswell Wilson Rutherford Yao Hunter

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Against the motion: 8

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Carson Goehring Sweet

Deol Sabir

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 51 Citizen Initiative Act — Hon. Mr. Madu

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:16 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Speaker's Statement — Table Officer

The Acting Speaker made a statement introducing Michael Kulicki, who will be assisting at the Table beginning this evening.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 66 Public Health Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, on April 14, 2021, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 66, Public Health Amendment Act, 2021, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there has not been sufficient public consultation on the proposed legislative amendments.

Sessional Paper 636/2020-21

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

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Against the amendment: 23

Getson Schow Luan Glasgo Madu Singh Glubish Orr Stephan Goodridge Pon Turton Gotfried Walker Reid Guthrie Wilson Rosin Hunter Rowswell Yao LaGrange Rutherford

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 66, Public Health Amendment Act, 2021, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

Sessional Paper 660/2020-21

A debate followed on the amendment.

Mr. Schow moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 67 Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Education Act — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

A debate followed.

Mr. Schow moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 58 Freedom to Care Act — Hon. Mrs. Aheer

Bill 63 Police (Street Checks and Carding) Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Madu

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Madu, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:22 a.m. Wednesday, April 21, 2021, until 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Members' Statements

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement recognizing the 95th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, made a statement regarding the need to keep schools open and students safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Glasgo, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the need to improve political discourse in Alberta.

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the Government's coal mining policies and protecting the eastern slopes.

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, made a statement regarding recent racist attacks in Edmonton and denouncing racism.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the need to invest in rural Alberta and the agricultural sector.

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, made a statement regarding the recently introduced federal budget 2021.

Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement regarding the need for mandatory paid leave for employees to access COVID-19 vaccines.

Mr. Rutherford, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding Alberta's COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from over 1,900 Albertans urging the Government to resurface highway 55 from Main Street in Athabasca to the junction of highway 63.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 70 COVID-19 Related Measures Act — Mr. Gotfried

Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

76. Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), for the duration of the 2021 Spring Sitting of the Second Session of the 30th Legislature, the Assembly must sit on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings for consideration of Government business unless under Notices of Motions or at any time before the Assembly adjourns on a sitting day the Government House Leader, or a member of the Executive Council on the Government House Leader's behalf, advises the Assembly of the morning sittings that are no longer required.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung:

Copies of three photographs depicting poor road conditions on highway 55

Sessional Paper 661/2020-21

E-mail message dated April 15, 2021, from Maxine Winder attaching a copy of a letter submitted on behalf of highway 55 petition signatories to all Members of the Legislative Assembly, which accompanied the petition presented by Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, on April 21, 2021

Sessional Paper 662/2020-21

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Several recent e-mail messages from Albertans to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the recently proposed Alberta kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum

Sessional Paper 663/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 61 Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 57 Metis Settlements Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Wilson

Mr. Reid, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 57 (A1) (Hon. Minister of Indigenous Relations) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 664/2020-21

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 62 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Hunter

A debate followed.

Mr. Schow moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 65 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

A debate followed.

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 65, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2021, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 665/2020-21

Ms Hoffman moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 62 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Hunter

A debate followed.

Mr. Rehn moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Madu, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:50 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Labour and Immigration, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 39(1)(d) in order to introduce Bill 71, Employment Standards (COVID-19 Vaccination Leave) Amendment Act, 2021.

Hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Labour and Immigration, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(2) in order to revert to Introduction of Bills.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

The notice requirement under Standing Order 39(1)(d) having been waived by unanimous consent of the Assembly:

Bill 71 Employment Standards (COVID-19 Vaccination Leave) Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Copping

Hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Labour and Immigration, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 77(1) in order to proceed immediately to Second Reading of Bill 71, Employment Standards (COVID-19 Vaccination Leave) Amendment Act, 2021.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 71 Employment Standards (COVID-19 Vaccination Leave) Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Copping

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 71 Employment Standards (COVID-19 Vaccination Leave) Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Copping

Hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Labour and Immigration, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 77(1) in order to proceed immediately to Third Reading of Bill 71, Employment Standards (COVID-19 Vaccination Leave) Amendment Act, 2021.

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 71 Employment Standards (COVID-19 Vaccination Leave) Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Copping

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 65 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, on April 21, 2021, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 65, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2021, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 665/2020-21

Mr. Ellis moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 66 Public Health Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, on April 20, 2021, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 66, Public Health Amendment Act, 2021, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

Sessional Paper 660/2020-21

Mr. Dang moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 55 College of Alberta School Superintendents Act Hon. Min. LaGrange
- Bill 61 Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2021 Hon. Mr. Glubish

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Madu, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:23 a.m. Thursday, April 22, 2021, until 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 22, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Members' Statements

Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement regarding the Government's lack of support for Albertans during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement regarding rural health care.

Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Cochrane, made a statement regarding the proposed R-Star program to incentivize the cleanup of abandoned oil wells.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding Earth Day and the Government's environmental policies.

Mr. Walker, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding recent investments in Alberta's Industrial Heartland.

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement regarding the need for affordable, licensed child care in Alberta.

Mr. Williams, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding the effect of COVID-19 restrictions on families who live apart.

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding cancel culture.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Guthrie, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented the following reports:

2019 Annual Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, April 2021

Sessional Paper 666/2020-21

2020 Annual Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, April 2021

Sessional Paper 667/2020-21

Mr. Schow, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, presented the following report:

Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills Final Report, Bill 215, Seniors Advocate Act, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, April 2021

Sessional Paper 668/2020-21

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to the report that the Bill proceed.

A Member rose to speak to the motion. The Speaker advised that debate on the motion for concurrence will take place on the next available Monday.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given April 21, 2021:

Bill 70 COVID-19 Related Measures Act — Mr. Gotfried

On motion by Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 70 COVID-19 Related Measures Act — Mr. Gotfried

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Schow, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s20(2):

Report of the Auditor General of Alberta dated April 2021, entitled "Alberta Health Services, Use of Publicly Funded CT and MRI Services"

Sessional Paper 669/2020-21

Royal Assent

Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Assembly and being seated on the Throne,

The Speaker addressed Her Honour in the following words:

May it please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly has, at its present sitting, passed certain Bills to which, and in the name of the Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the titles of the Bills that had been passed as follows:

- 54 Irrigation Districts Amendment Act, 2021
- 55 College of Alberta School Superintendents Act
- 61 Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2021
- 71 Employment Standards (COVID-19 Vaccination Leave) Amendment Act, 2021
- 211 Municipal Government (Firearms) Amendment Act, 2020

To these Bills, Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Bills.

Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor then retired from the Assembly.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

76. Oral notice having been given April 21, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. McIver:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), for the duration of the 2021 Spring Sitting of the Second Session of the 30th Legislature, the Assembly must sit on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings for consideration of Government business unless under Notices of Motions or at any time before the Assembly adjourns on a sitting day the Government House Leader, or a member of the Executive Council on the Government House Leader's behalf, advises the Assembly of the morning sittings that are no longer required.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 68 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Madu

Hon. Mr. Madu moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 65 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, on April 21, 2021, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 65, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2021, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 665/2020-21

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 65 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(6) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Madu, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:28 p.m. until Monday, May 3, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 10:00 a.m.

Government Motions

77. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that pursuant to Standing Order 3(9) the 2021 Spring Sitting is extended until Thursday, June 17, 2021, unless on an earlier date the Government House Leader advises the Assembly that its business for the Sitting is concluded.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

79. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

- A. Be it resolved that the temporary amendments to the Standing Orders passed by the Assembly on February 25, 2021, pursuant to Government Motion 64, remain effective until 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2021.
- B. Be it further resolved that Standing Order 32(3) is suspended for the duration of the 2021 Spring Sitting of the Second Session of the 30th Legislature.
- C. Be it further resolved that the following temporary amendments be made to the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly, effective February 25, 2021:
 - (a) by adding the following after Standing Order 20(1):
 - (1.01) Immediately on a Member moving an amendment, the Member must
 - (a) provide the Clerk with 45 paper copies of the amendment, and
 - (b) ensure that an electronic copy of the amendment is provided to the Clerk.
 - (1.02) If a division is called on a vote on an amendment, an electronic copy of the amendment is to be distributed to all Members immediately on the calling of the division.
 - (b) by adding the following after Standing Order 32:

Remote voting during division

32.01(1) Notwithstanding any other Standing Order or practice of the Assembly, a Member who is not physically present in the Chamber when a division is called may vote in that division only if

- (a) the Member votes
 - (i) using the electronic means made available by the Speaker to all Members for the purpose of remote voting, and
 - (ii) in the manner directed by
 - (A) in the case of business under consideration by the Committee of the Whole, the Deputy Speaker or Deputy Chair of Committees, as the case may be, or
 - (B) in any other case, the Speaker, and
- (b) the Member connects to that electronic means before the final division bells for the division have ceased ringing.
- (2) Notwithstanding any practice of the Assembly and for the purpose of the application of this Standing Order,
 - (a) a Member who casts a vote remotely in accordance with this Standing Order is not considered to be present in the Legislative Assembly for the purpose of determining whether quorum of the Assembly is met under Standing Order 5,
 - (b) a Member who casts a vote remotely under this Standing Order is considered, for the purpose of Standing Order 10, to have attended the service of the Assembly on the day that the Member casts that vote, and
 - (c) any Assembly staff who are required to assist in carrying out the remote voting procedure under this Standing Order are not considered to be strangers to the Assembly, as referred to in Standing Order 14, while they are providing such assistance.
- (3) The Speaker is empowered to exercise discretion, in consultation with the House Leaders or their designates, in the interpretation of any Standing Order, including this Standing Order, that may require leniency or alteration to allow all Members to fully exercise their duties and rights during a division to which this Standing Order applies.

D. Be it further resolved that

- (a) Parts A and B come into force on passage of this motion, and
- (b) Part C comes into force on the passage of this motion and the temporary amendments in this Part remain effective until the conclusion of the 2021 Spring Sitting of the Second Session of the 30th Legislature.

A debate followed.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, moved that the motion be amended in clause (b) of Part D by adding "or until such earlier date as agreed to by the Government and Opposition House Leaders based on regularly reoccurring consultations" immediately after "the 2021 Spring Sitting of the Second Session of the 30th Legislature."

Sessional Paper 671/2020-21

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

The question being put, the motion as amended was agreed to.

Speaker's Statement – Virtual Voting

Honourable Members, I would like to provide some guidance with respect to the temporary Standing Orders that have just been adopted by the Assembly, in particular in reference to virtual voting.

The temporary Standing Orders provide Members with the ability to vote remotely, in addition to being able to vote in the Chamber. The means to participate in a virtual vote is for Members to join a Microsoft Teams meeting, the link for which will be sent out to all Members before each sitting of the Assembly – that is, each morning, afternoon and evening sitting. Members may join the meeting at any point during the proceedings and view what is happening through Teams. When a division is called, the Journals unit of the Legislative Assembly Office will send out an e-mail to all Members indicating a division has been called, the subject matter of the division, and the time at which the division is to take place. If the division is on an amendment, the amendment will also be sent out. Once a division is called, the division countdown clock will appear in Teams so that Members will know how much time is left before the voting commences.

Members, it is important to note that while you have 15 minutes once a division has been called to join the Teams meeting, it is highly advisable to join the meeting as soon as possible if you intend to vote. This will ensure that you have time to resolve any technical difficulties should you encounter them, and it will also help the Table compile a list of virtual voting participants.

Once the 15-minute period has elapsed, the doors in the Chamber are closed, and similarly, the ability for Members to join the Teams meeting will likewise end. In other words, Members may not participate in the virtual vote if they do not join within the 15-minute period, just like they would not be able to come into the Chamber to vote once the doors are closed.

The division will commence with a vote in the Chamber, following the usual way of conducting divisions. After the "yeas" and the "nays" have been recorded in the Chamber, the virtual vote will start. This vote will be conducted by calling the Members who have joined the Teams meeting in alphabetical order by last name. Once a Member's name is called, they must unmute their mic and indicate "yes" or "no" clearly and loudly. Then they must then mute their mics again.

After the roll call voting is completed, the Presiding Officer will ask all those online who wish to vote whether they have done so. If a Member encounters difficulties voting and was not able to vote when called upon, or perhaps if a Member was missed, then this is the point at which they should unmute and speak up to indicate their vote.

As an important reminder, Members voting remotely must ensure that their video is on for the entire voting period. Also, if you are having Internet connection difficulties that cannot be resolved, it is recommended that you use your LAO-issued device – cellphone or tablet – and connect to the Teams meeting that way.

Once all Members have voted, the votes from the Chamber and the Teams meeting will be tallied and the result will be announced, as per the usual practice.

I would also like to point out that Members who intend to participate in the proceedings and vote in the Chamber should not join the Teams meeting.

A tip sheet on virtual voting has been posted to the House Business Portal on OurHouse. I would recommend Members read these materials to become fully familiar with the virtual voting process.

As well, green sheets will be distributed shortly in the Chamber and will be posted to the House Business Portal for Members' reference. The green sheets contain the temporary Standing Order amendments that have been passed pursuant to Government Motion 79, which include the ability for Members to vote virtually.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 64 Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, on April 19, 2021, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 64, Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 655/2020-21

Debate adjourned on the amendment, Ms Sigurdson speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2.1), the Assembly adjourned at 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding Government actions to keep schools safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, made a statement regarding Alberta Rural Health Week.

Ms Issik, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the importance of standing against anti-Semitism.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding the Premier's recent comments and actions concerning the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Toor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding racist bullying.

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement regarding Early Childhood Educator Day and the need to recognize early childhood educators as critical workers.

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding Tourism Week and National RV and Camping Week.

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding United Conservative Party principles and policies.

Mr. Hanson, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, made a statement regarding the development permit application process within the Ministry of Transportation.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Schow, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, presented the following report:

Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills Final Report, Bill 216, Fire Prevention and Fire Services Recognition Act, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, May 2021

Sessional Paper 672/2020-21

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to the report that the Bill proceed.

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

Mr. Schow, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, presented the following report:

Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills Final Report, Bill Pr2, The United Church of Canada Amendment Act, 2021, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, May 2021

Sessional Paper 673/2020-21

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to the report that the Bill proceed.

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon. Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motions:

- **81.** Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 64, Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.
- **82.** Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 64, Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly agrees that:

- (a) the spread of the COVID-19 virus negatively impacts the health of Albertans, the economy and businesses;
- (b) Albertans have made important efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19, but experience and evidence have shown that Albertans must remain vigilant against transmission;
- (c) the spread of the COVID-19 virus is slowed when individuals who are sick stay home;
- (d) paid sick days are the best method to ensure workers do not have to choose between staying home when sick and providing for their families; and
- (e) legislated paid sick days are one of the best tools the Provincial Government has to keep Albertans healthy, keep people working, and help our economy recover as this pandemic continues.

Be it further resolved that the Legislative Assembly urges the Government to follow the lead of British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, and Yukon and immediately introduce a Bill to provide for legislated paid sick leave for all Alberta workers.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 72 Preserving Canada's Economic Prosperity Act — Hon. Mrs. Savage

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance:

Response to Written Question WQ3, asked for by Ms Phillips on November 30, 2020:

How many applications for public agency board positions were received by the Public Agency Secretariat between April 20, 2019, and October 19, 2020?

Sessional Paper 674/2020-21

Returns to Orders of the Assembly MR12 and MR13, both asked for by Ms Phillips on November 30, 2020:

MR12. Copies of the competition matrix for each position posted between April 20, 2019, and October 19, 2020, on the Public Agency Secretariat public agency board opportunities website.

Sessional Paper 675/2020-21

MR13. A list of public agency board opportunities posted, including competition number, opening date, closing date, job description, and the Ministry, agency, board, or commission seeking applicants between April 20, 2019, and October 19, 2020, for which an executive or professional search firm was contracted.

Sessional Paper 676/2020-21

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Savage, Minister of Energy:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR6, asked for by Ms Ganley on November 30, 2020:

Copies of all documents, including but not limited to business plans, agendas, minutes, Ministerial Orders, and directives, prepared by the Government between April 16, 2019, and October 16, 2019, relating to the incorporation of the Canadian Energy Centre as a provincial corporation under the Financial Administration Act.

Sessional Paper 677/2020-21

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, March 16, 2021, Ministry of Energy, 2021-22 Main Estimates debate Sessional Paper 678/2020-21

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Aheer, Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women:

Response to Written Question WQ2, asked for by Mr. Deol on November 30, 2020:

How many agendas, minutes, and reports on key measurement targets have been produced by Alberta's Anti-Racism Advisory Council from May 1, 2019, to October 19, 2020?

Sessional Paper 679/2020-21

Motions Under Standing Order 42

Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly agrees that:

- (a) The spread of the COVID-19 virus negatively impacts the health of Albertans, the economy and businesses;
- (b) Albertans have made important efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19, but experience and evidence have shown that Albertans must remain vigilant against transmission;
- (c) The spread of the COVID-19 virus is slowed when individuals who are sick stay home;

- (d) Paid sick days are the best method to ensure workers do not have the choose between staying home when sick and providing for their families; and
- (e) Legislated paid sick days are one of the best tools the Provincial Government has to keep Albertans healthy, keep people working, and help our economy recover as this pandemic continues.

Be it further resolved that the Legislative Assembly urges the Government to follow the lead of British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, and Yukon and immediately introduce a Bill to provide for legislated paid sick leave for all Alberta workers.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 64 Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, on April 19, 2021, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 64, Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 655/2020-21

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 9

BilousEggenSabirCarsonGoehringShepherdDeolGray*Sweet

Against the amendment: 36

Aheer Jones Sigurdson (Highwood)

Allard Singh* Long Smith Amery* Lovely Armstrong-Homeniuk Nally Stephan* Neudorf Toews Copping Nicolaides Dreeshen Toor Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Fir Turton* Goodridge* Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) van Dijken Walker* Gotfried* Panda Hanson Savage Williams* Horner Schow Yao* Issik Schulz Yaseen

Debate adjourned.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 52 Recall Act — Hon. Mr. Madu

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Motions

80. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 64, Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Second Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Nixon and Mr. Feehan commented on the time allocation motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

^{*} Member voted remotely

For the motion: 33

Aheer Jones Rowswell*
Allard Long Rutherford*
Amery* Lovely Savage
Armstrong-Homeniuk Nally Schow
Copping Neudorf Schulz

Dreeshen Nicolaides Sigurdson (Highwood)

Fir Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Smith
Guthrie* Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Toews
Hanson Panda Toor
Horner Reid* van Dijken
Issik Rosin* Yaseen

Against the motion: 8

Ceci Feehan Hoffman Dach Ganley Loyola

Eggen* Gray

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 64 Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nixon

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 80, agreed to on May 25, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 9:01 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 64, Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021, which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

^{*} Member voted remotely

For the motion: 35

Aheer Long Rowswell*
Allard Lovely Rutherford*
Amery Milliken Savage
Armstrong-Homeniuk Nally Schow
Copping Neudorf Schulz

Dreeshen Nicolaides Sigurdson (Highwood)

Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Fir Smith $Nixon \ \ {\rm (Rimbey\text{-}Rocky\ Mtn.\ House\text{-}Sundre)}$ Guthrie* Toews Hanson Panda Turton* Horner Rehn van Dijken Issik Reid* Yaseen Jones Rosin*

Against the motion: 7

Ceci Ganley Hoffman Dach Gray Loyola

Feehan

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 64 Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

- Bill 56 Local Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 Hon. Mr. McIver
- Bill 57 Metis Settlements Amendment Act, 2021 Hon. Mr. Wilson
- Bill 64 Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021 Hon. Mr. Nixon

Mr. Hanson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 64 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Adjourned Sessional Paper 680/2020-21

^{*} Member voted remotely

Amendment to Bill 56 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 681/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 57 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Indigenous Relations on April 21, 2021) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 664/2020-21

Intersessional Deposits

Pursuant to Standing Order 38.1(3), the following document was deposited with the Clerk of the Assembly and is deemed to have been laid before the Assembly:

Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Social Workers Annual Report 2020, deposited on May 14, 2021

Sessional Paper 670/2020-21

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nally, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 26, 2021, until 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 9:00 a.m.

Government Motions

- **78.** Moved by Hon. Mrs. Savage on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:
 - A. Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly, effective February 25, 2021, be amended
 - (a) in Standing Order 41 by adding the following immediately after suborder (5.1):
 - (5.2) An amendment to a motion other than a Government motion, moved after the motion has been moved, must
 - (a) be approved by Parliamentary Counsel no later than the Thursday preceding the day the motion is moved, and
 - (b) be provided to the mover of the motion no later than 11 a.m. on the day the motion is moved.
 - (b) in Standing Order 42

- in suborder (1) by striking out "previously explained by the mover", and
- (ii) by adding the following immediately after suborder (1):
 - (1.1) A Member may make a request under suborder (1) by explaining, for a period of no longer than 5 minutes, the urgent and pressing necessity for the motion.
 - (1.2) Immediately after a request is made under suborder (1.1), one of the following Members may make a statement in response, for a period of no longer than 5 minutes, before the request is put to the Assembly:
 - (a) a Member of the Official Opposition, in the case of a request made by a member of the Executive Council or a private Member of the Government caucus;
 - (b) a member of the Executive Council, in the case of a request made by
 - (i) a Member of the Official Opposition,
 - (ii) a Member of any other party or group in opposition, or
 - (iii) an independent Member.
- (c) in Standing Order 74.11(2) by striking out "8 sitting days" and substituting "12 sitting days";
- (d) in Standing Order 78.2 by striking out suborder (2) and substituting the following:
 - (2) No public hearings may be conducted under suborder (1) if the Bill has already been the subject of public hearings held by a committee after first reading.
- B. Be it further resolved that the amendments set out in this motion come into force on passage of this motion.

A debate followed.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, moved that the motion be amended in Part A by striking out clause (c).

Sessional Paper 682/2020-21

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

The question being put, the motion as amended was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 64 Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Ms Lovely, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 64 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar on May 25, 2021) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 680/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 64 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 683/2020-21

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 66 Public Health Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, on April 20, 2021, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 66, Public Health Amendment Act, 2021, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

Sessional Paper 660/2020-21

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question being immediately put on the motion for Second Reading, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 66 Public Health Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:53 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2021 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Speaker's Statement – Oral Question Period and Members' Statements Rotations

Honourable Members, please note that there have been modifications to the Oral Question Period and Members' Statements rotations as a result of changes to the composition of caucuses in the Assembly, as indicated in my memo of May 21, 2021.

The Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, who now sits as an Independent, is entitled to one question per week starting with Question 8 on Day 2 of the Oral Question Period rotation, which is today, and is allocated one Member's Statement every three weeks, starting on Day 113, as indicated in the projected sitting days calendar.

The Member for Central Peace-Notley may also ask one question per week, which is Question 8 on Day 3 of the Oral Question Period rotation. This Member is entitled to one Member's Statement during the three-week rotation, and that will occur on Day 105, which is tomorrow.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Allard, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement regarding Early Childhood Educator Day.

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Issik, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the Government's commitment to environmental, social and governance standards in the energy industry.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement regarding the recently proposed Alberta kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum.

Mr. Toor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding schools and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the recent fire at the Citadel Village senior living complex in St. Albert.

Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding the Government's economic recovery plan.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding toll roads.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement regarding the safety of COVID-19 vaccines.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Copy of an online petition containing 10,000 signatures in support of increased access to professional mental health support for all Albertans, prepared by the Expert Psychologists Interagency Clinical Network

Sessional Paper 684/2020-21

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

E-mail message dated April 1, 2021, from Rev. Mark Archibald to Hon. Mrs. Aheer, Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women, expressing concern regarding Government leadership throughout the COVID-19 pandemic

Sessional Paper 685/2020-21

Letter dated February 17, 2021, from Chris Spearman, Mayor, City of Lethbridge, to Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing appreciation for the recent decision by the Government to re-instate the 1976 coal policy

Sessional Paper 686/2020-21

E-mail message dated October 13, 2020, from Katie-Jo Rabbit to Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks, expressing concern regarding proposed changes to Alberta's parks system

Sessional Paper 687/2020-21

E-mail message dated October 11, 2020, from Ken Hakstol to Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks, expressing concern regarding proposed changes to Alberta's parks system

Sessional Paper 688/2020-21

Letter dated February 25, 2021, from Krista Douglas, Chair, South Region Council of Disability Services, to Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, expressing concern regarding critical worker benefit eligibility

Sessional Paper 689/2020-21

Mr. Rehn, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake:

Photograph of road conditions on highway 88

Sessional Paper 690/2020-21

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Letter dated January 21, 2021, from Glenys Edwards, Chair, Board of Trustees, St. Albert Public Schools, to Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Education, expressing concern regarding the recently proposed Alberta kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum

Sessional Paper 691/2020-21

13 pieces of correspondence from Albertans to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the recently proposed Alberta kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum

Sessional Paper 692/2020-21

Mr. Hanson, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul:

Facebook post dated December 14, 2020, by the Metis Settlements General Council, regarding the Recommendations on Accountability, Enforcement, and Public Interests Provisions report prepared by the Joint Accountability Review Committee, relating to comments made by Mr. Hanson during Committee of the Whole Consideration of Bill 57, Metis Settlements Amendment Act, 2021, on May 25, 2021

Sessional Paper 693/2020-21

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Madu, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s5(4):

Law Society of Alberta Annual Report 2020

Sessional Paper 694/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 72 Preserving Canada's Economic Prosperity Act — Hon. Mrs. Savage

Pursuant to Government Motion 76, agreed to on April 22, 2021, Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no morning sitting on Thursday, May 27, 2021.

A debate followed.

Mr. Schow moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Motions

81. Oral notice having been given May 25, 2021, moved by Hon. Mrs. Savage on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 64, Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mrs. Savage and Ms Hoffman commented on the time allocation motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 32

Aheer Issik Panda
Allard Jones* Savage
Copping Long Schow
Dreeshen Lovely Schulz

Fir Milliken Sigurdson (Highwood)

Getson* Nally Smith
Glasgo* Neudorf Toews
Goodridge* Nicolaides Toor
Gotfried* Nixon (Calgary-Klein) van Dijken
Hanson Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Yaseen

Horner Orr*

Against the motion: 6

Ceci Feehan Hoffman Dach Ganley Loyola

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

^{*} Member voted remotely

(Assembly in Committee)

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(4), the Committee recessed at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 64 Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Pursuant to Government Motion 81, agreed to on May 26, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 7:55 p.m. the question was immediately put on amendment A2 to Bill 64, Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021, which was defeated.

Pursuant to Government Motion 81, agreed to on May 26, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 7:55 p.m. the question was immediately put on the clauses of Bill 64, Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 81, agreed to on May 26, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 7:55 p.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble of Bill 64, Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 81, agreed to on May 26, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 7:55 p.m. the question was immediately put that Bill 64, Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021, be reported, which was agreed to.

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 64 Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Mr. van Dijken, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 64 (A2) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar on May 26, 2021) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 683/2020-21

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 64 Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nixon

A debate followed.

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 64, Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021, be not now read a Third time because the Assembly is of the view that, if the Bill is enacted, the fees proposed to be charged by the Government for the use of public land would unfairly burden families who recreationally use those lands.

Sessional Paper 695/2020-21

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 8

Dang Pancholi Schmidt

Irwin Phillips Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Nielsen Renaud

Against the amendment: 34

Aheer Nally Singh* Allard Neudorf Smith Nicolaides Stephan* Amery Copping Toews Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Dreeshen $Nixon \; ({\tt Rimbey-Rocky\;Mtn.\;House-Sundre})$ Toor Fir Panda Turton* Rehn van Dijken Hanson Walker* Horner Savage Issik Schow* Williams* Yao* Jones Schulz Yaseen Long Sigurdson (Highwood)

Hon. Mr. Nally moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Lovely

^{*} Member voted remotely

Government Motions

82. Oral notice having been given May 25, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. Nally on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 64, Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Nally and Mr. Dang commented on the time allocation motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 33

Aheer Lovely Singh* Allard Nally Smith Amery Neudorf Stephan* Dreeshen **Nicolaides** Toews Fir $Nixon \ ({\tt Rimbey-Rocky\ Mtn.\ House-Sundre})$ Toor Gotfried* Panda Turton* Hanson Rehn van Dijken Horner Savage Walker* Issik Schow* Williams* Schulz Yao* Jones Sigurdson (Highwood) Yaseen Long

Against the motion: 6

Dang Pancholi Schmidt

Nielsen Renaud Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 64 Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nixon

A debate followed.

^{*} Member voted remotely

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 64, Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021, not be not now read a Third time but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.

Sessional Paper 696/2020-21

A debate followed on the amendment.

Pursuant to Government Motion 82, agreed to on May 26, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:42 p.m. the question was immediately put on the amendment to the motion for Third Reading of Bill 64, Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021, which was defeated.

Pursuant to Government Motion 82, agreed to on May 26, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:42 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 64, Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021, which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 35

Aheer Nally Savage
Allard Neudorf Schow*
Copping Nicolaides Schulz
Dreeshen Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Sigurdson (Highwood)

Smith Fir Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Guthrie* Toews Panda Pitt Hanson Toor Rehn van Dijken Horner Issik Reid* Williams* Rosin* Yao* Jones Rowswell* Long Yaseen

Lovely Rutherford*

Against the motion: 8

Dang Pancholi Schmidt

Irwin Phillips Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Nielsen Renaud

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 64 Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nixon

^{*} Member voted remotely

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 56 Local Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. McIver

Ms Issik, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 56 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on May 25, 2021) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 681/2020-21

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 76, agreed to on April 22, 2021, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Nally, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:58 p.m. until Thursday, May 27, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 27, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Members' Statements

Mr. Feehan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the recommendations stemming from the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding the Government's recently announced plan to lift public health restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement regarding the Government's public engagement plan on coal development.

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, made a statement regarding the concerns and frustrations of front-line workers and small business owners during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding National Nursing Week.

Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement regarding the Government's education polices.

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding Alberta Rural Health Week.

Mr. Yaseen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North, made a statement regarding the Evanston-Creekside Community Association.

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding the need for the United Conservative Party to return to core conservative principles.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 3,079 Albertans urging the Government to prohibit any new open pit coal mining and to reinstate the Coal Development Policy for Alberta that was introduced by the Alberta Government in 1976 and rescinded by the current Alberta Government in 2020.

Bill Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 217 Polish-Canadian Heritage Day Act — Mr. Williams

Bill 218 Provincial Parks (Protecting Park Boundaries) Amendment Act, 2021 — Mr. Schmidt

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

Report dated May 17, 2021, entitled "Research Update: Province of Alberta Long-Term Rating Lowered To 'A' From 'A+' On Pandemic-Driven After-Capital Deficits; Outlook Stable," prepared by S&P Global Ratings

Sessional Paper 697/2020-21

Royal Assent

Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Assembly and being seated on the Throne,

The Speaker addressed Her Honour in the following words:

May it please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly has, at its present sitting, passed a certain Bill to which, and in the name of the Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the title of the Bill that had been passed as follows:

64 Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021

To this Bill, Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to this Bill.

Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor then retired from the Assembly.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 56 Local Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. McIver

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 57 Metis Settlements Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Wilson

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, the Assembly adjourned at 3:58 p.m. until Monday, May 31, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 31, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the memory of the Indigenous children whose remains were recently found at a residential school site near Kamloops, British Columbia.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Wilson, Minister of Indigenous Relations, made a statement regarding the recent discovery of a mass grave of 215 Indigenous children who died at a residential school near Kamloops, British Columbia.

Mr. Feehan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding Mark Carney's views concerning Canada's energy industry.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, made a statement regarding Government inaction and inconsistent treatment of small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Rosin, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, made a statement regarding the provincial reopening plan during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the lack of Government support for Alberta's live entertainment sector during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding the recent approval of CAR T-cell cancer therapy in Alberta.

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the views of several Albertans concerning the actions and policies of the Premier.

Mr. Williams, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding Albertans of Polish Heritage.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to address the increase in racist attacks in Alberta.

Mr. Walker, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding Bill 72, Preserving Canada's Economic Prosperity Act.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- acknowledge the implications for Indigenous people of Alberta of the recent discovery of the remains of the bodies of an estimated 215 children at the site of the Kamloops Residential School;
- (b) recognize that one-fifth of child deaths over 800 at residential schools in Canada took place in Alberta;
- (c) condemn the horrific loss of life of Indigenous children;
- (d) acknowledge that the Government of Alberta has supports and resources it can contribute to assist families who continue to experience trauma from the loss and death of their loved ones at residential school; and
- (e) urge the Government of Alberta to take immediate and effective action to assist communities to identify similar burial sites in respect of more than 800 children who died at residential schools in Alberta.

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Pharmacy 2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 698/2020-21

College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta 2019-2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 699/2020-21

College of Naturopathic Doctors of Alberta Annual Report 2020

Sessional Paper 700/2020-21

Motions Under Standing Order 42

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) acknowledge the implications for Indigenous people of Alberta of the recent discovery of the remains of the bodies of an estimated 215 children at the site of the Kamloops Residential School;
- (b) recognize that one-fifth of child deaths over 800 at residential schools in Canada took place in Alberta;

- (c) condemn the horrific loss of life of Indigenous children;
- (d) acknowledge that the Government of Alberta has supports and resources it can contribute to assist families who continue to experience trauma from the loss and death of their loved ones at residential school; and
- (e) urge the Government of Alberta to take immediate and effective action to assist communities to identify similar burial sites in respect of more than 800 children who died at residential schools in Alberta.

Pursuant to Standing Order 42(1.1) and (1.2), Mr. Dang and Hon. Mr. Nixon commented on the request for unanimous consent.

Unanimous consent to proceed was granted.

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Wilson, Minister of Indigenous Relations, moved that the motion be amended

- (a) by striking out "and" at the end of clause (d),
- (b) by adding "and" at the end of clause (e), and
- (c) by adding the following immediately after clause (e):
 - (f) urge the Government of Alberta to work with the Government of Canada
 - (i) to develop an online registry of residential school cemeteries,
 - (ii) to inform affected families of the location of their child's burial, and
 - (iii) to develop procedures for the ongoing identification, documentation, maintenance and protection of residential school cemeteries, and the commemoration of those who were buried in these cemeteries.

Sessional Paper 701/2020-2021

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

Debate continued on the motion as amended.

The question being put, the motion as amended was agreed to.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 31, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 62 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Hunter

A debate followed.

Ms Sweet moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 72 Preserving Canada's Economic Prosperity Act — Hon. Mrs. Savage

A debate followed.

Mr. Singh moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 68 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Madu

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Madu, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:05 a.m. Tuesday, June 1, 2021, until 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 10:00 a.m.

Government Bills and Orders / Private Bills

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 72 Preserving Canada's Economic Prosperity Act — Hon. Mrs. Savage

A debate followed.

Ms Sigurdson moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill Pr2 The United Church of Canada Amendment Act, 2021 — Ms Phillips

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill Pr2 The United Church of Canada Amendment Act, 2021 — Ms Phillips

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 77(1) in order to proceed immediately to Third Reading of Bill Pr2, The United Church of Canada Amendment Act, 2021.

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill Pr2 The United Church of Canada Amendment Act, 2021 — Ms Phillips

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 72 Preserving Canada's Economic Prosperity Act — Hon. Mrs. Savage

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Ms Renaud speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2.1), the Assembly adjourned at 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2021 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding the Government's job creation strategy.

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, made a statement regarding the Blackfoot Confederacy of Montana's Canada-United States border program that offered COVID-19 vaccine doses to Canadians.

Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Cochrane, made a statement regarding optimistic signs for the future of Alberta.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding Pride Month and the Premier's actions concerning LGBTQ2S+ issues.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding the relocation and expansion of the Lloydminster renal dialysis clinic.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding National AccessAbility Week and a lack of Government support for disabled Albertans.

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, made a statement regarding Government actions to support Alberta businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the need to move on from COVID-19 restrictions and the fear they engender.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding the provincial reopening plan.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Orr, Chair, Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, presented the following report pursuant to the Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, cA-23, s6(4)(c), and Standing Order 55:

Standing Committee on The Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund 2020 Committee Annual Report, June 2021

Sessional Paper 702/2020-21

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Education:

Excerpt of a book entitled "The Window of Our Memories," written by Velma Carter and Wanda Leffler Akill

Sessional Paper 703/2020-21

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

Report dated October 9, 2020, entitled "Province of Alberta (Canada): Update following rating downgrade to Aa3," prepared by Moody's Investors Service

Sessional Paper 704/2020-21

Report dated June 30, 2020, entitled "Rating Action Commentary: Fitch Downgrades Province of Alberta's IDR to 'AA-' from 'AA'; Outlook Revised to Negative," prepared by FitchRatings

Sessional Paper 705/2020-21

DBRS Morningstar press release dated March 19, 2020, entitled "DBRS Morningstar Downgrades Ratings on Alberta, Places Ratings on Saskatchewan and Newfoundland and Labrador Under Review with Negative Implications"

Sessional Paper 706/2020-21

The Canadian Press website article dated December 4, 2019, entitled "Moody's downgrades Alberta's credit rating over weak economy reliant on oil"

Sessional Paper 707/2020-21

5 e-mail messages from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks, expressing concern regarding proposed changes to Alberta's parks system

Sessional Paper 708/2020-21

Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Transportation and Minister of Municipal Affairs:

ATB Financial The Owl website article dated June 1, 2021, entitled "Number of Alberta businesses going in the right direction," relating to comments made by Hon. Mr. McIver during Oral Question Period on June 1, 2021

Sessional Paper 709/2020-21

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nicolaides, Minister of Advanced Education, pursuant to the Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act, cA-42, s6(2):

Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board Annual Report 2019-2020 Sessional Paper 710/2020-21 Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board Annual Report 2020-2021 Sessional Paper 711/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 63 Police (Street Checks and Carding) Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Madu

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, moved that the Bill be amended in section 2 by striking out the proposed section 38.1(2)(c) and substituting the following:

- (c) "prohibited ground of discrimination" means
 - (i) any ground on which discrimination is prohibited under section 4 of the Alberta Human Rights Act, or
 - (ii) any ground on which discrimination would result in a breach of an individual's rights under section 15 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 8

Bilous Eggen Shepherd
Carson Goehring Sweet
Deol Sabir

Against the amendment: 33

Amery* Madu Sigurdson (Highwood)* Ellis McIver Singh Neudorf Smith* Getson Glasgo Nixon (Calgary-Klein)* Stephan Glubish Toor* Orr Goodridge Pon Turton Gotfried Rosin van Diiken* Guthrie Rowswell Walker Hunter Rutherford Williams LaGrange Sawhney Wilson Schow* Luan Yao

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(4), the Committee recessed at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 65 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 63 Police (Street Checks and Carding) Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Madu

Bill 66 Public Health Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Mr. Williams, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 65 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre) — Defeated Sessional Paper 712/2020-21

^{*} Member voted remotely

Amendment to Bill 63 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 713/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 63 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 714/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 66 (A1) (Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 715/2020-21

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 67 Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Education Act — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Schweitzer moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 62 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Hunter

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:52 p.m. until Wednesday, June 2, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 9:00 a.m.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 67 Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Education Act — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

A debate followed.

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on behalf of Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 67, Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Education Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 716/2020-21

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 67 Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Education Act — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 62 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Hunter

Mr. Yao, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 62 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 717/2020-21

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:56 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2021 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, made a statement regarding Pride Month.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding the loss of healthcare services in rural Alberta.

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement regarding Menstrual Hygiene Day.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding Bill 63, Police (Street Checks and Carding) Amendment Act, 2021.

Ms Rosin, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, made a statement regarding National Tourism Week.

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding the need to keep Albertans' pensions within the Canada Pension Plan.

Mr. Rutherford, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding the provincial reopening plan in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding Filipino Heritage Month.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding the recently proposed Alberta kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of Alberta to prepare options to amend the Constitution of Canada to defend Alberta's interests and to make such options public before the end of the 2021 Spring Sitting of the Legislative Assembly.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Glubish, Minister of Service Alberta:

Letter dated May 25, 2021, from Robert Homersham, Director, President, NAIOP Calgary; Lloyd Suchet, Executive Director, BOMA Calgary; Lisa Baroldi, President and CEO, BOMA Edmonton; and Anand Pye, Executive Director, NAIOP Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Glubish, Minister of Service Alberta, expressing support for Bill 62, Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021, relating to comments made by Hon. Mr. Glubish during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 62 on June 2, 2021

Sessional Paper 718/2020-21

Motions Under Standing Order 42

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of Alberta to prepare options to amend the Constitution of Canada to defend Alberta's interests and to make such options public before the end of the 2021 Spring Sitting of the Legislative Assembly.

Pursuant to Standing Order 42(1.1) and (1.2), Mr. Loewen and Hon. Mr. Madu commented on the request for unanimous consent.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 63 Police (Street Checks and Carding) Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Madu

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, moved that the Bill be amended in section 2, in the proposed section 38.1, by adding the following immediately after subsection (8):

- (8.1) Each commission and policing committee must, with respect to carding,
 - (a) ensure that training on bias, discrimination and racism is provided to all police officers for which they are responsible,
 - (b) establish a public education program and outreach strategy regarding community policing,
 - (c) retain and store all information, including personal information, collected under subsection (8), and
 - (d) report on an annual basis to the Minister on compliance or non-compliance, as the case may be, with each requirement of this section in respect of the police officers for which they are responsible.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Milliken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Ceci Gray Loyola Dach Hoffman Sabir

Feehan

Against the amendment: 30

Allard* Hanson* Rutherford Amery* Hunter Sawhney Armstrong-Homeniuk* LaGrange Schow Fir* Luan Singh Stephan Getson Madu Glasgo McIver Turton Glubish Orr Walker Goodridge Pon Williams Gotfried Rosin Wilson Guthrie Rowswell Yao

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, moved that the Bill be amended in section 2, in the proposed section 38.1(7), by striking out clause (a) and substituting the following:

(a) the reason includes details, recorded in writing by the police officer in a manner that is capable of being stored and accessed later, about the member of the public and the particular circumstances that caused the police officer to reasonably suspect that collecting the information, including personal information, from the person may contribute to or assist with one of the activities referred to in subsection (4);

^{*} Member voted remotely

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Ceci Gray Loyola Dach Hoffman Sabir

Feehan

Against the amendment: 31

Allard* Rutherford Hunter Amery* LaGrange Sawhnev Armstrong-Homeniuk* Luan Schow Fir* Madu Singh Getson McIver Stephan Glasgo Milliken Turton Glubish Walker Orr Goodridge Williams Pon Gotfried Wilson Rosin Guthrie Rowswell Yao Hanson*

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 68 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Madu

Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, on behalf of Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, moved that the Bill be amended in section 2 by striking out the proposed section 134.1(3.2) and substituting the following:

- (3.2) For greater certainty, a reference in subsection (3.1) to a department or Provincial corporation is not to be read as a reference to the Minister responsible for that department or Provincial corporation.
- (3.3) During a referendum period, a member of the Legislative Assembly
 - (a) may express his or her views on the subject-matter of the referendum subject to the referendum period only if the member provides those views solely in his or her capacity as a member of the Legislative Assembly and not, if applicable, in his or her capacity as a member of the Executive Council, and
 - (b) may not, despite any appropriation of public monies authorized under an Appropriation Act or the Legislative Assembly Act, use public monies for the purpose of supporting the member's expression or communication of those views, specifically public monies of the following types:
 - (i) public monies appropriated for the purpose of supporting the office of a Minister, and

^{*} Member voted remotely

(ii) public monies appropriated in the form of an allowance established under the Constituency Services Order for the purpose of supporting the establishment and maintenance of the member's constituency office.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 6

Ceci Feehan Hoffman Dach Gray Loyola

Against the amendment: 31

Allard* Hunter Rutherford Amery* LaGrange Sawhney Armstrong-Homeniuk* Luan Schow* Fir* Madu Singh Getson* McIver Stephan Glasgo* Neudorf Turton Glubish Orr Walker Goodridge Pon Williams Gotfried* Wilson Rosin Guthrie Rowswell Yao

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(4), the Committee recessed at 6:08 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 51 Citizen Initiative Act — Hon. Mr. Madu

Hanson*

^{*} Member voted remotely

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, on behalf of Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

- (a) in section 26
 - (i) by striking out subsection (1) and substituting the following:
 - (1) A registered third party shall not incur initiative advertising expenses in respect of an initiative petition period exceeding \$30,000, as adjusted in accordance with subsection (1.1).
 - (ii) by adding the following after subsection (1):
 - (1.1) Section 41.5 of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act applies, with all necessary modifications, to the amount referred to in subsection (1).
- (b) by striking out section 45(3)(f).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Dang Pancholi Renaud

Irwin Phillips Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Nielsen

Against the amendment: 33

Amery* Loewen Rutherford Barnes Luan Sawhney Ellis Madu Sigurdson (Highwood)* Getson McIver Singh Glasgo Neudorf Stephan Glubish Toor* Nixon (Calgary-Klein)* Goodridge Orr Turton Gotfried* Walker Pon Guthrie Williams Rehn Hunter Rosin Wilson LaGrange Rowswell Yao

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, moved that the Bill be amended in section 6

- (a) by striking out "10%" wherever it occurs and substituting "5%", and
- (b) by striking out "20%" wherever it occurs and substituting "10%".

^{*} Member voted remotely

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 3

Barnes Loewen Stephan

Against the amendment: 44

Rowswell Dang Long* Rutherford Ellis Lovely* Getson Schmidt Luan Glasgo Madu Schow* Glubish McIver

 $Sigurdson \ ({\tt Edmonton-Riverview})$

Goodridge Neudorf Singh Gotfried* Nielsen Toor* Guthrie Nixon (Calgary-Klein)* Turton Horner* Orr van Dijken* Hunter Pancholi Walker Irwin **Phillips** Williams Wilson Issik* Pon Yao Jones* Rehn Kenney Renaud Yaseen* LaGrange Rosin

* Member voted remotely

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

- by striking out section 25(3)(c) and substituting the following:
 - (c) identification of the initiative petition in relation to which the applicant wishes to be registered as a third party and whether the applicant will be promoting or opposing the initiative petition;
- (b) by adding the following after section 45(1):
 - (1.1) For greater certainty, the duties of the Chief Electoral Officer include publishing a statement on the Chief Electoral Officer's website within 30 days after the date on which a third party initiative advertising return is required to be filed under section 41, which statement must include the name of any contributor referred to in the return who has contributed an amount exceeding \$250 in the aggregate, and the actual amount contributed.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Dang Pancholi Renaud Irwin Phillips Schmidt

Nielsen

Against the amendment: 31

Ellis LaGrange Sawhney Getson Long* Schow* Glasgo Lovely* Singh Glubish Luan Stephan Gotfried* Madu Turton Guthrie McIver Walker Horner* Williams Pon Hunter Rosin Wilson Issik* Rowswell Yao Rutherford Jones* Yaseen*

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 63 Police (Street Checks and Carding) Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Madu

Bill 68 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Madu

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 51 Citizen Initiative Act — Hon. Mr. Madu

Mr. Singh, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 63 (A3) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 719/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 63 (A4) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 720/2020-21

Kenney

^{*} Member voted remotely

Amendment to Bill 63 (A5) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 721/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 68 (A1) (Official Opposition House Leader on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 722/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 51 (A1) (Hon. Minister of Justice and Solicitor General)

— Agreed to

Sessional Paper 723/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 51 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-South on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning) — Defeated on division Sessional Paper 724/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 51 (A3) (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 725/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 51 (A4) (Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 726/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 51 (A5) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 727/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 51 (A6) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 728/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 51 (A7) (Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 729/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 51 (A8) (Hon. Member for St. Albert on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 730/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 51 (A9) (Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 731/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 51 (A10) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-South) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 732/2020-21

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 56 Local Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. McIver

Hon. Mr. McIver moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:55 a.m. Thursday, June 3, 2021, until 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, June 3, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 9:00 a.m.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 72 Preserving Canada's Economic Prosperity Act — Hon. Mrs. Savage

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Schweitzer moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 57 Metis Settlements Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Wilson

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Schweitzer moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 68 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer on behalf of Hon. Mr. Madu

A debate followed.

Ms Ganley moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 62 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Hunter

Ms Goodridge, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 62 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday on June 2, 2021) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 717/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 62 (A2) (Official Opposition House Leader on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 733/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 62 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 734/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 62 (A4) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 735/2020-21

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:56 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2021 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding Albertans' perceptions of recent actions of the Premier during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Rosin, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, made a statement regarding Government actions to protect and support access to provincial parks and public lands.

Ms Glasgo, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the release of the national action plan in response to the Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding Albertans' perceptions of recent actions of the Premier during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, made a statement regarding Government investments in the Spruce Grove-Stony Plain constituency over the past two years.

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding the recently proposed Alberta kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum.

Mr. Williams, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding the provincial reopening plan during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Cochrane, made a statement regarding Veteran Hunters Canada, an organization supporting Canadian veterans dealing with PTSD.

Mr. Rehn, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement recognizing the 32nd anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre and the need to support basic human rights in Canada and abroad.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Ellis, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, presented the following report:

Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills Final Report, Bill 217, Polish-Canadian Heritage Day Act, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, June 2021

Sessional Paper 736/2020-21

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to the report that the Bill proceed.

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 11,807 Albertans urging the Government of Alberta to redraft its proposed kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 219 Workers' Compensation (Expanding Presumptive Coverage) Amendment Act, 2021 — Ms Sweet

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Notices of Motions.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

83. Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly determine, pursuant to section 3 of the Referendum Act, the following as the question to be put to electors at a referendum and to which the response from an elector who votes in that referendum must be either 'yes' or 'no':

Should section 36(2) of the Constitution Act, 1982 — Parliament and the government of Canada's commitment to the principle of making equalization payments — be removed from the constitution?

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Article, undated, entitled "Alberta premier dissolves government; power line opponents hopeful," relating to comments made by Ms Sweet during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 62, Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021, on June 3, 2021

Sessional Paper 737/2020-21

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat:

Copy of Bill 203, Citizen's Initiative Act, 23rd Legislature, Second Session, relating to comments made by Mr. Barnes during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 51, Citizen Initiative Act, on June 2, 2021

Sessional Paper 738/2020-21

Copy of Bill 210, Citizen's Initiative Act, 23rd Legislature, Fourth Session, relating to comments made by Mr. Barnes during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 51, Citizen Initiative Act, on June 2, 2021

Sessional Paper 739/2020-21

Copy of Bill 216, Citizen's Initiative Act, 24th Legislature, Second Session, relating to comments made by Mr. Barnes during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 51, Citizen Initiative Act, on June 2, 2021

Sessional Paper 740/2020-21

2020 UCP AGM Policy and Governance Resolutions, Policy 27, relating to comments made by Mr. Barnes during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 51, Citizen Initiative Act, on June 2, 2021

Sessional Paper 741/2020-21

Photograph of Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, signing a document entitled "Grassroots Policy Guarantee," relating to comments made by Mr. Barnes during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 51, Citizen Initiative Act, on June 2, 2021

Sessional Paper 742/2020-21

Document, undated, entitled "United Conservatives Alberta Strong & Free: Getting Alberta Back to Work," relating to comments made by Mr. Barnes during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 51, Citizen Initiative Act, on June 2, 2021

Sessional Paper 743/2020-21

Photograph of Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations; Members of Executive Council; and guests dining together on the patio on the east side of the 11th floor of the Edmonton Federal Building on June 1, 2021

Sessional Paper 744/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 72 Preserving Canada's Economic Prosperity Act — Hon. Mrs. Savage

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 37

Amery* Hunter Rosin Ceci Issik* Rowswell Dach Jones* Rutherford Ellis LaGrange Sawhney Feehan Long* Singh Stephan Getson Lovely* Glasgo Loyola Turton Glubish Luan Walker Williams Goodridge Madu Gray Orr Wilson Guthrie Pon Yao Hoffman Rehn Yaseen*

Horner*

Against the motion: 0
* Member voted remotely

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 72 Preserving Canada's Economic Prosperity Act — Hon. Mrs. Savage

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 57 Metis Settlements Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Wilson

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 28

Amery* Jones* Rowswell Ellis LaGrange Rutherford Getson Long* Sawhney Glasgo Lovely* Singh Glubish Luan Stephan Gotfried* Madu Turton Guthrie Walker Orr Horner* Pon Wilson Hunter Rosin Yaseen* Issik*

Against the motion: 6

Ceci Feehan Hoffman Dach Gray Loyola

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 68 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Madu

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Ms Glasgo in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 31

Ellis Rutherford Long* Getson Lovely* Sawhney Glubish Luan Singh Goodridge Madu Stephan Gotfried* McIver Turton Guthrie Orr Walker Horner* Pitt Williams Wilson Hunter Pon Issik* Rosin Yao Jones* Rowswell Yaseen*

LaGrange

Against the motion: 6

Ceci Feehan Hoffman Dach Gray Loyola

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 62 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Hunter

Hon. Mr. Hunter moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 57 Metis Settlements Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Wilson

Bill 68 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Madu

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Madu, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:56 p.m. until Monday, June 7, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

^{*} Member voted remotely

^{*} Member voted remotely

Monday, June 7, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Panda, Minister of Infrastructure, made a statement regarding the 75th anniversary of India's independence and the planned 75 weeks of related events, dubbed Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, commented on the statement on behalf of Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows.

Members' Statements

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding Seniors' Week.

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(8), Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, provided notice to the Assembly that the Daily Routine shall continue beyond 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, made a statement regarding proposed policies adopted during the recent New Democratic Party convention.

Ms Fir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Peigan, made a statement regarding proposed improvements to the Fish Creek Provincial Park trail system.

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the New Democratic Party's plan for job creation.

Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding growing negative perceptions of policing and its symbols.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement regarding public opinion on Government policies.

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding the Child and Youth Well-being Review established by the Ministry of Children's Services.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the calls to action from the report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, made a statement regarding ALS Awareness Month and recognizing the life and legacy of Kari Evans.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Ellis, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, presented the following report:

Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills Final Report: Bill 218, Provincial Parks (Protecting Park Boundaries) Amendment Act, 2021, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, June 2021

Sessional Paper 745/2020-21

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to the report that the Bill proceed.

A Member rose to speak to the motion. The Speaker advised that debate on the motion for concurrence will take place on the next available Monday.

Privilege – Misleading the Assembly

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 relating to the Hon. Premier and the Minister of Health allegedly misleading the Assembly regarding compliance with current public health orders during a recent gathering of members of the Executive Council and other officials at the Edmonton Federal Building.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat:

Letter dated June 16, 2020, from Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, to Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, supplementing the report of the Fair Deal Panel to the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 746/2020-21

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Sawhney, Minister of Community and Social Services:

Responses to questions raised by Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, March 16, 2021, Ministry of Community and Social Services, 2021-22 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 747/2020-21

Privilege – Misleading the Assembly

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 relating to the Hon. Premier and the Minister of Health allegedly misleading the Assembly regarding compliance with current public health orders during a recent gathering of members of the Executive Council and other officials at the Edmonton Federal Building.

The Speaker heard from Mr. Loewen, Hon. Mr. McIver, Mr. Sabir, and Mr. Barnes.

The Speaker advised that he would take the matter under advisement and provide his ruling at a later date.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Motions for Concurrence in Committee Reports on Public Bills Other Than Government Bills

Debate continued on the motion moved on April 20, 2021, by Mr. Ellis, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, that the Assembly concur in the report of the committee recommending that Bill 214, Eastern Slopes Protection Act, proceed.

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

Debate continued on the motion moved on April 22, 2021, by Mr. Schow, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, that the Assembly concur in the report of the committee recommending that Bill 215, Seniors Advocate Act, proceed.

Debate adjourned, MLA Irwin speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

518. Moved by Mr. Schow on behalf of Mr. Williams:

Be it resolved that

- A. the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta effective February 25, 2021 be amended
 - (a) in Standing Order 29 by striking out suborder (2), and
 - (b) by adding the following after Standing Order 29:

Intervention

- 29.1(1) A Member may, in accordance with this Standing Order, intervene during another Member's speech on any item of debate referred to in Standing Order 29(1) except if the speech is one of the following:
 - (a) a Member's opening or closing speech in respect of moving a resolution or a Bill;
 - (b) a Member's speech immediately following an opening speech referred to in clause (a);
 - (c) a Member's speech on a motion for an address in reply to the Lieutenant Governor's speech.
- (2) A Member may request to intervene during another Member's speech by rising while that Member is speaking.
- (3) If a Member requests to intervene, the Member who is speaking may, immediately on the other Member rising
 - (a) agree to the request by
 - (i) acknowledging the Member's request,
 - (ii) stating that they agree to the request, and
 - (iii) taking their seat, or
 - (b) refuse the request by continuing with their speech.
- (4) If a Member agrees to a request to intervene
 - (a) the Member's speaking time is immediately suspended until the intervention concludes,
 - (b) the Member who intervenes
 - (i) is limited to a speaking time of one minute, and
 - (ii) may only ask questions or make comments on matters relevant to the speech on which they have intervened,
 - (c) no Member, including the Member whose speech is the subject of the intervention, may request to intervene during the intervention, and
 - (d) on conclusion of the intervention, the Member whose speech was the subject of the intervention may resume speaking for the remainder of their speaking time.
- (5) If a Member refuses a request to intervene
 - (a) the Member may continue speaking for the remainder of their speaking time, and

- (b) the Member who made the request must immediately take their seat.
- (6) A Member may not agree to more than five interventions during their speech.
- (7) For greater certainty, a Member may make multiple requests to intervene in another Member's speech.
- (8) Despite any other suborder under this Standing Order, the Speaker may direct any Member as is necessary to preserve order and decorum during a debate.
- B. the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing
 - (a) conduct a review of the amendments set out in Part A within one year of the day on which these amendments come into force, and
 - (b) table a report in the Assembly on that review, which may include any amendments recommended by the Committee, within 365 days of the day on which the Standing Committee commences its review
- the amendments set out in Part A come into force on passage of this Motion.

A debate followed.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, moved that the motion be amended:

- (a) in clause (b) of Part A
 - (i) in the proposed Standing Order 29.1(4)(d) by striking out "the remainder of their speaking time" and substituting "the remainder of their speaking time, including any additional speaking time provided under suborder (6.1), if applicable",
 - (ii) in the proposed Standing Order 29.1(6) by striking out "five interventions" and substituting "three interventions", and
 - (iii) by adding the following immediately after the proposed Standing Order 29.1(6):
 - (6.1) Despite Standing Order 29(l)(d), on a Member agreeing to more than one intervention during their speech, the Member's speaking time limit is extended by two minutes.
- (b) in Part C by striking out "on passage of this Motion" and substituting "on the first sitting day of the 2021 Fall Sitting of the 30th Legislature and despite prorogation of the Second Session of the 30th Legislature if it occurs before that sitting day".

Sessional Paper 748/2020-21

The Speaker commented on the admissibility of the amendment.

The Speaker heard from Mr. Williams.

The Speaker ruled that the amendment was in order.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

Debate continued on the motion as amended.

The question being put, the motion as amended was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, the Assembly adjourned at 5:42 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 65 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nixon on behalf of Hon. Mr. Shandro

Hon. Mr. Nixon moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Motions

83. Oral notice having been given June 3, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. Kenney:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly determine, pursuant to section 3 of the Referendum Act, the following as the question to be put to electors at a referendum and to which the response from an elector who votes in that referendum must be either 'yes' or 'no':

Should section 36(2) of the Constitution Act, 1982 – Parliament and the government of Canada's commitment to the principle of making equalization payments – be removed from the constitution?

A debate followed.

Mr. Schow moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 67 Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Education Act — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

Mr. Long, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 67 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West on behalf of the Official Opposition House Leader) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 749/2020-21

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 65 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

A debate followed.

Mr. Carson moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 69 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:34 a.m. Tuesday, June 8, 2021, until 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 10:00 a.m.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 62 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Hunter

A debate followed.

Ms Pancholi moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 56 Local Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. McIver

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2.1), the Assembly adjourned at 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in honour of the memory of the victims of a hate-motivated vehicular attack against a Muslim family in London, Ontario, on June 6, 2021, that killed four people and left one in critical condition.

Members' Statements

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the hate-motivated vehicular attack against a Muslim family in London, Ontario, on June 6, 2021, that killed four people and left one in critical condition.

Mr. Yaseen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North, made a statement regarding the hatemotivated vehicular attack against a Muslim family in London, Ontario, on June 6, 2021, that killed four people and left one in critical condition.

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the Government's economic recovery plan.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the need for stronger leadership from the Premier.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement regarding the hatemotivated vehicular attack against a Muslim family in London, Ontario, on June 6, 2021, that killed four people and left one in critical condition.

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding Seniors' Week.

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the potential benefits of using small modular reactors in Alberta's energy industry.

Mr. Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement reflecting on the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding the recently proposed Alberta kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) Acknowledge and mourn that four Muslim Canadians a grandmother, a mother, father and teenage daughter — were killed yesterday, and a little boy seriously injured because of hatred, bigotry and terrorism in our society.
- (b) Denounce and take immediate actions to prevent anti-Muslim hate and the rise of hate crimes in Canada and Alberta, where a number of hate-motivated crimes have taken place across this province, including recently.
- (c) Urge the Government of Alberta to work with BIPOC communities and all parties of the Legislative Assembly to prevent hate crimes, support victims of hate crimes, fund public education and race-based data collection, and increase funding to and expand the mandate of the Alberta Human Rights Commission with respect to preventing hate crimes.
- (d) Further urge the Government of Alberta to:
 - table the report and recommendations of the Alberta Anti-Racism Advisory Council by Thursday, June 10, 2021 and release a concrete Anti-Racism Action Plan by August 30, 2021; and

(ii) strike a bi-partisan committee of the Legislative Assembly, within three weeks of the passing of this motion, to co-develop, implement, and report progress on the Anti-Racism Action Plan.

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

- 84. Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly
 - (a) express its deepest condolences to the loved ones of the four members of a Canadian family killed in a brutal act of Islamophobic terrorism in London, Ontario yesterday, while uniting in hope for the recovery of a young boy who was seriously injured in the attack;
 - (b) convey its shared grief with Canada's entire Muslim community following this heinous hate crime, while affirming that Muslim Albertans must be able to live in security without fear;
 - (c) denounce unequivocally the hatred of Islam which motivated this attack, while condemning all forms of hatred in our society;
 - (d) call upon the Government of Alberta to strengthen law enforcement, educational and other efforts to combat Islamophobia, and all forms of bigotry and hatred;
 - (e) encourage the Alberta Anti-Racism Advisory Council to study and report on hate crimes targeting religious and ethnic minority communities.

Privilege – Misleading the Assembly

Honourable Members, I am prepared to rule on the point of privilege from yesterday. The point of privilege was raised on June 7, 2021, by the Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley. The question has to do with statements made by the Hon. Premier and the Minister of Health in the Assembly during Oral Question Period on Thursday, June 3, 2021. The Member for Central Peace-Notley provided notice of the question of privilege to my office at 11:24 a.m. on June 7, with a copy to the Hon. Premier, the Minister of Health, the Government House Leader, and the Official Opposition House Leader, thereby meeting the notice requirements under Standing Order 15(2). I also find that this matter was raised at the earliest opportunity, as was required under the Standing Orders.

In his submission the Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley referenced a number of comments made in response to questions posed by the opposition during Oral Question Period on June 3, 2021, on the matter of the gathering the Premier and Ministers and the Minister of Health, among others, attended on June 1, 2021, on the upper patio of the Edmonton Federal Building. The Member contends that these statements exemplify the Premier's and the Minister of Health's efforts to deliberately mislead the Assembly.

First, the Member for Central Peace-Notley highlighted a question posed by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora concerning the gathering, to which the Premier responded that "On Tuesday we moved forward with stage 1 of Alberta's open-forsummer plan, which included expanding outdoor gatherings to a maximum of 10 people. We had a business dinner, which we moved outside, with six people, that was fully rule compliant." These remarks can be found on page 5212 of Hansard for June 3.

The Member for Central Peace-Notley then referenced the Premier's response to the Member for Edmonton-City Centre's question on the same matter, to which the Premier stated in part, "With respect to rules, we made every reasonable effort to be physically distanced, outdoors, rather than doing an indoor meeting, fully compliant with the rules." These remarks can be found on page 5213 of Hansard for June 3.

In addition, the Member referenced the Premier's response to a question from the Member for Calgary-McCall, in which the Premier stated, in reference to the phase 1 reopening plan that "the same rules apply to everyone, and even Members of the Legislative Assembly." These comments may be found on page 5213 of Hansard for June 3.

Lastly, the Member for Central Peace-Notley highlighted a series of questions posed by the Member for Edmonton-South on gatherings to which the Minister of Health indicated in part that there were "no rules broken." This exchange can be found on page 5214 of Hansard from the same day.

In his arguments in response to submissions from the Member for Central Peace-Notley, the Deputy Government House Leader argued that although the Premier had expressed regret, compliance with the rules "may have fallen short at points during the event in question...this does not mean that the Assembly was misled" when it heard responses to the questions on June 3, and "it certainly does not mean that the Assembly was intentionally misled." These submissions may be found on page 5240 of Hansard for June 7, 2021.

Honourable Members, it is not the first time during the 30th Legislature that a purported question of privilege concerning the matter of deliberately misleading the Assembly has been raised. Nevertheless, I wish to clarify at the outset that this type of question of privilege, which purports that a Member made statements to deliberately mislead the Assembly, is treated as a contempt of the Assembly. As indicated on page 307 of Erskine May's Treatise on the Laws, Privileges, Proceedings and Usage of Parliament, 25th edition, with respect to the United Kingdom: "The Commons may treat the making of a deliberately misleading statement as a contempt." And as noted on page 85, House of Commons Procedures and Practice, 3rd edition, "the provision of deliberately misleading information to the House or one of its committees by a Minister or by a Member" has been "raised as a matter of privilege."

As noted on July 7, 2020, page 1764, and June 25, 2019, at page 1174 of Hansard for those days, the test for deliberately misleading the House is very difficult to meet. This test is set out in the fourth edition of Parliamentary Practice in New Zealand on pages 775 to 776.

While many Albertans and, certainly, the Member for Central Peace-Notley may believe that this case is cut and dried, it in fact is not. The test has three elements, and in order to be seen as a point of privilege, it must meet all three parts of the test.

The statements must, one, in fact have been misleading. Now, given the benefit of hindsight, many Members of the Assembly may feel that the statement made by the Premier were misleading. Number two, the Member must have known that the statement was inaccurate at the time in which the statement was made. And number three, the Member must have intended to intentionally mislead the Assembly.

Based on the statements as made in Oral Question Period on June 3, and on the question of whether the statement is misleading, it is entirely conceivable that the Hon. Premier and the Minister of Health believed that they had been in compliance with the public health rules. The fact that these recollections changed in hindsight does not detract from the fact that when the statements were made, they may have believed them to be factual.

In addition, as the Deputy Government House Leader pointed out in his arguments, that can be found on page 5240 of Hansard for June 7, and paragraph 494 on page 151 of Beauchesne's, and that read as follows: "It has been formerly ruled by Speakers that statements by Members respecting themselves and particularly within their own knowledge must be accepted."

We must take a Member at their word even when it may be uncomfortable for the Speaker or other Albertans or when it may seem unlikely. Therefore, the first element of this test has not been met. The statements made by the Premier and the Minister of Health do not meet the threshold of deliberately misleading this Assembly and do not constitute a contempt. Accordingly, I do not find a prima facie breach of privilege, and this matter is concluded.

In addition, the Chair acknowledges that the Hon. Premier did in fact apologize for statements that had been made that are the subject of questions, and the Chair accepts the apology at its face value. The Premier did so a number of times during Question Period yesterday and expressed regret for the gathering during a public apology previously to that.

I consider this matter dealt with and concluded.

Motions Under Standing Order 42

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) Acknowledge and mourn that four Muslim Canadians a grandmother, a mother, father and teenage daughter were killed yesterday, and a little boy seriously injured because of hatred, bigotry and terrorism in our society.
- (b) Denounce and take immediate actions to prevent anti-Muslim hate and the rise of hate crimes in Canada and Alberta, where a number of hate-motivated crimes have taken place across this province, including recently.
- (c) Urge the Government of Alberta to work with BIPOC communities and all parties of the Legislative Assembly to prevent hate crimes, support victims of hate crimes, fund public education and race-based data collection, and increase funding to and expand the mandate of the Alberta Human Rights Commission with respect to preventing hate crimes.
- (d) Further urge the Government of Alberta to:
 - (i) table the report and recommendations of the Alberta Anti-Racism Advisory Council by Thursday, June 10, 2021 and release a concrete Anti-Racism Action Plan by August 30, 2021; and
 - (ii) strike a bi-partisan committee of the Legislative Assembly, within three weeks of the passing of this motion, to co-develop, implement, and report progress on the Anti-Racism Action Plan.

Pursuant to Standing Order 42(1.1) and (1.2), Mr. Sabir and Hon. Mr. Nixon commented on the request for unanimous consent.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 39(1)(a) and proceed immediately to consideration of Government Motion 84.

Government Motions

84. Oral notice having been given June 8, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. Kenney:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) express its deepest condolences to the loved ones of the four members of a Canadian family killed in a brutal act of Islamophobic terrorism in London, Ontario yesterday, while uniting in hope for the recovery of a young boy who was seriously injured in the attack;
- (b) convey its shared grief with Canada's entire Muslim community following this heinous hate crime, while affirming that Muslim Albertans must be able to live in security without fear;

- denounce unequivocally the hatred of Islam which motivated this attack, while condemning all forms of hatred in our society;
- (d) call upon the Government of Alberta to strengthen law enforcement, educational and other efforts to combat Islamophobia, and all forms of bigotry and hatred;
- (e) encourage the Alberta Anti-Racism Advisory Council to study and report on hate crimes targeting religious and ethnic minority communities.

A debate followed.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, moved that the motion be amended by striking out clause (e) and substituting the following:

- (e) urge the Government of Alberta to
 - (i) table in the Assembly the report and recommendations of the Alberta Anti-Racism Advisory Council by Thursday, June 10, 2021,
 - (ii) make public a concrete Anti-Racism Action Plan by August 30, 2021, and
 - (iii) establish, within three weeks of the passage of this motion, a bipartisan committee of the Legislative Assembly for the purpose of co-developing, implementing, and reporting on progress on the Anti-Racism Action Plan.

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A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 11

Bilous Eggen Loyola*
Carson Goehring Sabir
Dach* Gray* Shepherd
Deol* Irwin*

Against the amendment: 31

Aheer Jones Rowswell*
Allard* Long Rutherford
Amery* Lovely Savage
Copping Madu Schow
Dreeshen Nally Schulz

Fir Neudorf Sigurdson (Highwood)

Goodridge* Nicolaides Smith
Gotfried* Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Toews
Guthrie* Panda Turton*
Horner Rosin* Yaseen

Issik

Debate adjourned on the main motion.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:03 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Motions

84. Oral notice having been given June 8, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. Kenney:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) express its deepest condolences to the loved ones of the four members of a Canadian family killed in a brutal act of Islamophobic terrorism in London, Ontario yesterday, while uniting in hope for the recovery of a young boy who was seriously injured in the attack;
- (b) convey its shared grief with Canada's entire Muslim community following this heinous hate crime, while affirming that Muslim Albertans must be able to live in security without fear;
- (c) denounce unequivocally the hatred of Islam which motivated this attack, while condemning all forms of hatred in our society;
- (d) call upon the Government of Alberta to strengthen law enforcement, educational and other efforts to combat Islamophobia, and all forms of bigotry and hatred;
- (e) encourage the Alberta Anti-Racism Advisory Council to study and report on hate crimes targeting religious and ethnic minority communities.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

^{*}Member voted remotely

For the motion: 45

Aheer Gotfried* Nicolaides
Allard Gray Nixon (Calgary-Klein)

Hanson Orr* Amery Armstrong-Homeniuk Hoffman Panda Horner Rutherford Barnes Issik Savage Ceci Schow* Copping Jones Schulz Dach Kenney Dreeshen Loewen Shandro

Ellis Long Sigurdson (Highwood)

FeehanLovelySmithFirLoyolaToewsGanleyMaduvan DijkenGlasgo*NallyWilliams*Goodridge*NeudorfYaseen

Against the motion: 0
*Member voted remotely

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 70 COVID-19 Related Measures Act — Hon. Mr. Shandro on behalf of Mr. Gotfried

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Nally moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 66 Public Health Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, on June 1, 2021, that the Bill be amended in section 16 by adding the following after the proposed section 52.1:

Chief Medical Officer required to provide information to Legislative Assembly

- 52.11 If an order declaring a state of public health emergency is made under section 52.1, the Chief Medical Officer must undertake the following until the order lapses or terminates:
 - (a) at least once within each 90-day period that immediately and consecutively follows the making of the order, appear before the Standing Committee on Families and Communities to provide information to, and respond to questions from, Members of that Committee relating to the state of public health emergency, and
 - (b) on a written request from a Member of the Legislative Assembly for information about the state of the public health emergency, provide that information in writing to the Member as soon as practicable.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 11

Barnes Ganley Hoffman
Ceci Goodridge* Loewen
Dach Gotfried* Loyola
Feehan Gray

Against the amendment: 31

Aheer Kenney Rutherford
Amery Long Savage
Armstrong-Homeniuk Lovely Schulz

CoppingNallySigurdson (Highwood)DreeshenNeudorfSmithEllisNicolaidesToews

Ellis Nicolaides Toews
Fir Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Toor
Hanson Orr* van Dijken
Horner Panda Williams*
Issik Rehn Yaseen

Jones

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 58 Freedom to Care Act — Hon. Mrs. Aheer

Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, on behalf of Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, moved that the Bill be amended by striking out section 1(g)(ii) and section 8(a).

^{*}Member voted remotely

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 6

Ceci Feehan Hoffman Dach Gray Loyola

Against the amendment: 32

Aheer Singh* Long Amery Lovely Smith Armstrong-Homeniuk Nally Stephan* Copping Neudorf Toor Dreeshen **Nicolaides** Turton* Ellis Nixon (Calgary-Klein) van Dijken Fir Panda Walker* Rehn Williams* Hanson Horner Rutherford Yao* Issik Schulz Yaseen

Jones Sigurdson (Highwood)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 72 Preserving Canada's Economic Prosperity Act — Hon. Mrs. Savage

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, on behalf of Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, moved that the Bill be amended

- (a) in section 1 by adding the following immediately after clause (f):
 - (g) "refined fuels" means
 - (i) gasoline, diesel, aviation fuel and locomotive fuel, or
 - (ii) any other fuel or component used to produce refined fuels specified under a regulation made under this Act.
- (b) in section 2 by adding ", refined fuels" immediately after "natural gas" where it occurs.
- (c) in section 4
 - (i) by adding the following immediately after subsection (3):
 - (4) With respect to a licence for the export from Alberta of refined fuels, the Minister may impose different terms and conditions for the different types of refined fuels.
 - (ii) by adding ", refined fuels" immediately after "natural gas" wherever it occurs,
- (d) in section 8 by adding ", refined fuels" immediately after "natural gas" wherever it occurs,
- (e) in section 9 by adding ", refined fuels" immediately after "natural gas" wherever it occurs, and

^{*}Member voted remotely

- (f) in section 11 as follows:
 - (i) by adding the following immediately after clause (a):
 - (a.01) specifying other fuels and components for the purposes of section 1(g)(ii);
 - (ii) in clause (h) by adding ", refined fuels" immediately after "natural gas".

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 10

BarnesGrayLoyolaCeciHoffmanStephan*DachLoewenYao*

Feehan

Against the amendment: 30

Aheer Jones Schulz

Amery Long Sigurdson (Highwood)

Singh* Armstrong-Homeniuk Lovely Smith Copping Nally Dreeshen Neudorf Toor Ellis **Nicolaides** Turton* Fir Nixon (Calgary-Klein) van Dijken Walker* Hanson Panda Williams* Rehn Horner Issik Rutherford Yaseen

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 72 Preserving Canada's Economic Prosperity Act — Hon. Mrs. Savage

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

- Bill 58 Freedom to Care Act Hon. Mrs. Aheer
- Bill 66 Public Health Amendment Act, 2021 Hon. Mr. Shandro

^{*}Member voted remotely

Mr. van Dijken, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 66 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat on June 1, 2021) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 715/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 66 (A2) (Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 751/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 66 (A3) (Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 752/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 58 (A1) (Official Opposition House Leader on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs) — Defeated on division Sessional Paper 753/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 72 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Defeated on division Sessional Paper 754/2020-21

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nally, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:43 a.m. Wednesday, June 9, 2021, until 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 9:00 a.m.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 70 COVID-19 Related Measures Act — Mr. Gotfried

A debate followed.

Hon. Mrs. Savage moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 62 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Hunter

A debate followed.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 62, Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021, be not now read a Third time but that it be recommitted to the Committee of the Whole for the purpose of reconsideration of section 1.

Sessional Paper 755/2020-21

A debate followed on the amendment.

Debate adjourned on the amendment.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 65 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2.1), the Assembly adjourned at 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2021 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

Ms Fir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Peigan, made a statement regarding Pride Month.

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the Government's job-creation strategy.

Ms Issik, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding COVID-19 vaccination rates in Alberta's youth population.

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding the Government's cancellation of the Alberta Investor Tax Credit program.

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding Canadian Men's Mental Health Month.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to take action to prevent hate crimes.

Mr. Yaseen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North, made a statement regarding Seniors' Week.

Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement recognizing his mother, Kimberley Carson, and the value of \$25-a-day child care.

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, made a statement regarding Farmer's Day.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Document, undated, entitled "UCP Report Card: Progress Report from Alberta Voters" giving letter grades to Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Education; Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks; Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health; and Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations

Sessional Paper 756/2020-21

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview:

Report, undated, entitled "Calgary Tech Report: Q4 2020 and long term trends," prepared by Hockeystick and Calgary Economic Development

Sessional Paper 757/2020-21

BetaKit website article dated April 28, 2021, entitled "Large deals fuelled Calgary's healthy 2020, but western Canada could have an early-stage funding problem"

Sessional Paper 758/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 67 Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Education Act — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West on behalf of the Official Opposition House Leader on June 7, 2021, that the Bill be amended in section 13

- (a) in subsection (1) by striking out "shall appoint" and substituting "shall, in accordance with subsection (2), appoint", and
- (b) by striking out subsection (2) and substituting the following:
 - (2) The Minister shall
 - (a) appoint the following as members of the Board:
 - (i) four individuals who represent employers of professionals in the designated trades;
 - (ii) four individuals who represent employees of professionals in the designated trades;
 - (iii) two individuals who represent employers of professionals in trades other than designated trades;
 - (iv) two individuals who represent employees of professional in trades other than designated trades.
 - (b) designate one member as chair and one or more other members to act in the place of the chair when the chair is absent or is otherwise unable to carry out the duties of the chair.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 6

Ceci Feehan Hoffman Dach Gray Loyola

Against the amendment: 32

Aheer Lovely Singh* Nally Smith Amery Neudorf Stephan* Armstrong-Homeniuk Toews Copping Nicolaides Ellis Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Toor Fir Panda Turton* Hanson Rowswell* van Dijken Walker* Rutherford Horner Williams* Issik Savage Jones Schulz Yaseen Long Sigurdson (Highwood)

The question was put on the clauses of Bill 67, Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Education Act, which was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

^{*}Member voted remotely

For the motion: 36

Aheer Long Schulz

Amery Lovely Sigurdson (Highwood)

Armstrong-Homeniuk Madu Singh* Nally Smith Copping Dreeshen Neudorf Stephan* Nicolaides Toews Ellis Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Fir Toor Gotfried* Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Turton* van Dijken Hanson Panda Horner Rowswell* Walker* Issik Rutherford Williams Jones Savage Yaseen

Against the motion: 7

Ceci Ganley Hoffman Dach Gray Loyola

Feehan

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 67 Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Education Act — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

Mrs. Pitt, Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 67 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West on behalf of the Official Opposition House Leader on June 7, 2021) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 749/2020-21

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 51 Citizen Initiative Act — Hon. Mr. Madu

A debate followed.

^{*}Member voted remotely

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 36

Aheer Lovely Schulz

Amery Madu Sigurdson (Highwood)

Armstrong-Homeniuk Nally Singh* Dreeshen Neudorf Smith Ellis **Nicolaides** Stephan* Fir $Nixon \ ({\it Calgary-Klein})$ Toews Hanson Toor Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Horner Orr* Turton* Issik Panda van Dijken Rowswell*Jones Walker* Rutherford Williams Kenney Yaseen Long Savage

Against the motion: 7

Ceci Ganley Hoffman Dach Gray Loyola

Feehan

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 51 Citizen Initiative Act — Hon. Mr. Madu

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 52 Recall Act — Hon. Mr. Madu

^{*}Member voted remotely

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

- (a) in section 1(1)
 - (i) in clause (c), by striking out "or a recall vote", and
 - (ii) by striking out clause (r);
- (b) in section 2(3)(b)(ii)(B) by striking out "for the purposes of sections 11(4) and 16(4), as applicable," and substituting "for the purpose of section 11(4)";
- (c) in the heading for Division 3 of Part 1, by striking out "Recall Vote Authorized" and substituting "Recall Petition Successful";
- (d) in section 8(1) by striking out "A recall vote is authorized" and substituting "A recall petition is successful";
- (e) by adding the following immediately after section 8:

Result of a successful petition

- 8.1(1) If the Chief Electoral Officer determines in accordance with section 8 that a recall petition is successful
 - (a) the individual named as the member in the recall petition is considered to have been recalled on the day that the Chief Electoral Officer provides notice of that result under section 9(a), and
 - (b) effective on that day
 - the individual is no longer a member of the Legislative Assembly, and
 - (ii) for the purpose of section 32(1) of the Legislative Assembly Act, the seat to which the individual was elected as a member of the Legislative Assembly is considered to be vacant.
 - (2) For greater certainty, an individual who is subject to a successful recall under subsection (1) is not considered to be ineligible to be a candidate in the election conducted for the purpose of the vacancy arising due to that successful recall.
- (f) by striking out sections 15 to 21;
- (g) in section 22(1)
 - (i) in clause (c)(ii) by striking out "or a recall vote", and
 - (ii) by striking out clause (g) and substituting the following:
 - (g) "recall advertising period", in respect of a recall petition, means the canvassing period.;
- (h) in section 22(3) by striking out "or recall vote";
- (i) in section 23(1) by striking out "or recall vote" wherever it occurs;

- (j) by striking out section 39(1) and substituting the following:
 - 39(1) The chief financial officer of a third party who is registered under section 23 shall, in respect of a recall petition, file a third party recall advertising return with the Chief Electoral Officer within 4 months after the date on which the canvassing period for that recall petition ends.
- (k) by striking out section 40(1) and substituting the following:
 - 40(1) The chief financial officer of a third party whose recall advertising expenses exceed the prescribed amount shall, in respect of a recall petition, file an audited financial statement with the Chief Electoral Officer within 6 months after the date on which the canvassing period for that recall petition ends.
- (l) in section 41(2), by striking out "after the polling day established for the purposes of a recall vote, or following the earlier withdrawal, conclusion or termination of a recall petition or a recall vote shall" and substituting "after the withdrawal, conclusion or termination of a recall petition shall";
- (m) in section 43(2) by striking out "or a recall vote" wherever it occurs;
- (n) in section 47(3)
 - (i) by striking out "recall petition and any related recall vote or process" and substituting "recall petition and any related process", and
 - (ii) by striking out clause (d) and substituting the following:
 - (d) between the day that the Chief Electoral Officer issues a recall petition and the day that the Chief Electoral Officer provides notice of the results of the recall petition under section 9(a), a writ of election is issued.
- (o) in section 50(2)(b) by striking out "or of a recall vote under section 19";
- (p) in section 55(2)
 - (i) in clause (c) by striking out "or 16", and
 - (ii) in clause (d) by striking out "or 15(1) or (3)";
- (q) in section 59 by striking out "or 18";
- (r) in section 69(2)(d) by striking out "recall vote and".

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 9

Barnes Loewen Phillips
Dang Nielsen Schmidt

Irwin Pancholi Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Against the amendment: 33

Aheer Horner Rosin*
Allard* Issik Rutherford
Amery Jones Savage
Armstrong-Homeniuk Long Schow
Copping Lovely Schulz

Dreeshen Madu Sigurdson (Highwood)

Fir Nally Smith
Getson* Neudorf Toews
Gotfried* Nicolaides van Dijken
Guthrie* Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Yao*
Hanson Panda Yaseen

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, on behalf of Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, moved that the Bill be amended in section 72 by striking out "on Proclamation" and substituting "on July 31, 2021".

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Milliken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 8

Barnes Nielsen Schmidt

Dang Pancholi Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Irwin Phillips

Against the amendment: 35

Aheer Horner Rosin*
Allard* Issik Rutherford
Amery Jones Savage
Armstrong-Homeniuk Long Schow
Copping Lovely Schulz

Dreeshen Madu Sigurdson (Highwood)

Fir Nally Smith
Getson* Neudorf Toews
Goodridge Nicolaides van Dijken
Gotfried* Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Yao*
Guthrie* Panda Yaseen

Hanson Rehn

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, moved that the Bill be amended in section 8 by striking out "40%" wherever it occurs and substituting "25%".

^{*}Member voted remotely

^{*}Member voted remotely

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Milliken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 9

Barnes Loewen Phillips
Dang Nielsen Schmidt

Irwin Pancholi Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Against the amendment: 33

Aheer Issik Rosin*
Allard* Jones Rutherford
Amery Long Savage
Armstrong-Homeniuk Lovely Schow
Copping Madu Schulz

Dreeshen Nally Sigurdson (Highwood)

Fir Neudorf Smith
Getson* Nicolaides Toews
Guthrie* Nixon (Calgary-Klein) van Dijken*
Hanson Panda Yao*
Horner Rehn Yaseen

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, on behalf of Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

- (a) by striking out section 11(3) and substituting the following:
 - (3) The total amount of all contributions by an individual to an authorized participant in respect of a recall petition shall not exceed \$4000, as adjusted in accordance with section 12(1.1).
- (b) by adding the following after section 12(1):
 - (1.1) Section 41.5 of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act applies, with all necessary modifications, to the amounts referred to in sections 11(3) and 13.
- (c) by striking out section 13 and substituting the following:
 - 13 An authorized participant shall not incur recall expenses in respect of a recall petition that exceed in the aggregate \$50,000 as adjusted in accordance with section 12(1.1).
- (d) by striking out sections 14(2)(n) and (p);
- (e) by striking out section 16(3) and substituting the following:
 - (3) the total amount of all contributions by an individual to an authorized participant in respect of a recall vote shall not exceed \$4000, as adjusted in accordance with section 17(2).

^{*}Member voted remotely

- (f) by renumbering section 17 as section 17(1) and by adding the following immediately after 17(1):
 - (2) Section 41.5 of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act applies, with all necessary modifications, to the amounts referred to in sections 16(3) and 18.
- (g) by striking out section 18 and substituting the following:

18 An authorized participant shall not incur recall expenses in respect of a recall petition that exceed in the aggregate \$50,000, as adjusted in accordance with section 17(2).

(h) by striking out sections 21(2)(i) and (j).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Milliken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Dang Pancholi Schmidt

Irwin Phillips Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Nielsen

Against the amendment: 37

AheerHornerOrr*Allard*IssikPandaAmeryJonesRutherfordArmstrong-HomeniukLoewenSchowBarnesLongSchulz

Copping Lovely Sigurdson (Highwood)

Dreeshen Madu Smith Nally Toews Fir Getson* Neudorf Toor* Glasgo* **Nicolaides** van Dijken* Goodridge* Yao* Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Gotfried* Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Yaseen

Hanson

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

- (a) in section 1(1)(e)(ii) by striking out "60-day period" and substituting "120-day period";
- (b) in section 7(1) by striking out "60 days" and substituting "120 days";
- (c) in section 71(4), in the proposed Part 7.1, in section 240.1(1)(c) by striking out "60-day period" and substituting "120-day period".

^{*}Member voted remotely

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Milliken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 2

Barnes Loewen

Against the amendment: 38

Aheer Issik **Phillips** Rutherford Amery Jones Armstrong-Homeniuk Long Savage Copping Lovely Schmidt Dang Madu Schow Dreeshen Nally Schulz

Fir Neudorf Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Glasgo* Nicolaides Sigurdson (Highwood)

Goodridge*NielsenSmithGotfried*Nixon (Calgary-Klein)ToewsHansonOrr*Toor*HornerPancholiYaseen

Irwin Panda

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, on behalf of Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

- (a) in section 1(1)(c)
 - (i) in subclause (i) by adding the word "or" immediately after "the recall petition,",
 - (ii) in subclause (ii) by striking out the word "or", and
 - (iii) by striking out subclause (iii);
- (b) in section 14(2) by striking out clause (c);
- (c) in section 21(2) by striking out clause (c).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Milliken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Dang Pancholi Schmidt

Irwin Phillips Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Nielsen

^{*}Member voted remotely

Against the amendment: 34

AheerIssikPandaAmeryJonesRutherfordArmstrong-HomeniukLoewenSavageBarnesLongSchowCoppingLovelySchulz

Dreeshen Madu Sigurdson (Highwood)

Fir Nally Smith
Glasgo* Neudorf Toews
Goodridge* Nicolaides Toor*
Gotfried* Nixon (Calgary-Klein) van Dijken
Hanson Orr* Yaseen

Horner

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on behalf of Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

- (a) by striking out section 24(1) and substituting the following:
 - (1) A registered third party shall not incur recall advertising expenses exceeding \$3000, as adjusted in accordance with section 43(1.1), during the recall advertising period.
- (b) in section 43
 - (i) by adding the following after subsection (1):
 - (1.1) Section 41.5 of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act applies, with all necessary modifications, to the amounts referred to in section 24(1).
 - (ii) in subsection (3) by striking out clause (e).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Milliken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Dang Pancholi Schmidt

Irwin Phillips Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Nielsen

^{*}Member voted remotely

Against the amendment: 31

AheerIssikPandaAmeryJonesRutherfordArmstrong-HomeniukLongSavageCoppingLovelySchowDreeshenMaduSchulz

Fir Nally Sigurdson (Highwood)

Glasgo* Neudorf Smith
Goodridge* Nicolaides Toews
Gotfried* Nixon (Calgary-Klein) van Dijken
Hanson Orr* Yaseen

Horner

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 52 Recall Act — Hon. Mr. Madu

Bill 69 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Mr. Hanson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 52 (A1) (Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 759/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 52 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 760/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 52 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-South) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 761/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 52 (A4) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning) — Defeated on division Sessional Paper 762/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 52 (A5) (Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 763/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 52 (A6) (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning) — Defeated on division Sessional Paper 764/2020-21

^{*}Member voted remotely

Amendment to Bill 52 (A7) (Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 765/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 52 (A8) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 766/2020-21

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 69 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Madu, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:54 a.m. Thursday, June 10, 2021, until 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, June 10, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 9:00 a.m.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 70 COVID-19 Related Measures Act — Mr. Gotfried

A debate followed.

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 70, COVID-19 Related Measures Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 767/2020-21

A debate followed on the amendment.

Mr. Feehan moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 62 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Hunter

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, on June 9, 2021, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 62, Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021, be not now read a Third time but that it be recommitted to the Committee of the Whole for the purpose of reconsideration of section 1.

Sessional Paper 755/2020-21

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 67 Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Education Act — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

A debate followed.

Ms Gray moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 56 Local Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. McIver

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 62 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Hunter

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2.1), the Assembly adjourned at 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding recent actions of the Premier and other members of Executive Council.

Ms Fir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Peigan, made a statement regarding the provincial reopening plan during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Toor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding proposed freeway infrastructure in the City of Calgary.

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding the need for policies that support the economic future of rural Alberta.

Mr. Yaseen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North, made a statement recognizing the efforts of Albertans during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding Brain Injury Awareness Month and the need for the Government to support brain injury survivors.

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding the 2021 Alberta regional science fairs.

Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding Government actions to improve the orphan well rehabilitation program.

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the need to uphold the principles of democracy.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Schow, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, presented the following report:

Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills Final Report, Bill 219, Workers' Compensation (Expanding Presumptive Coverage) Amendment Act, 2021, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, June 2021

Sessional Paper 768/2020-21

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to the report that the Bill proceed.

A Member rose to speak to the motion. The Speaker advised that debate on the motion for concurrence will take place on the next available Monday.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

85. Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Prime Minister to respect the democratic voices of Albertans and refrain from filling Alberta's two vacant Senate seats until Albertans have an opportunity to elect nominees for appointment to the Senate on October 18, 2021, and further urge the Prime Minister to commit to filling the two vacant Senate seats with those individuals who received the highest number of votes in that Senate election.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Schow, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices:

Pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s19(5), Report of the Auditor General, June 2021

Sessional Paper 769/2020-21

Pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s20(2), Report of the Auditor General of Alberta dated June 2021, entitled "Alberta Justice and Solicitor General, Processes to Manage Bail Hearings and Case Management of Adult Criminal Prosecutions"

Sessional Paper 770/2020-21

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat:

Western Standard website article dated September 28, 2020, entitled "Terrazzano: Alberta needs recall legislation now"

Sessional Paper 771/2020-21

Document, undated, entitled "Policy 19," Page 22, 2020 AGM Policy and Governance Resolutions, UCP Virtual AGM 2020

Sessional Paper 772/2020-21

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood:

E-mail message dated March 18, 2021, from "A very concerned Albertan, educator, and ally" to Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding the Government's response to racism in Alberta

Sessional Paper 773/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 72 Preserving Canada's Economic Prosperity Act — Hon. Mrs. Savage

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Milliken in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 42

Rehn Aheer Hanson Rutherford Amery Horner Armstrong-Homeniuk Issik Sabir Bilous Jones Savage Schow Carson Long Copping Lovely Schulz Deol Madu Shepherd Nally Sigurdson (Highwood) Dreeshen Neudorf Smith Eggen Fir Nicolaides Sweet Glasgo* Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Toews Goehring $Nixon \ ({\tt Rimbey-Rocky \ Mtn. \ House-Sundre}) \quad Toor$ Goodridge* Orr* van Dijken Gotfried* Panda Yaseen

Against the motion: 0
*Member voted remotely

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 67 Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Education Act — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Milliken in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 30

AheerIssikPandaAmeryJonesRutherfordArmstrong-HomeniukLongSchowCoppingLovelySchulz

Dreeshen Madu Sigurdson (Highwood)

Fir Nally Smith
Glasgo* Neudorf Toews
Goodridge* Nicolaides Toor
Hanson Nixon (Calgary-Klein) van Dijken
Horner Orr* Yaseen

Against the motion: 8

Bilous Eggen Shepherd Carson Goehring Sweet

Deol Sabir

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 63 Police (Street Checks and Carding) Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Madu

Bill 67 Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Education Act — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

Bill 72 Preserving Canada's Economic Prosperity Act — Hon. Mrs. Savage

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nally, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:12 p.m. until Monday, June 14, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, June 14, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Members' Statements

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding the recently announced vaccine incentivization lottery program.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, made a statement regarding the actions of the Premier.

^{*}Member voted remotely

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding bias in how Canadian media portrays government responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the Premier's election promises to the City of Calgary.

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, made a statement regarding the challenges many seniors have faced during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding a recent rally held in the Crowsnest Pass opposing the development of coal mines.

Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Cochrane, made a statement recognizing the Cochrane Immigrant Services Committee.

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, made a statement regarding the rise of hate crimes and the need for the Government to take action.

Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding loyalty.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

88. Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 70, COVID-19 Related Measures Act, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Second Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Subcommittee of the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services Report to the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services, Review of Members' Services Committee Orders, Members' Expenditure Guidelines, and the Caucus Expenditure Guidelines, May 2021

Sessional Paper 774/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Motions for Concurrence in Committee Reports on Public Bills Other Than Government Bills

Debate continued on the motion moved on April 22, 2021, by Mr. Schow, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, that the Assembly concur in the report of the committee recommending that Bill 215, Seniors Advocate Act, proceed.

Mr. Rowswell moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to. With Mr. Milliken in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 32

Schow Allard Hunter Amery* LaGrange Schweitzer Armstrong-Homeniuk* Luan Singh Stephan Fir* Madu Neudorf Toor* Getson Glasgo Turton Orr Glubish Pon Walker Goodridge* Rosin Williams Gotfried* Rowswell Wilson Guthrie Rutherford* Yao Hanson* Sawhney

Against the motion: 8

Dang Pancholi Schmidt

Irwin Phillips Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Nielsen Renaud

Debate continued on the motion moved on June 7, 2021, by Mr. Ellis, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, that the Assembly concur in the report of the committee recommending that Bill 218, Provincial Parks (Protecting Park Boundaries) Amendment Act, 2021, proceed.

Mr. Schow moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to. With Mr. Milliken in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

^{*}Member voted remotely

Allard LaGrange Schow Amery* Luan Schweitzer Armstrong-Homeniuk* Madu Singh Fir* Neudorf Stephan Getson Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Toor* Glasgo Turton Orr Walker Glubish Pon Goodridge* Rosin Williams Rowswell Wilson Guthrie Hanson* Rutherford* Yao

Hunter Sawhney

Against the motion: 9

Nielsen Renaud Dang Deol* Pancholi Schmidt

Irwin $Sigurdson \ ({\tt Edmonton-Riverview})$ **Phillips**

Debate continued on the motion moved on June 10, 2021, by Mr. Schow, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, that the Assembly concur in the report of the committee recommending that Bill 219, Workers' Compensation (Expanding Presumptive Coverage) Amendment Act, 2021, proceed.

Mr. Williams moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to. With Mr. Milliken in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 31

Allard LaGrange Sawhney Amery* Luan Schow Armstrong-Homeniuk* Madu Schweitzer Fir* Neudorf Singh $Nixon \ ({\tt Rimbey-Rocky \ Mtn. \ House-Sundre})$ Getson Stephan Glasgo Orr Turton Walker Glubish Pon Goodridge* Rosin Williams Rowswell Guthrie Wilson Hanson* Rutherford* Yao Hunter

Against the motion: 9

Nielsen Renaud Dang Deol* Pancholi Schmidt **Phillips** Irwin Sweet

^{*}Member voted remotely

^{*}Member voted remotely

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 207 Reservists' Recognition Day Act — Mr. Rutherford

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, moved adjournment of the debate on amendment A1, which was defeated. With Mr. Milliken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 8

Dang Phillips Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Deol* Renaud Sweet

Pancholi Schmidt

Against the motion: 32

Allard LaGrange Sawhney Amery* Luan Schow Armstrong-Homeniuk* Madu Schweitzer Fir* McIver Singh Getson Stephan Neudorf Glasgo Turton Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Glubish Walker Orr Goodridge* Williams Pon Gotfried Wilson Rosin Hanson* Rowswell Yao

Hunter Rutherford*

After some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 207 Reservists' Recognition Day Act - Mr. Rutherford

Mr. Guthrie, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

^{*}Member voted remotely

Amendment to Bill 207 (A1) (Hon. Member for Peace River on behalf of the Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 775/2020-21

The question being put on the motion to concur in the report from Committee of the Whole, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 39

Allard LaGrange Sawhney
Amery* Luan Schmidt
Armstrong-Homeniuk* Madu Schow
Dang McIver Schweitzer

Fir* Neudorf Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Getson Orr Singh Glasgo Pancholi Stephan Glubish **Phillips** Sweet Goodridge* Turton Pon Guthrie Walker Renaud Hanson* Rosin Williams Hunter Rowswell Wilson Rutherford* Irwin Yao

Against the motion: 0
*Member voted remotely

Motions Other Than Government Motions

519. Moved by Ms Sweet:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take any necessary steps to maintain the current water allocations for the headwater tributaries of the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains including the Oldman River Basin Water Allocation Order (Alberta Regulation 319/2003) pending extensive consultations with the agricultural sector, Indigenous communities, ranchers, municipal districts, and the general public.

A debate followed.

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, on behalf of Ms Issik, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, proposed that the motion be amended as follows:

- (a) by striking out "take any necessary steps" and substituting "continue its ongoing work";
- (b) by striking out "pending extensive consultations" and substituting ", and recognize that no decision on changes to water allocations will be considered without extensive consultations";

- (c) by adding "industry," immediately after "the agricultural sector,";
- (d) by striking out "the general public" and substituting "Albertans". Sessional Paper 776/2020-21

The Speaker commented on the admissibility of the amendment and ruled that the

A debate followed on the amendment.

amendment was in order.

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, moved that the amendment be amended by striking out clause (a) and substituting the following:

(a) by striking out "the current water allocations" and substituting "water allocations current to May 1, 2020".

Sessional Paper 777/2020-21

The Speaker commented on the admissibility of the subamendment and ruled that the subamendment was in order.

A debate followed on the subamendment.

Debate adjourned on the subamendment, Mr. Schow speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 70 COVID-19 Related Measures Act — Mr. Gotfried

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, on June 10, 2021, that the Bill be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 70, COVID-19 Related Measures Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

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Mr. Ellis moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 66 Public Health Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 58 Freedom to Care Act — Hon. Mrs. Aheer

Mrs. Allard, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 58 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs) — Defeated

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Amendment to Bill 58 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 779/2020-21

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Madu, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:44 p.m. until Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

The Acting Speaker took the Chair at 10:00 a.m.

Government Motions

86. Moved by Hon. Mr. McIver on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that:

1. The Lobbyists Act be referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future and the Committee shall be deemed to be the special committee of the Assembly for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive review pursuant to section 21 of that Act;

- 2. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued;
- 3. In accordance with section 21 of the Lobbyists Act, the Committee must submit its report to the Assembly within one year after beginning its review and that report is to include any amendments recommended by the Committee.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

87. Moved by Hon. Mr. McIver on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that:

 A Select Special Child and Youth Advocate Search Committee of the Legislative Assembly be appointed, consisting of the following Members, namely:

Schow (Chair)	Goehring	Pancholi
Jones (Deputy Chair)	Lovely	Sabir
Fir	Nixon (Calgary-Klein)	Smith

for the purpose of inviting applications for the position of the Child and Youth Advocate and to recommend to the Assembly the applicant it considers most suitable to this position.

- 2. Reasonable disbursements by the Committee for advertising, staff assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel, and other expenditures necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities shall be paid, subject to the approval of the Chair.
- In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee may, with the concurrence
 of the head of the department, utilize the services of members of the public
 service employed in that department, and of the staff employed by the
 Assembly.
- 4. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued.
- 5. When its work has been completed, the Committee shall report to the Assembly if it is sitting; during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued, the Committee may release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk and forwarding a copy to each Member of the Assembly.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

85. Oral notice having been given June 10, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. Kenney on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Prime Minister to respect the democratic voices of Albertans and refrain from filling Alberta's two vacant Senate seats until Albertans have an opportunity to elect nominees for appointment to the Senate on October 18, 2021, and further urge the Prime Minister to commit to filling the two vacant Senate seats with those individuals who received the highest number of votes in that Senate election.

A debate followed.

Mr. Schow moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 70 COVID-19 Related Measures Act — Mr. Gotfried

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, on June 10, 2021, that the Bill be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 70, COVID-19 Related Measures Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

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Debate adjourned on the amendment, Ms Pancholi speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2.1), the Assembly adjourned at 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the actions of the Premier.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

Mrs. Allard, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement congratulating the graduating class of 2021.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement regarding Government funding for the University of Alberta.

Mrs. Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie-East, made a statement regarding the 2021 Alberta Air Tour.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the effects of Government policies on rural Albertans.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding Bill 72, Preserving Canada's Economic Prosperity Act.

Mr. Williams, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding Bill 217, Polish-Canadian Heritage Day Act.

Ms Glasgo, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the Government's plans for reopening Alberta during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motions:

- **89**. Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 70, COVID-19 Related Measures Act, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.
- **90**. Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 70, COVID-19 Related Measures Act, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

- **91**. Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 56, Local Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2021, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.
- **92**. Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 58, Freedom to Care Act, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.
- **93**. Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 58, Freedom to Care Act, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.
- **94**. Be it resolved that the membership of the Assembly's committees be replaced as follows:
 - A. on the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing, that Mr. Neudorf replace Mr. Barnes, and Mr. Williams replace Mr. Rehn:
 - B. on the Standing Committee on Families and Communities, that Mr. Loewen replace Mr. Neudorf;
 - On the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, that Mr. Rehn replace Mr. Loewen.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 220 Employment Standards (Expanding Bereavement Leave) Amendment Act, 2021 — Mr. Walker

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Letter dated January 3, 2021, from residents of The View seniors' home in Lethbridge, to Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, requesting Mr. Neudorf's assistance in addressing rental increases

Sessional Paper 780/2020-21

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South:

Copy of a petition signed by 127 workers at Spy Hill Corrections Facilities, expressing opposition to the use of contract workers to replace in-house infrastructure staff

Sessional Paper 781/2020-21

Copy of a petition signed by 184 Albertans expressing concern about the use of contract providers to replace in-house infrastructure staff at Michener Services

Sessional Paper 782/2020-21

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Letter dated May 12, 2021, from Cathy Heron, Mayor, City of St. Albert, to Hon. Mrs. Savage, Minister of Energy, expressing concern regarding coal mining in the Rocky Mountains

Sessional Paper 783/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

88. Oral notice having been given June 14, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. Madu on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 70, COVID-19 Related Measures Act, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Second Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Madu and Mr. Sabir commented on the time allocation motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

Allard Issik* Rowswell Amery* Jones* Sawhney Armstrong-Homeniuk* LaGrange Shandro Ellis Long* Singh Getson Lovely Stephan Glasgo Turton Luan Glubish Madu Walker Williams Goodridge Neudorf Gotfried* Wilson Orr Guthrie Pon Yao Horner* Rosin Yaseen*

Hunter

Against the motion: 6

Bilous Eggen Sabir Deol Goehring Sweet

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 70 COVID-19 Related Measures Act — Mr. Gotfried

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, on June 10, 2021, that the Bill be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 70, COVID-19 Related Measures Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 767/2020-21

Pursuant to Government Motion 88, agreed to on June 15, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:16 p.m. the question was immediately put on the amendment to the motion for Second Reading of Bill 70, COVID-19 Related Measures Act, which was defeated.

Pursuant to Government Motion 88, agreed to on June 15, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:17 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 70, COVID-19 Related Measures Act, which was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

^{*}Member voted remotely

Amery* Jones* Rowswell Ellis LaGrange Sawhney Schweitzer Getson Long* Glasgo Lovely Shandro Glubish Singh Luan Goodridge Madu Stephan Gotfried* McIver Turton Guthrie Neudorf Walker Horner* Williams Orr Hunter Pon Wilson Issik* Yaseen* Rosin

Against the motion: 7

Bilous Goehring Shepherd Deol Sabir Sweet

Eggen

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 70 COVID-19 Related Measures Act — Mr. Gotfried

Government Motions

85. Oral notice having been given June 10, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. Kenney on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Prime Minister to respect the democratic voices of Albertans and refrain from filling Alberta's two vacant Senate seats until Albertans have an opportunity to elect nominees for appointment to the Senate on October 18, 2021, and further urge the Prime Minister to commit to filling the two vacant Senate seats with those individuals who received the highest number of votes in that Senate election.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

^{*}Member voted remotely

Jones* Sawhney Allard Amery* LaGrange Schweitzer Ellis Long* Shandro Getson Lovely Singh Glasgo Luan Stephan Glubish Madu Turton Goodridge McIver Walker Gotfried* Neudorf Williams Guthrie Wilson Orr Horner* Yao Pon Hunter Rosin Yaseen*

Issik* Rowswell

Against the motion: 7

Bilous Goehring Shepherd Deol Sabir Sweet

Eggen

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 52 Recall Act — Hon. Mr. Madu

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

^{*}Member voted remotely

Allard Horner* Pon Amery* Hunter Rowswell Barnes Issik* Sabir Jones* Sawhney Bilous Deol Kenney* Schweitzer Eggen LaGrange Singh Stephan Ellis Loewen Long* Turton Getson Lovely* Walker Glasgo Glubish Luan Williams Wilson Goehring Madu Goodridge McIver Yao Guthrie Orr Yaseen*

Against the motion: 0
*Member voted remotely

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 52 Recall Act — Hon. Mr. Madu

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:09 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 58 Freedom to Care Act — Hon. Mrs. Aheer

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs on June 14, 2021, that the Bill be amended in section 5(1) by striking out "other than regulations that solely apply to non-profit organizations" and substituting the following:

other than the following:

- (a) Part 2 of the Employment Standards Regulation;
- (b) the Occupational Health and Safety Code as adopted by the Occupational Health and Safety Code 2009 Order;
- (c) a regulation that solely applies to non-profit organizations.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Milliken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Ceci Ganley Hoffman Dach Gray Notley

Feehan

Against the amendment: 28

Allard Luan Schow Amery* Madu Schweitzer Fir* Neudorf* Singh Getson $Nixon \ ({\tt Rimbey-Rocky \ Mtn. \ House-Sundre})$ Stephan* Glasgo Orr Turton Glubish Pon Walker Goodridge Williams Rosin Guthrie Rowswell Wilson Hunter Sawhney Yao

LaGrange

Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, on behalf of Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, moved that the Bill be amended by striking out section 5(1) and substituting the following:

- 5(1) Notwithstanding any other enactment to the contrary, and subject to subsections (2) and (3), the Lieutenant Governor in Council may, by order, exempt a non-profit organization from the application of any regulations made under any other Act other than the following:
 - (a) Nursing Homes General Regulation (AR 232/85);
 - (b) a regulation that solely applies to non-profit organizations.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Milliken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

^{*}Member voted remotely

For the amendment: 8

Ceci Ganley Loyola Dach Gray Notley

Feehan Hoffman

Against the amendment: 32

Allard LaGrange Schow Amery* Luan Schweitzer Armstrong-Homeniuk* Madu Shandro Fir* McIver Singh Neudorf Stephan Glasgo Glubish Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Turton Goodridge Walker Guthrie Williams Pon Hanson* Rosin Wilson Rowswell Hunter Yao

Kenney Sawhney

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Freedom to Care Act — Hon. Mrs. Aheer

Bill 70 COVID-19 Related Measures Act - Mr. Gotfried

Mr. Williams, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 58 (A3) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs on June 14, 2021) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 779/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 58 (A4) (Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 784/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 70 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 785/2020-21

^{*}Member voted remotely

Government Motions

83. Oral notice having been given June 3, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. Kenney:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly determine, pursuant to section 3 of the Referendum Act, the following as the question to be put to electors at a referendum and to which the response from an elector who votes in that referendum must be either 'yes' or 'no':

Should section 36(2) of the Constitution Act, 1982 – Parliament and the government of Canada's commitment to the principle of making equalization payments – be removed from the constitution?

A debate followed.

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, on behalf of Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, moved that the motion be amended as follows:

- (a) by striking out "Should section 36(2)" and substituting "Should the Equalization Program, the principle of which is entrenched in section 36(2)", and
- (b) by striking out "removed from the constitution" and substituting "renegotiated immediately to meet the fiscal interests of Alberta".

Sessional Paper 786/2020-21

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Ceci Ganley Hoffman Dach Gray Loyola

Feehan

Against the amendment: 31

Allard Neudorf Sigurdson (Highwood)* Getson Nixon (Calgary-Klein)* Singh Glasgo Smith* Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Glubish Stephan Pon Toor* Goodridge Rosin Turton Guthrie Rowswell Walker Hunter Sawhney Williams Kenney Schow Schweitzer Wilson LaGrange Luan Shandro Yao

Madu

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 33

Allard Neudorf Sigurdson (Highwood)* Getson Singh $Nixon \, {}_{(Calgary\text{-}Klein)}*$ Glasgo Smith* Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Glubish Orr Stephan Toor* Goodridge Pon Guthrie Turton Rosin Hunter Rowswell van Dijken* Walker Kenney Sawhney Williams LaGrange Schow Schweitzer Wilson Luan Madu Shandro Yao

Against the motion: 7

Ceci Ganley Hoffman Dach Gray Loyola

Feehan

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

^{*}Member voted remotely

^{*}Member voted remotely

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 70 COVID-19 Related Measures Act — Mr. Gotfried

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on June 15, 2021, that the Bill be amended by striking out section 2(d) and section 8(a).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Milliken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Ceci Ganley Hoffman Dach Gray Loyola

Feehan

Against the amendment: 31

Getson Neudorf Shandro

Glasgo Nixon (Calgary-Klein)* Sigurdson (Highwood)*

Glubish Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Singh Orr Goodridge Stephan Gotfried* Toor* Pon Guthrie Rosin Turton Hunter Rowswell van Dijken* Kenney Walker Sawhney LaGrange Schow Williams Wilson Schweitzer Luan

Madu

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 70 COVID-19 Related Measures Act — Mr. Gotfried

Mr. Rowswell, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 70 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on June 15, 2021) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 785/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 70 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 787/2020-21

^{*}Member voted remotely

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 66 Public Health Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:02 a.m. Wednesday, June 16, 2021, until 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 9:00 a.m.

Government Motions

91. Oral notice having been given June 15, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. Madu on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 56, Local Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2021, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Madu and Mr. Sabir commented on the time allocation motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 31

Guthrie Aheer* Rosin Allard Hanson* Rowswell Amery* Horner* Schweitzer Armstrong-Homeniuk* Issik* Singh Ellis LaGrange Stephan* Turton Fir* Luan Getson Madu Walker Williams Glasgo Orr Glubish Panda* Wilson Goodridge Pon Yao Gotfried*

Against the motion: 7

Bilous Goehring Shepherd Deol Sabir Sweet

Eggen

92. Oral notice having been given June 15, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. Madu on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 58, Freedom to Care Act, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Madu and Ms Goehring commented on the time allocation motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 33

Aheer* Guthrie Rosin Allard Hanson* Rowswell Amery* Horner* Sawhney Armstrong-Homeniuk* Hunter* Singh Issik* Stephan Ellis Fir* LaGrange Toor* Getson Turton Luan Glasgo Madu Walker Glubish Williams Orr Goodridge Panda* Wilson Gotfried* Pon Yao

Against the motion: 7

Bilous Goehring Shepherd Deol Sabir Sweet

Eggen

 Oral notice having been given June 15, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. Madu on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 70, COVID-19 Related Measures Act, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

^{*}Member voted remotely

^{*}Member voted remotely

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Madu and Mr. Eggen commented on the time allocation motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 28

Aheer* Horner* Rowswell Armstrong-Homeniuk* Hunter* Sawhney Copping* Issik* Singh Ellis LaGrange Stephan Fir* Luan Toor* Turton Getson Madu Glasgo Panda* Walker Glubish Pon Williams Wilson Goodridge Rosin Guthrie

Against the motion: 6

Bilous Eggen Shepherd Deol Goehring Sweet

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 56 Local Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. McIver

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 91, agreed to on June 16, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:18 a.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 56, Local Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2021, which was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

^{*}Member voted remotely

Aheer* Hunter Rowswell Allard Issik* Sawhney Armstrong-Homeniuk* LaGrange Schweitzer Copping* Luan Singh Fir* Madu Stephan Toor* McIver Getson Glasgo Neudorf Turton Glubish Walker Orr Panda* Williams Goodridge Guthrie Pon Wilson Hanson* Rosin Yao

Horner*

Against the motion: 7

Bilous Goehring Shepherd Deol Sabir Sweet

Eggen

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 56 Local Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. McIver

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 58 Freedom to Care Act — Hon. Mrs. Aheer

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, moved that the Bill be amended by adding the following immediately after section 5(4):

- (5) If an exemption order has been made under subsection (1) in respect of a non-profit organization, the non-profit organization must, within 5 business days of the making of that order provide to all of its employees, volunteers and clients
 - (a) a copy of the order, and
 - (b) an explanation in writing of the effects of the order on the non-profit organization's

^{*}Member voted remotely

- (i) delivery of its programs or services, and
- (ii) employees and volunteers.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Bilous Goehring Shepherd
Deol Sabir Sweet
Eggen

Against the amendment: 34

Rowswell Aheer* Horner* Allard Hunter Sawhney Issik* Armstrong-Homeniuk* Schweitzer Copping* LaGrange Singh Fir* Luan Stephan Getson Madu Toor* Glasgo Neudorf Turton Walker Glubish Orr Goodridge Panda* Williams Gotfried* Pon Wilson Guthrie Rosin Yao Hanson*

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 58 Freedom to Care Act — Hon. Mrs. Aheer

Mr. Stephan, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 58 (A5) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 788/2020-21

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2.1), the Assembly adjourned at 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

^{*}Member voted remotely

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2021 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

Ms Rosin, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, made a statement regarding the Start Alberta directory for entrepreneurs.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the actions of the Premier and the Government House Leader.

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, made a statement congratulating the graduating class of 2021 in the Cardston-Siksika constituency.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding comments made by the Premier and some Members of Parliament concerning niqabs.

Mr. Milliken, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding recent Government accomplishments.

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to increase support for early childhood education.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding horse racing and rodeo events planned for the summer in rural Alberta.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the need for Government to support addiction harm-reduction strategies.

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement regarding the first annual Lac La Biche Walleye Cup.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader:

Open letter, undated, from the Friends of Medicare and several other organizations expressing opposition to Bill 70, COVID-19 Related Measures Act
Sessional Paper 789/2020-21

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat:

Page 92 of a document entitled "Alberta Strong & Free," expressing the democratic reform policies of a potential United Conservative government

Sessional Paper 790/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

94. Oral notice having been given June 15, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. McIver on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the membership of the Assembly's committees be replaced as follows:

- A. on the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing, that Mr. Neudorf replace Mr. Barnes, and Mr. Williams replace Mr. Rehn;
- B. on the Standing Committee on Families and Communities, that Mr. Loewen replace Mr. Neudorf;
- On the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, that Mr. Rehn replace Mr. Loewen.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 58 Freedom to Care Act — Hon. Mrs. Aheer

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, on behalf of Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, moved that the Bill be amended in section 5 by

- (a) striking out subsection (2) and substituting the following:
 - (2) A non-profit organization must
 - (a) in the form and manner as the Minister may direct and in accordance with clause (b), apply for an exemption, and
 - (b) specify in the application how the exemption
 - (i) would address a need of the non-profit organization in respect of a single event or activity,
 - (ii) relates to a charitable purpose of the non-profit organization, and

- (iii) would not pose a risk to the health and safety of volunteers or the individuals receiving services from the non-profit organization.
- (b) by striking out subsection (3) and substituting the following:
 - (3) An order for an exemption under this section must meet the following conditions:
 - (a) the Lieutenant Governor in Council may only make an order if it is satisfied that the exemption meets the criteria set out in subsection (2)(b),
 - (b) the order may only be in respect of one non-profit organization, and
 - (c) the order must set out
 - (i) the non-profit organization to which the exemption applies,
 - (ii) the specific event or activity subject to the exemption,
 - (iii) the specific provisions of the regulations that are disapplied in respect of the specific event or activity,
 - (iv) the specific charitable purpose of the non-profit organization to which the exemption relates, and
 - (v) the limited period of time for which the exemption applies.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Milliken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Ceci Ganley Hoffman
Dach Gray Loyola
Feehan

Against the amendment: 34

Aheer* Hunter Rowswell Allard Issik* Sawhney Amery* LaGrange Schow Copping* Singh Luan Fir* Madu Stephan McIver Toor* Getson Neudorf Glasgo Turton Glubish Orr Walker Panda* Williams Goodridge Guthrie Pon Wilson Hanson* Rosin Yao Horner*

*Member voted remotely

Pursuant to Government Motion 92, agreed to on June 16, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 3:45 p.m. the question was immediately put on the clauses of Bill 58, Freedom to Care Act, which was agreed to. With Mr. Milliken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 34

Aheer* Hunter Rowswell Issik* Sawhney Allard Amery* LaGrange Schow Copping* Singh Luan Fir* Madu Stephan Toor* Getson Nally Neudorf Glasgo Turton Walker Glubish Orr Panda* Williams Goodridge Guthrie Pon Wilson Hanson* Rosin Yao Horner*

Against the motion: 7

Ceci Ganley Hoffman Dach Gray Loyola

Feehan

*Member voted remotely

Pursuant to Government Motion 92, agreed to on June 16, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:03 p.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble of Bill 58, Freedom to Care Act, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 92, agreed to on June 16, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:03 p.m. the question was immediately put that Bill 58, Freedom to Care Act, be reported, which was agreed to.

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 58 Freedom to Care Act — Hon, Mrs. Aheer

Mr. Getson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 58 (A6) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs) — Defeated on division Sessional Paper 791/2020-21

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 58 Freedom to Care Act — Hon. Mr. Nally on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Aheer

A debate followed.

Mr. Schow moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Motions

93. Oral notice having been given June 15, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. Nally on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 58, Freedom to Care Act, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Nally and Ms Gray commented on the time allocation motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

Aheer* Hanson* Rosin Allard Horner* Rowswell Amery* Hunter Sawhney Issik* Armstrong-Homeniuk* Schow Copping* LaGrange Singh Fir* Stephan Luan Toor* Getson Nally Glasgo Neudorf Turton Glubish Walker Orr Goodridge Panda* Williams Gotfried* Pon Yao

Guthrie

Against the motion: 7

Ceci Ganley Hoffman Dach Gray Loyola

Feehan

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 58 Freedom to Care Act — Hon. Mrs. Aheer

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Feehan speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

^{*}Member voted remotely

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 70 COVID-19 Related Measures Act

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, on behalf of Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, on June 15, 2021, that the Bill be amended by striking out section 9.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Dang Pancholi Schmidt

Irwin Renaud Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Nielsen

Against the amendment: 34

Amery* Lovely* Schulz*
Dreeshen* Luan Schweitzer
Ellis Madu Shandro

Getson Nicolaides* Sigurdson (Highwood)*

Glasgo Singh Nixon (Calgary-Klein)* Glubish Orr Stephan Goodridge Turton Pon Guthrie Rosin Walker Hunter Rowswell Williams Jones* Wilson Sawhney LaGrange Schow Yaseen*

Long*

Pursuant to Government Motion 89, agreed to on June 16, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 8:31 p.m. the question was immediately put on the clauses of Bill 70, COVID-19 Related Measures Act, which was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

^{*}Member voted remotely

Dreeshen Long Sawhney Ellis Lovely Schow Schulz Getson Luan Schweitzer Glasgo Madu Glubish McIver Shandro Neudorf $Sigurdson \ {\scriptstyle (Highwood)}$ Goodridge

Gotfried **Nicolaides** Singh Guthrie $Nixon \ ({\it Calgary-Klein})$ Turton Hunter Walker Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Issik Orr Williams Jones Pon Wilson Kenney Rosin Yaseen

LaGrange Rowswell

Against the motion: 8

Dang Notley Schmidt

Irwin Pancholi Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Nielsen Renaud

Pursuant to Government Motion 89, agreed to on June 16, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 8:49 p.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble of Bill 70, COVID-19 Related Measures Act, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 89, agreed to on June 16, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 8:50 p.m. the question was immediately put that Bill 70, COVID-19 Related Measures Act, be reported, which was agreed to.

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 70 COVID-19 Related Measures Act — Mr. Gotfried

Ms Glasgo, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 70 (A2) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on June 15, 2021) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 787/2020-21

^{*}Member voted remotely

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 70 COVID-19 Related Measures Act — Hon. Mr. Shandro on behalf of Mr. Gotfried

Hon. Mr. Shandro moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Motions

90. Oral notice having been given June 15, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 70, COVID-19 Related Measures Act, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Nixon and Mr. Dang commented on the time allocation motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

Wilson

Yaseen*

For the motion: 37

Dreeshen* Lovely* Sawhney Ellis Luan Schow Schulz* Getson Madu Glasgo McIver Schweitzer Glubish Neudorf Shandro Goodridge Nicolaides* Sigurdson (Highwood)* Guthrie Nixon (Calgary-Klein)* Singh Hunter Turton Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Issik* Walker Orr Williams Jones* Pon

Kenney LaGrange Long*

Against the motion: 8

Dang Nielsen Schmidt Hoffman* Pancholi Sweet*

Rosin

Rowswell

Irwin Renaud

^{*}Member voted remotely

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 58 Freedom to Care Act — Hon. Mrs. Aheer

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 93, agreed to on June 16, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 9:41 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 58, Freedom to Care Act, which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 38

Allard Lovely* Schulz*
Amery* Madu Schweitzer
Dreeshen* McIver Shandro

Ellis Neudorf Sigurdson (Highwood)*

Getson Nicolaides* Singh Glasgo Stephan Nixon (Calgary-Klein)* Glubish Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Turton Guthrie Orr Walker Hunter Pon Williams Jones* Rosin Wilson Kenney Rowswell Yao LaGrange Sawhney Yaseen*

Long* Schow

Against the motion: 12

DangHoffman*PancholiEggen*IrwinRenaudFeehan*NielsenSabir*Goehring*NotleySchmidt

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 70 COVID-19 Related Measures Act — Mr. Gotfried

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 90, agreed to on June 16, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 11:00 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 70, COVID-19 Related Measures Act, which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

^{*}Member voted remotely

For the motion: 38

Dreeshen*LuanSchowEllisMaduSchulz*GetsonMcIverSchweitzerGlasgoNeudorfShandro

Glubish Nicolaides* Sigurdson (Highwood)*

Guthrie Singh Nixon (Calgary-Klein)* $Nixon \ ({\tt Rimbey-Rocky \ Mtn. \ House-Sundre})$ Hunter Toews Issik* Orr Turton Jones* Pon Walker Kenney Rehn Williams LaGrange Rosin Wilson Long* Rowswell Yaseen*

Lovely* Sawhney

Against the motion: 21

Bilous* Goehring* Pancholi
Ceci* Gray Renaud
Dach* Hoffman* Sabir*
Dang Irwin Schmidt
Deol* Loyola* Shepherd*

Feehan* Nielsen Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Ganley* Notley Sweet*

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 58 Freedom to Care Act — Hon. Mrs. Aheer

Bill 70 COVID-19 Related Measures Act — Mr. Gotfried

Mr. Williams, Hon. Member for Peace River, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Orders 8 and 9(1) in order to proceed immediately to Second Reading of Bill 217, Polish-Canadian Heritage Day Act.

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 217 Polish-Canadian Heritage Day Act — Mr. Williams

Mr. Williams, Hon. Member for Peace River, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Orders 8 and 9(1) in order to proceed immediately to Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 217, Polish-Canadian Heritage Day Act.

^{*}Member voted remotely

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 217 Polish-Canadian Heritage Day Act — Mr. Williams

Mr. Williams, Hon. Member for Peace River, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8, 9(1), and 77(1) in order to proceed immediately to Third Reading of Bill 217, Polish-Canadian Heritage Day Act.

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 217 Polish-Canadian Heritage Day Act — Mr. Williams

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 77, agreed to on May 25, 2021, and on advice by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, to the Assembly that the business for the 2021 Spring Sitting is concluded, the Assembly adjourned at 11:46 p.m. until Monday, October 25, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

FOURTH SITTING

OCTOBER 25, 2021, TO DECEMBER 7, 2021

Monday, October 25, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Members John W. "Jack" Cookson, Member for Lacombe, 1971 to 1982, who passed away on July 8, 2021, and Clint E. Dunford, Member for Lethbridge-West, 1993 to 2008, who passed away on October 14, 2021.

Members' Statements

Ms Rosin, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, made a statement regarding the final report of the public inquiry into anti-Albertan energy campaigns.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding the fourth wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in Alberta.

Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding Eavor Technologies and the geothermal energy industry in Alberta.

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement regarding the effects of the fourth wave of the COVID-19 pandemic on children.

Mrs. Frey, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, made a statement regarding Government priorities and fiscal policies.

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to proceed to Government Motions.

Government Motions

95. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that, despite Standing Orders 13(7), 16, and 32(4)(b) and for the duration of the 2021 Fall Sitting of the Second Session of the 30th Legislature, and to allow for appropriate physical distancing within the Chamber during that time, a Member may sit, speak, and vote in any seat that has not been assigned to that Member provided that the Member immediately relinquishes that seat on the request of

- (a) the Member who has been assigned that seat, or
- (b) the Speaker.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Speaker's Statement – Oral Question Period and Members' Statements Rotations

Honourable Members, I would like to inform you that there has been a slight modification to the Oral Question Period and Members' Statements rotations as a result of a change in caucus composition in the Assembly since the Spring Sitting. Question 8 on Day 4 of the Oral Question Period rotation, which is tomorrow, and one Member's Statement every third week had been assigned to the Member for Lesser Slave Lake, who was an Independent Member during the Spring Sitting. However, since that Member is now part of the United Conservative caucus, that question and Member's Statement are allocated to Members of the United Conservative caucus.

Members' Statements

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding the anniversary of the Persons Case in Canada.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement calling for the resignation of recently elected Calgary city councillor Sean Chu.

Mr. Jones, Hon. Member for Calgary-South East, made a statement regarding cystic fibrosis and the recent Government announcement of funding for the drug Trifakta.

Privilege – COVID-19 Modelling

Mr. Sabir, Deputy Opposition House Leader, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding the Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations making a deliberately misleading statement to the Assembly on June 16, 2021, by denying the existence of modelling in order to prevent potential criticism of his Open for Summer plan and response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of Alberta to publicly express its support for the National Police Federation, the union representing Royal Canadian Mounted Police ("RCMP") employees, in opposing the Government of Canada's policy requiring disclosure of the COVID-19 vaccination status of employees of the federal public service, including members of the RCMP.

Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to

- (a) acknowledge that the COVID-19 pandemic, and specifically its fourth wave, was made acutely worse by specific Government decisions and actions, and if different decisions were made some deaths would have been preventable,
- (b) identify each Government decision during the pandemic that failed to effectively manage the Government's response, COVID-19 data and modelling, the lifting of regulatory restrictions, the Government's testing and contract tracing system, the Government's communications to the public, and the Government's financial supports for Albertans, and
- (c) take responsibility for its decisions and actions that resulted in Alberta having among the highest COVID-19 case counts and the highest COVID-19 death rate in the country during the fourth wave of the pandemic;

And be it further resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) immediately establish a Select Special Committee consisting of Members of all caucuses with a mandate to examine the Government's decisions and actions relating to its response to the COVID-19 pandemic, in particular those decisions and actions that resulted in a fourth wave of the pandemic occurring in Alberta,
- (b) confirm that this Select Special Committee has the power to call for persons to give evidence before it, or produce specified documents or things to it, should the Committee determine that such evidence, documents or things are necessary for its deliberations, and
- (c) within 180 days of the Committee being established, require this Select Special Committee to report to the Legislative Assembly on its findings and recommendations on how the Government can improve its current COVID-19 pandemic response and also improve its general pandemic planning.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 49 Labour Mobility Act — Hon. Mr. Kenney

Bill 73 Infrastructure Accountability Act — Hon. Mr. Panda

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall:

Document dated September 2, 2021, entitled "COVID-19 Information: Shifting from Pandemic to Endemic," prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 837/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s39(3):

Special Standing Committee on Members' Services Members' Allowances Amendment Order (No. 37), Order No. MSC 02/21

Sessional Paper 838/2020-21

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-10, s14(3):

Alberta Health Services 2020-21 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 839/2020-21

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Madu, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General:

Alberta Law Enforcement Review Board 2020 Annual Report Sessional Paper 840/2020-21

Speaker's Statement - Deputy Government House Leader

Honourable Members, I would like to make a brief statement related to the recent appointment of the Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika as the Deputy Government House Leader.

Although this position typically has been held by a member of Executive Council, the Standing Orders are silent on the position of Deputy Government House Leader. A Private Member has, on at least one other occasion, been appointed to this role. Former Member for Medicine Hat, Rob Renner, who was a private Member at the time, was appointed as the Deputy Government House Leader during the Spring Session of 1999. Although appointing a private Member to the position is permissible in Alberta, there are certain functions that under the Standing Orders and by convention may only be performed by members of Executive Council.

On February 17, 1999, Speaker Kowalski made a statement outlining the functions that Mr. Renner could and could not perform as Deputy Government House Leader. This statement can be found at pages 20 and 21 of Hansard for that day.

To provide some clarity to the Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika and indeed to all Members of this Assembly, I would like to review the scope of the Member's role as Deputy Government House Leader.

In general I share Speaker Kowalski's view that any activity that may be performed by the Government House Leader under our Standing Orders may be performed by the Deputy Government House Leader, unless the Standing Orders provide that the activity may be undertaken by the Government House Leader or a Member of Executive Council.

When the Standing Orders are silent as to who may do something, in this respect it is assumed that a private Member can perform the function unless there is a convention or long-standing practice to the contrary.

Accordingly, a private Member may as Deputy Government House Leader provide oral notice of Government Motions or Government Bills; on Thursdays may provide information to the Clerk concerning projected Government business pursuant to Standing Order 8(2.1), and give notice to the Assembly of any Written Questions or Motions for Returns that will be accepted or otherwise dealt with on the following Monday as referred to in Standing Order 34(3); move Second or Third Reading of Government Bills except Bills requiring the Royal recommendation as being money Bills under Standing Order 83 and, if required, move the motion that the Assembly resolve itself into Committee of Supply or Committee of the Whole.

Given the requirements in our Standing Orders and practices of this Assembly, there are certain things that may not be done by a private Member in their role as Deputy Government House Leader because they must be done by a member of Executive Council. The following are some examples: a private Member may not, as Deputy Government House Leader, move a motion appearing on the Order Paper under Government Motions, including a time allocation motion under Standing Order 21; provide notice to the Assembly pursuant to Standing Order 7(8) that the Daily Routine should be continued past 3 o'clock, or that the division on a Third Reading of a Government Bill will be deferred in accordance with Standing Order 32.1(1)(a); comment in accordance with Standing Order 42(1.2) on a request by a Member of any opposition party or an Independent Member to move a Motion under Standing Order 42; reject or amend Written Questions or Motions for Returns in accordance with Standing Order 34; move a supply resolution relating to a portion of the estimates under Standing Order 60(1) or move a motion under Standing Order 61(2) related to the consideration of interim or supplementary estimates by Committee of Supply; move that a Bill introduced by a private Member be placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders pursuant to Standing Order 75; or move a motion under Standing Order 74.1 or 78.1 to refer a Bill to a committee.

It's my hope that this list is comprehensive enough to address the matters that will concern the Assembly during this upcoming session.

I wish nothing but success to the honourable Deputy Government House Leader as he takes on his new, formal leadership role.

Speaker's Statement – Standing Order Amendments – Interventions

Hon. Members, before this afternoon's proceedings I would like to point out that effective today the amendments made to the Standing Orders with the passage of Motion 518 this past June have come into force. Accordingly, the five-minute question and comment period under Standing Order 29(2) that was available following speeches on Government business has been struck out. In its place is Standing Order 29.1, which allows Members to make short interventions during Members' speeches in debate on Government Bills and Motions and Private Bills with the permission of the Member speaking. This is a substantial change to the process of debate. Accordingly, I feel it may be beneficial to provide some details on the record on how Standing Order 29.1 will apply.

When a Member is speaking in debate, another Member may, during the speech, request to intervene by rising and, if necessary, asking the Member if they will "give way," or words to that effect. The Member speaking may agree to the intervention by giving way or may refuse the request by declining to cede the floor and continuing with their speech. If the Member speaking refuses the request, the Member requesting to intervene must take their seat. However, if the Member speaking agrees to the request, the Member must sit down and allow the Member making the intervention to speak without interruption. The Member's speaking time will be paused until the intervention concludes. The Member intervening may speak for only up to one minute, and once the intervention is complete, the Member may resume their speech for the remainder of their speaking time. The Table Officers will set a one-minute timer for the intervention, and the beeper will sound when the one-minute period ends.

The Member intervening may only ask questions or make comments related to the speech on which they have intervened. The Chair will stringently enforce Standing Order 23(b) to ensure that remarks by Members making a speech are relevant to the Bill or motion under discussion and that the intervenor's remarks relate specifically to the speech on which the intervention is made.

There can be up to three interventions per speech, and a Member may make multiple requests to intervene on the same speech. If a Member accepts two or more interventions, an additional two minutes of speaking time will be added to the time remaining on the Member's speech. Once three interventions have occurred during a speech, all Members must refrain from requesting any additional interventions. If a Member indicates at any time during their speech that they do not intend to accept intervention requests, Members should respect that decision and refrain from making such requests. Similarly, if a Member speaking has repeatedly declined to permit interventions, Members should refrain from continuing to rise to make requests for interventions as this could be seen as an attempt to interrupt or otherwise disrupt the Member speaking. Finally, requesting to intervene on a Member who is making an intervention is not permitted.

Standing Order 29.1 applies to Second and Third Reading debate on Government Bills and Private Bills as well as to Government Motions. It does not apply to the speech of the mover of a motion, the speech that immediately follows the mover of a motion, or a speech to close debate. Standing Order 29.1 also does not apply to replies to the Speech from the Throne.

The Member speaking, as opposed to the Speaker, decides if and from whom they will accept an intervention. However, according to Standing Order 29.1(8) the Speaker has a role to play to preserve order and decorum during a debate. Accordingly, Members should be aware that the Chair will interject during the interventions process if it is of the Chair's opinion that there is a need to do so.

Although the intervention process is not used in the House of Commons in Ottawa, interventions are commonplace in the House of Commons in the U.K. I would therefore urge Members to review Erskine May, 25th edition, at paragraph 21.13, which describes expected etiquette for the intervention process as follows and is extremely important to your Speaker.

Members have the right to decide whether to accept interventions on their speech from other Members, but once they have given way, the Member intervening has the right to speak. Members should not expect to make an intervention without having been present in the Chamber for a reasonable period during the debate; it is also a discourtesy to leave the Chamber shortly after making an intervention. A Member who has made an intervention should allow the Member who is making the speech time to respond before seeking to intervene further. A Member should not continue to stand in an attempt to intimidate a Member into giving way.

No doubt Members are anxious to test out this new procedure. I look forward to seeing it in action.

Privilege – COVID-19 Modelling

Mr. Sabir, Deputy Opposition House Leader, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations making a deliberately misleading statement to the Assembly on June 16, 2021, by denying the existence of modelling in order to prevent potential criticism of his Open for Summer plan and response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Speaker heard from Mr. Sabir.

The Speaker advised that, as requested by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, he would hear additional arguments on Tuesday, October 26, 2021.

Hon. Mr. Yaseen, Associate Minister of Immigration and Multiculturalism, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to transfer the sponsorship of Bill 212, Official Sport of Alberta Act, to Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon.

Motions Under Standing Order 42

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of Alberta to publicly express its support for the National Police Federation, the union representing Royal Canadian Mounted Police ("RCMP") employees, in opposing the Government of Canada's policy requiring disclosure of the COVID-19 vaccination status of employees of the federal public service, including members of the RCMP.

Pursuant to Standing Order 42(1.1) and (1.2), Mr. Barnes and Hon. Mr. Nixon commented on the request for unanimous consent

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to

- (a) acknowledge that the COVID-19 pandemic, and specifically its fourth wave, was made acutely worse by specific Government decisions and actions, and if different decisions were made some deaths would have been preventable,
- (b) identify each Government decision during the pandemic that failed to effectively manage the Government's response, COVID-19 data and modelling, the lifting of regulatory restrictions, the Government's testing and contract tracing system, the Government's communications to the public, and the Government's financial supports for Albertans, and
- (c) take responsibility for its decisions and actions that resulted in Alberta having among the highest COVID-19 case counts and the highest COVID-19 death rate in the country during the fourth wave of the pandemic;

And be it further resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) immediately establish a Select Special Committee consisting of Members of all caucuses with a mandate to examine the Government's decisions and actions relating to its response to the COVID-19 pandemic, in particular those decisions and actions that resulted in a fourth wave of the pandemic occurring in Alberta,
- (b) confirm that this Select Special Committee has the power to call for persons to give evidence before it, or produce specified documents or things to it, should the Committee determine that such evidence, documents or things are necessary for its deliberations, and
- (c) within 180 days of the Committee being established, require this Select Special Committee to report to the Legislative Assembly on its findings and recommendations on how the Government can improve its current COVID-19 pandemic response and also improve its general pandemic planning.

Pursuant to Standing Order 42(1.1) and (1.2), Ms Gray and Hon. Mr. Nixon commented on the request for unanimous consent.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Motions for Concurrence in Committee Reports on Public Bills Other Than Government Bills

Debate continued on the motion moved on April 22, 2021, by Mr. Schow, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, that the Assembly concur in the report of the committee recommending that Bill 215, Seniors Advocate Act, proceed.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 31

Aheer Lovely Rutherford Allard Luan Sawhnev Armstrong-Homeniuk Madu Schow Shandro Ellis Neudorf $Nixon \ ({\it Calgary-Klein})$ Fir Smith Frey Orr Stephan Getson Pon Toor Glubish Rehn Williams Guthrie Reid Yao Rowswell Yaseen Issik

LaGrange

Against the motion: 8

Dang Pancholi Schmidt

Irwin Phillips Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Nielsen Renaud

Debate continued on the motion moved on June 7, 2021, by Hon. Mr. Ellis, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, that the Assembly concur in the report of the committee recommending that Bill 218, Provincial Parks (Protecting Park Boundaries) Amendment Act, 2021, proceed.

Mr. Schow, Deputy Government House Leader, moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 30

Aheer Lovely Rutherford Allard Luan Sawhnev Armstrong-Homeniuk Madu Schow Shandro Ellis Neudorf Fir Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Smith Frey Stephan Orr Getson Pon Toor Glubish Rehn Williams Guthrie Reid Yao Rowswell Yaseen LaGrange

Against the motion: 8

Dang Pancholi Schmidt

Irwin Phillips Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Nielsen Renaud

Debate continued on the motion moved on June 10, 2021, by Mr. Schow, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, that the Assembly concur in the report of the committee recommending that Bill 219, Workers' Compensation (Expanding Presumptive Coverage) Amendment Act, 2021, proceed.

Mr. Williams, Hon. Member for Peace River, moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 29

Aheer Luan Sawhney Allard Madu Schow Armstrong-Homeniuk Neudorf Shandro Ellis Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Smith Frey Orr Stephan Getson Pon Toor Glubish Rehn Williams Guthrie Reid Yao LaGrange Rowswell Yaseen

Lovely Rutherford

Against the motion: 8

Dang Pancholi Schmidt

Irwin Phillips Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Nielsen Renaud

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 207 Reservists' Recognition Day Act — Mr. Rutherford

Mrs. Pitt, Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 207 (A1) (introduced by Hon. Member for Peace River on behalf of the Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont on June 14, 2021) — Adjourned

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Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to proceed to Government Motions.

Government Motions

96. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1) and for the duration of the 2021 Fall Sitting of the Second Session of the 30th Legislature, the Assembly must meet to consider Government business on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings unless, during Notices of Motions in the Daily Routine or before the Assembly adjourns on a sitting day, the Government House Leader advises the Assembly of the morning sittings that are no longer required.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 96, agreed to on October 25, 2021, Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no morning sitting on Tuesday, October 26, 2021.

97. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1) and for the duration of the 2021 Fall Sitting of the Second Session of the 30th Legislature, the Assembly must meet to consider Government business on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings unless, during Notices of Motions in the Daily Routine or before 6 p.m. on a sitting day, the Government House Leader notifies the Assembly that no evening sitting is required on that sitting day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 97, agreed to on October 25, 2021, Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no evening sitting today.

98. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the membership of the Assembly's committees be replaced as follows:

- A. on the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, that Mr. Rowswell replace Hon. Mr. Orr as Chair and Mrs. Allard replace Hon. Mr. Orr, Mr. Jones replace Mr. Rowswell as Deputy Chair, Mr. Hunter replace Hon. Ms Issik, and Mr. Rehn replace Hon. Mr. Yaseen;
- B. on the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, that Mr. Rutherford replace Mr. Schow as Chair and Mr. Long replace Mr. Schow, Mr. Milliken replace Mr. Sigurdson as Deputy Chair and Mr. Milliken replace Mr. Sigurdson, Mrs. Allard replace Ms Lovely, and Mr. van Dijken replace Hon. Mr. Yaseen;
- C. on the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, that Mr. Rutherford replace Hon. Mr. Ellis as Chair and Mr. Long replace Hon. Mr. Ellis, Mr. Nixon replace Mr. Schow as Deputy Chair and Mr. Nixon replace Mr. Schow, Ms Rosin replace Mr. Getson, and Mr. Rehn replace Mr. Sigurdson;
- On the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing, that Mrs. Aheer replace Mr. Jones, and Mr. Stephan replace Ms Lovely;
- E. on the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, that Mr. Reid replace Mr. Guthrie as Deputy Chair and Mr. Reid replace Mr. Guthrie, and Mr. Toor replace Mr. Neudorf;
- F. on the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services, that Mr. Schow replace Hon. Mr. Ellis as Deputy Chair and Mr. Schow replace Hon. Mr. Ellis, and that Mrs. Allard be appointed;
- G. on the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future, that Mrs. Frey replace Mr. Reid;
- H. on the Standing Committee on Families and Communities, that Ms Lovely be appointed Chair, Mr. Reid replace Mr. Rutherford, and that Mr. Hunter be appointed;
- I. on the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, that Ms Lovely replace Hon. Ms Issik, and Mr. Yao replace Hon. Mr. Yaseen;
- J. on the Select Special Committee on Real Property Rights, that Mr. van Dijken replace Hon. Mr. Orr, and that Mr. Yao be appointed;
- K. on the Select Special Child and Youth Advocate Search Committee, that Mr. Turton replace Hon. Ms Fir.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

99. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

- A. Be it resolved that temporary amendments be made to the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, effective July 1, 2021, as follows:
 - (a) Standing Order 3 is amended
 - (i) in suborder (4) by striking out "(8) or (9)" and substituting "(8), (9) or (10)", and
 - (ii) by adding the following after suborder (9):
 - (10) Subject to suborder (12), the Speaker may extend a period of adjournment in accordance with suborder (11) if the Speaker is satisfied that either of the following applies:
 - (a) the Assembly should not meet on that specific date or time due to an emergency event;
 - (b) it is in the public interest for the period of adjournment to be extended.
 - (11) After consulting with the Government House Leader and the Official Opposition House Leader, the Speaker may extend an adjournment by,
 - (a) specifying the date and time until which the adjournment is extended, and
 - (b) providing notice of that date and time that the Assembly must next meet to transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that date and time.
 - (12) A period of adjournment extended under suborder (11) may be superseded by subsequent notification from the Government under suborder (8) that the Assembly must meet.
- B. Be it further resolved that the temporary amendments in this motion come into force on passage and expire at 11:59 p.m. on Monday, February 7, 2022.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

100. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

A. Be it resolved that, despite any Standing Order and given the urgent public importance of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Assembly debate the COVID-19 pandemic in relation to all relevant matters arising since the Assembly's most recent debate on this matter on May 27, 2020;

- B. And be it further resolved that the Assembly debate the matter referred to in Part A commencing on a date set by the Government House Leader in consultation with the Official Opposition House Leader that is no later than November 4, 2021, of which the Government House Leader must provide notice to the Assembly under Notices of Motions during the Daily Routine on the day immediately preceding that date.
- C. And be it further resolved that the Assembly debate the matter referred to in Part A as follows:
 - (a) the Premier may make the first statement not exceeding 30 minutes;
 - (b) immediately following the Premier's statement, the Leader of the Official Opposition may make a statement not exceeding 15 minutes;
 - (c) immediately following the Leader of the Official Opposition's statement and for a period not exceeding 30 minutes
 - the Leader of the Official Opposition may ask questions on matters relevant to the Premier's statement or the Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and
 - (ii) the Premier or any member of Executive Council may respond to those questions;
 - (d) immediately following the question and response period referred to in clause (c), the Minister of Health may make a statement not exceeding 10 minutes;
 - (e) immediately following the Minister of Health's statement and for a period not exceeding 15 minutes
 - (i) Members who are not a member of Executive Council may ask questions on matters relevant to the statement or the Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and
 - (ii) any member of Executive Council may respond to those questions;
 - (f) any member of Executive Council may make a statement not exceeding 10 minutes;
 - (g) immediately following each statement made by a member of Executive Council and for a period not exceeding 15 minutes
 - (i) any Member who is not a member of Executive Council may ask questions on matters relevant to the statement or the Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and
 - (ii) any member of Executive Council may respond to those questions;
 - (h) a Member who asks a question or a member of Executive Council who responds in accordance with clause (c), (e) or (g) is limited to a period of 2 minutes at one time to ask that question or make a response;

- (i) immediately after all statements and related periods for questions and responses have concluded, the debate is considered to have been concluded by the Assembly without decision.
- D. And be it further resolved, for greater clarity, the debate may be adjourned at any time.

A debate followed.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, moved that the motion be amended in Part C as follows:

- (a) in clause (d) by striking out "may" and substituting "must";
- (b) in clause (e) by striking out "15 minutes" and substituting "50 minutes";
- (c) in clause (f) by striking out "any member of Executive Council may" and substituting "each member of Executive Council, other than the Premier and Minister of Health, must"; and
- (d) in clause (g) by striking out "15 minutes" and substituting "50 minutes".

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A debate followed on the amendment.

Mr. Schow, Deputy Government House Leader, moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 30

Aheer Lovely Rutherford Allard Luan Sawhney Armstrong-Homeniuk Madu Schow Ellis Neudorf Shandro $Nixon \ ({\tt Calgary\text{-}Klein})$ Smith Frey Getson Stephan Orr Glubish Panda Toor Williams Guthrie Rehn Issik Reid Yao LaGrange Rowswell Yaseen

Against the motion: 8

Dang Pancholi Schmidt

Irwin Phillips Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Nielsen Renaud

Intersessional Deposits

Pursuant to Standing Order 38.1(3), the following documents were deposited with the Clerk of the Assembly and are deemed to have been laid before the Assembly:

Mr. Hanson, Chair, Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, pursuant to the Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act, cP-39.5, s37:

Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship Final Report, Review of the Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, June 2021, deposited on June 29, 2021

Sessional Paper 792/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance:

Pursuant to the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, ss1(2) and 8(1), Government of Alberta 2020-2021 Annual Report, deposited on June 30, 2021 Sessional Paper 793/2020-21

Pursuant to the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, ss1(2) and 6(1), Government of Alberta 2020-21 Final Results, Year-End Report, June 2020, deposited on June 30, 2021

Sessional Paper 794/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Nicolaides, Minister of Advanced Education, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45; and the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, s9(1) and (3):

Advanced Education 2020-2021 Annual Report, deposited on June 30, 2021 Sessional Paper 795/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Dreeshen, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45; and the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, s9(1) and (3):

Agriculture and Forestry 2020-2021 Annual Report, deposited on June 30, 2021 Sessional Paper 796/2020-21

Hon. Ms Schulz, Minister of Children's Services, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45; and the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, s9(1) and (3):

Children's Services 2020-2021 Annual Report, deposited on June 30, 2021 Sessional Paper 797/2020-21

Hon. Mrs. Sawhney, Minister of Community and Social Services, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45; and the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, s9(1) and (3):

Community and Social Services 2020-2021 Annual Report, deposited on June 30, 2021

Sessional Paper 798/2020-21

Hon. Mrs. Aheer, Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45; and the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, s9(1) and (3):

Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women 2020-2021 Annual Report, deposited on June 30, 2021

Sessional Paper 799/2020-21

Hon. Mrs. Savage, Minister of Energy, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45; and the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, s9(1) and (3):

Energy 2020-2021 Annual Report, deposited on June 30, 2021 Sessional Paper 800/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45; and the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, s9(1) and (3):

Environment and Parks 2020-2021 Annual Report, deposited on June 30, 2021 Sessional Paper 801/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45; and the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, s9(1) and (3):

Executive Council 2020-2021 Annual Report, deposited on June 30, 2021 Sessional Paper 802/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45; and the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, s9(1) and (3):

Health 2020-2021 Annual Report, deposited on June 30, 2021 Sessional Paper 803/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Wilson, Minister of Indigenous Relations, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45; and the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, s9(1) and (3):

Indigenous Relations 2020-2021 Annual Report, deposited on June 30, 2021 Sessional Paper 804/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Panda, Minister of Infrastructure, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45; and the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, s9(1) and (3):

Infrastructure 2020-2021 Annual Report, deposited on June 30, 2021 Sessional Paper 805/2020-21 Hon. Mr. Madu, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45; and the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, s9(1) and (3):

Justice and Solicitor General 2020-2021 Annual Report, deposited on June 30, 2021

Sessional Paper 806/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Labour and Immigration, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45; and the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, s9(1) and (3):

Labour and Immigration 2020-2021 Annual Report, deposited on June 30, 2021 Sessional Paper 807/2020-21

Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Transportation and Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45; and the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, s9(1) and (3):

Municipal Affairs 2020-2021 Annual Report, deposited on June 30, 2021 Sessional Paper 808/2020-21

Hon. Ms Pon, Minister of Seniors and Housing, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45; and the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, s9(1) and (3):

Seniors and Housing 2020-2021 Annual Report, deposited on June 30, 2021 Sessional Paper 809/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Glubish, Minister of Service Alberta, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45; and the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, s9(1) and (3):

Service Alberta 2020-2021 Annual Report, deposited on June 30, 2021 Sessional Paper 810/2020-21

Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Transportation and Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45; and the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, s9(1) and (3):

Transportation 2020-2021 Annual Report, deposited on June 30, 2021 Sessional Paper 811/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45; and the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, s9(1) and (3):

Treasury Board and Finance 2020-2021 Annual Report, deposited on June 30, 2021

Sessional Paper 812/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Horse Racing Alberta Act, cH-11.3, s10(2):

Horse Racing Alberta 2020 Annual Report, deposited on June 30, 2021 Sessional Paper 813/2020-21

Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Education, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45; and the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, s9(1) and (3):

Education 2020-2021 Annual Report, deposited on July 5, 2021

Sessional Paper 814/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Minister of Jobs, Economy and Innovation, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45; and the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, s9(1) and (3):

Jobs, Economy and Innovation 2020-2021 Annual Report, deposited on July 7, 2021

Sessional Paper 815/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Optometrists 2020 Annual Report to Government, deposited on July 21, 2021

Sessional Paper 816/2020-21

College of Medical Laboratory Technologists of Alberta 2020 Annual Report, deposited on July 21, 2021

Sessional Paper 817/2020-21

Alberta College of Medical Diagnostic and Therapeutic Technologists 2020 Annual Report, deposited on July 21, 2021

Sessional Paper 818/2020-21

Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Pursuant to the Government Organization Act, cG-10, schedule 10, s10(3), Alberta Boilers Safety Association Annual Report 2020, for the year ending October 31, 2020, deposited on July 21, 2021

Sessional Paper 819/2020-21

Pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, cM-26, s708.09, Calgary Metropolitan Board Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2020, deposited on July 21, 2021

Sessional Paper 820/2020-21

Pursuant to the Special Areas Act, cS-16, s19(2), Special Areas Trust Account Financial Statements, December 31, 2020, deposited on July 21, 2021

Sessional Paper 821/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s28(1):

Office of the Ethics Commissioner, Province of Alberta, Report of the Investigation under the Conflicts of Interest Act by Hon. Marguerite Trussler, QC, Ethics Commissioner, into allegations involving Minister Adriana LaGrange, MLA, Red Deer-North, August 12, 2021, deposited on August 16, 2021

Sessional Paper 822/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Quality Council of Alberta Act, cH-7.2, s24(2):

Health Quality Council of Alberta Annual Report 2020-2021, deposited on August 26, 2021

Sessional Paper 823/2020-21

Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Safety Codes Act, cS-1, s25(3):

Safety Codes Council 2020 Annual Report, deposited on August 31, 2021 Sessional Paper 824/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College and Association of Opticians Annual Report 2020, deposited on September 1, 2021

Sessional Paper 825/2020-21

Alberta College of Combined Laboratory and X-ray Technologists Annual Report 2020, deposited on September 1, 2021

Sessional Paper 826/2020-21

Alberta College of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists 2020 Annual Report, deposited on September 1, 2021

Sessional Paper 827/2020-21

Alberta Dental Association and College Annual Report 2020, deposited on September 1, 2021

Sessional Paper 828/2020-21

College of Alberta Denturists Annual Report 2020, deposited on September 1, 2021

Sessional Paper 829/2020-21

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta Annual Report 2020, deposited on September 1, 2021

Sessional Paper 830/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Madu, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s124(2):

Alberta Law Foundation financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2021, deposited on September 16, 2021

Sessional Paper 831/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Glubish, Minister of Service Alberta, pursuant to An Act to End Predatory Lending, cE-9.5, s4(2):

Government of Alberta 2020 Report: An Act to End Predatory Lending, June 2021, deposited on September 16, 2021

Sessional Paper 832/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Pursuant to Standing Order 114, Legislative Assembly Office Annual Report 2020-2021, deposited on September 21, 2021

Sessional Paper 833/2020-21

Pursuant to the Child and Youth Advocate Act, cC-11.5, s9.1(5), Office of the Child and Youth Advocate Alberta Mandatory Reviews into Child Deaths, October 1, 2020, to March 31, 2021, deposited on September 21, 2021

Sessional Paper 834/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Luan, Minister of Community and Social Services, pursuant to the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Act, cP-21.5, s7(2):

Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Annual Report 2020-2021, deposited on September 22, 2021

Sessional Paper 835/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Ombudsman Act, cO-8, s28:

Alberta Ombudsman 2020-21 Annual Report, deposited on September 23, 2021 Sessional Paper 836/2020-21

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 96, agreed to on October 25, 2021; Government Motion 97, agreed to on October 25, 2021; and on motion by Mr. Schow, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:47 p.m. until Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Members' Statements

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding the need to support small businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding Senate representation for Alberta.

Mr. Hunter, Hon. Member for Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding cystic fibrosis and the recent Government announcement of funding for the drug Trifakta.

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the effect of the Government's COVID-19 pandemic policies on healthcare issues.

Mr. Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement regarding the 2023 Alberta Summer Games, which will be hosted in the Highwood constituency.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on the arts and live entertainment sector.

Mr. Toor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding the cultural diversity of candidates in the recent municipal elections and the rising number of racist and hate-motivated crimes.

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Clint Dunford, former Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, made a statement regarding World Spine Day.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

101. Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

(a) recognize the results of the referendum held on October 18, 2021, where 61.7 per cent of voters supported removing section 36(2) of the Constitution Act, 1982 - Parliament and the Government of Canada's commitment to the principle of making equalization payments,

- (b) reaffirm the principle articulated by the Supreme Court of Canada in its 1998 Quebec Secession Reference that it is "the constitutional right of each participant in the federation to initiate Constitutional change," and that "this right implies a reciprocal duty on the other participants to engage in discussions to address any legitimate initiative to change the constitutional order,"
- (c) authorize Her Excellency the Governor General to issue a Proclamation under the Great Seal of Canada amending the Constitution of Canada in accordance with the schedule set forth below, and
- (d) direct the Government of Alberta to take all necessary steps to secure a fair deal for Alberta in the Canadian federation, including the reform of federal transfer programs, the defence of provincial powers in the Constitution, and the right to pursue responsible development of our natural resources.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 74 Advanced Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 Hon. Mr. Nicolaides
- Bill 75 Arts Professions Recognition Act Hon. Mr. Orr

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Madu, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, pursuant to the Referendum Act, s9(2):

Report entitled "Alberta Referendum 2021 Results," prepared by Alberta Justice and Solicitor General

Sessional Paper 842/2020-21

Privilege - COVID-19 Modelling

The Speaker invited Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, to speak to the purported question of privilege raised by Mr. Sabir, Deputy Opposition House Leader, on October 25, 2021, regarding Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations making a deliberately misleading statement to the Assembly on June 16, 2021, by denying the existence of delta variant modelling in order to prevent potential criticism of his Open for Summer plan and response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Speaker heard from Hon. Mr. Nixon and advised that he would provide his ruling at a later date.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 73 Infrastructure Accountability Act — Hon. Mr. Panda

A debate followed.

Mr. Neudorf moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 49 Labour Mobility Act — Hon. Mr. Kenney

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 73 Infrastructure Accountability Act — Hon. Mr. Panda

A debate followed.

Ms Lovely moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 49 Labour Mobility Act — Hon. Mr. Kenney

A debate followed.

MLA Ceci moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Schow, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:29 p.m. until Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

The Acting Speaker took the Chair at 9:00 a.m.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 73 Infrastructure Accountability Act — Hon. Mr. Panda

A debate followed.

Ms Goehring moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 49 Labour Mobility Act — Hon. Mr. Kenney

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Sabir speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2.1), the Assembly adjourned at 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2021 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

Mr. Milliken, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the recent appointment of Steven Guilbeault, Member of Parliament, as the federal Minister of Environment and Climate.

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding the need for more family physicians in Lethbridge.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding Mchale Busch and Noah McConnell, victims of a double homicide in Hinton.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding the need for Government support of businesses and residents in the Edmonton-City Centre constituency.

Mr. Reid, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the growing film and television industry in the Livingstone-Macleod constituency.

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding coal development in the eastern slopes and Bill 214, Eastern Slopes Protection Act.

Mr. Rehn, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement recognizing volunteerism and community service in the Lesser Slave Lake constituency.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the need for more Albertans to get vaccinated in order to end the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding benefit-driven procurement.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that despite any Standing Order or practice of the Assembly, and for the duration of the 30th Legislature or until the Assembly passes a motion rescinding this motion,

- (a) an individual, including a Member, may not physically access the Legislature Building or any other area in which the proceedings of the Assembly, including its committees, are being conducted unless the individual provides proof of one of the following to a Legislative Assembly Office employee designated by the Speaker for this purpose:
 - (i) full vaccination against COVID-19 by means of the Quick Response code made available to the individual by the Government of Alberta;
 - (ii) an exemption from vaccination based on a protected ground under the Alberta Human Rights Act;
 - (iii) in the case of an individual who is 11 years old or younger, the age of that individual as provided by a parent or guardian,

- (b) the Office of the Speaker is responsible for administering the conditions on access to the Assembly and its committees as prescribed in clause (a), and
- (c) this motion comes into force on passage.

Mr. Schow, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion [replaces oral notice of Government Motion 101 provided on October 26, 2021]:

101. Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) recognize the results of the referendum held on October 18, 2021, where 61.7 per cent of voters supported removing section 36(2) of the Constitution Act, 1982 - Parliament and the Government of Canada's commitment to the principle of making equalization payments,
- (b) reaffirm the principle articulated by the Supreme Court of Canada in its 1998 Quebec Secession Reference that it is "the constitutional right of each participant in the federation to initiate Constitutional change," and that "this right implies a reciprocal duty on the other participants to engage in discussions to address any legitimate initiative to change the constitutional order,"
- (c) authorize Her Excellency the Governor General to issue a Proclamation under the Great Seal of Canada amending the Constitution of Canada in accordance with the Schedule set forth below, and
- (d) direct the Government of Alberta to take all necessary steps to secure a fair deal for Alberta in the Canadian federation, including the reform of federal transfer programs, the defence of provincial powers enumerated in the Constitution, and the right to pursue responsible development of natural resources.

SCHEDULE

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF CANADA

- 1. The Constitution Act, 1982 is amended by repealing section 36(2) thereof.
- 2. This Amendment may be cited as the Constitution Amendment, [year of proclamation].

[VERSION FRANÇAISE]

MODIFICATION DE LA CONSTITUTION DU CANADA

- 1. Le paragraphe 36(2) de la Loi constitutionnelle de 1982 est abrogé.
- 2. Titre de la présente modification: Modification constitutionnelle de [l'année de la proclamation]

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 76 Captive Insurance Companies Act — Hon. Mr. Toews

Privilege – COVID-19 Modelling

Hon. Members, I am prepared to rule on the question of privilege that the Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall raised on October 25, 2021. The question is with respect to statements made by the Hon. Premier in the Assembly during Oral Question Period on Wednesday, June 16, 2021.

The Member for Calgary-McCall provided notice of the question of privilege to my office at 11:00 a.m. on October 25, 2021, with a copy to the Hon. Premier and the Government House Leader, thereby meeting the notice requirement under Standing Order 15(2). I also find that this matter was raised at the earliest opportunity, as is a requirement under this Standing Order.

In his submissions, the Member for Calgary-McCall referenced a comment that the Premier made in response to a question posed by the Member for Edmonton City-Centre during Oral Question Period on June 16, 2021. In his question's preamble, the Member for Edmonton City-Centre remarked: "Yesterday we learned from the deputy chief medical officer of health that this government is in fact engaged in modelling of the highly contagious COVID-19 delta variant and will have the results this week." The Member went on to ask the question to the Premier: "Will you commit here and now to releasing the delta variant modelling to Albertans by the end of this week?" The Premier's response, in part, was that "there is no delta variant modelling".

The Member for Calgary-McCall's remarks made may be found at page 5649 of Monday's Hansard, and the original exchange can be found on page 5591 of the June 16, 2021 Hansard.

The Member for Calgary-McCall also cited a document called "Shifting from Pandemic to Endemic," which he claims shows that the modelling on the COVID-19 delta variant existed at the time that the Premier made the statements on June 16 in the House. You may find these remarks on page 5650 of Monday's Hansard.

The Member for Calgary-McCall claims that the Premier, in making the statement that there was no delta modelling, not only made a misleading statement but also that the Premier knew that the statement was misleading and was also deliberately misleading the Assembly in doing so.

In his submissions, the Government House Leader disputed the claims made by the Member for Calgary-McCall with respect to the statements of the deputy chief medical officer of health made during Dr. André Corriveau's televised press conference of June 15, 2021, saying that no claim was made with respect to delta variant modelling.

The Government House Leader further disputed the claim that the document "Shifting from Pandemic to Endemic," released on September 2, 2021, was proof that delta variant modelling was in fact proceeding by the time the Premier responded as he did on June 16. You can find these remarks in yesterday's Hansard, at page 5674.

Hon. Members, this is now the third time during the 30th Legislature that a question of privilege concerning the matter of deliberately misleading the Assembly has been raised. As I have noted in my rulings and commented at some great length on June 8, 2021, at page 5315; July 7, 2020, at page 1764; and again on June 25, 2019, at page 1174 of Hansard for those days; this type of question of privilege, which purports that a Member made statements to deliberately mislead the Assembly, is and may be treated as a contempt of the Assembly, as is indicated on page 307 in Erskine May's Treatise on The Law, Privileges, Proceedings and Usage of Parliament, 25th edition. And, as noted on page 85 of the House of Commons Procedure and Practice, 3rd edition, "the provision of deliberately misleading information to the House or one of its committees by a Minister or by a Member has been raised as a matter of privilege."

As noted in these previous rulings, the test for deliberately misleading the House is very difficult to meet. This test is set out in the fourth edition of Parliamentary Practice in New Zealand at pages 775 to 776. The test has three elements. The statement must, in fact, have been misleading; the Member must have known that the statement was inaccurate at the time the statement was made; and the Member must have intended to mislead the Assembly.

Hon. Members, I have reviewed the press conference of June 15, 2021, in which Dr. Corriveau provided an update on the COVID-19 situation, among other things, and answered questions. I note that in a response to a question from a CBC reporter about the severity of the delta variant and whether it could be taking over as the dominant strain, Dr. Corriveau states: "I don't think that we have done that modelling yet. It's a work in progress."

Concerning the document "Shifting from Pandemic to Endemic," this report was released in September 2021. Although it refers to modelling in June 2021, there is no clear indication when in June this modelling began or if in fact it had been completed at the time.

Accordingly, I accept the Government House Leader's assertions that the Premier had no knowledge of such modelling and therefore find that there is no prima facie breach of privilege.

I consider this matter dealt with and concluded.

Motions Under Standing Order 42

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that despite any Standing Order or practice of the Assembly, and for the duration of the 30th Legislature or until the Assembly passes a motion rescinding this motion,

- (a) an individual, including a Member, may not physically access the Legislature Building or any other area in which the proceedings of the Assembly, including its committees, are being conducted unless the individual provides proof of one of the following to a Legislative Assembly Office employee designated by the Speaker for this purpose:
 - (i) full vaccination against COVID-19 by means of the Quick Response code made available to the individual by the Government of Alberta;
 - (ii) an exemption from vaccination based on a protected ground under the Alberta Human Rights Act;
 - (iii) in the case of an individual who is 11 years old or younger, the age of that individual as provided by a parent or guardian,
- (b) the Office of the Speaker is responsible for administering the conditions on access to the Assembly and its committees as prescribed in clause (a), and
- (c) this motion comes into force on passage.

Pursuant to Standing Order 42(1.1) and (1.2), Mr. Dang and Hon. Mr. Nixon commented on the request for unanimous consent.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 75 Arts Professions Recognition Act — Hon. Mr. Orr

A debate followed.

Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 75, Arts Professions Recognition Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 843/2020-21

A debate followed on the amendment.

Debate adjourned on the amendment, Mr. Shepherd speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 74 Advanced Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

A debate followed.

Ms Phillips moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Schow, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:29 p.m. until Thursday, October 28, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, October 28, 2021

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 9:00 a.m.

Government Motions

102. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Sawhney on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Government Motion 100 is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the motion, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the motion shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mrs. Sawhney and Ms Gray commented on the time allocation motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

Aheer Luan Schow Allard Madu Shandro

Armstrong-Homeniuk Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Sigurdson (Highwood)

EllisOrrSmithGlubishPandaStephanGuthrieReidTurtonHansonRowswellWalkerLaGrangeRutherfordYao

Lovely Sawhney

Against the motion: 7

Ceci Gray Phillips Dach Loyola Shepherd

Feehan

100. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

- A. Be it resolved that, despite any Standing Order and given the urgent public importance of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Assembly debate the COVID-19 pandemic in relation to all relevant matters arising since the Assembly's most recent debate on this matter on May 27, 2020;
- B. And be it further resolved that the Assembly debate the matter referred to in Part A commencing on a date set by the Government House Leader in consultation with the Official Opposition House Leader that is no later than November 4, 2021, of which the Government House Leader must provide notice to the Assembly under Notices of Motions during the Daily Routine on the day immediately preceding that date.
- C. And be it further resolved that the Assembly debate the matter referred to in Part A as follows:
 - (a) the Premier may make the first statement not exceeding 30 minutes;
 - (b) immediately following the Premier's statement, the Leader of the Official Opposition may make a statement not exceeding 15 minutes;
 - (c) immediately following the Leader of the Official Opposition's statement and for a period not exceeding 30 minutes
 - the Leader of the Official Opposition may ask questions on matters relevant to the Premier's statement or the Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and
 - (ii) the Premier or any member of Executive Council may respond to those questions;
 - (d) immediately following the question and response period referred to in clause (c), the Minister of Health may make a statement not exceeding 10 minutes;

- (e) immediately following the Minister of Health's statement and for a period not exceeding 15 minutes
 - (i) Members who are not a member of Executive Council may ask questions on matters relevant to the statement or the Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and
 - (ii) any member of Executive Council may respond to those questions;
- (f) any member of Executive Council may make a statement not exceeding 10 minutes;
- (g) immediately following each statement made by a member of Executive Council and for a period not exceeding 15 minutes
 - (i) any Member who is not a member of Executive Council may ask questions on matters relevant to the statement or the Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and
 - (ii) any member of Executive Council may respond to those questions;
- (h) a Member who asks a question or a member of Executive Council who responds in accordance with clause (c), (e) or (g) is limited to a period of 2 minutes at one time to ask that question or make a response;
- (i) immediately after all statements and related periods for questions and responses have concluded, the debate is considered to have been concluded by the Assembly without decision.
- D. And be it further resolved, for greater clarity, the debate may be adjourned at any time.

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, on October 25, 2021, that the motion be amended in Part C as follows:

- (a) in clause (d) by striking out "may" and substituting "must";
- (b) in clause (e) by striking out "15 minutes" and substituting "50 minutes";
- (c) in clause (f) by striking out "any member of Executive Council may" and substituting "each member of Executive Council, other than the Premier and Minister of Health, must"; and
- (d) in clause (g) by striking out "15 minutes" and substituting "50 minutes".

 Sessional Paper 841/2020-21

Pursuant to Government Motion 102, agreed to on October 28, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:21 a.m. the question was immediately put on amendment A1 to Government Motion 100, which was defeated.

Pursuant to Government Motion 102, agreed to on October 28, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:21 a.m. the question was immediately put on Government Motion 100, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 49 Labour Mobility Act — Hon. Mr. Kenney

A debate followed.

MLA Loyola moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 74 Advanced Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, MLA Loyola speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2.1), the Assembly adjourned at 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2021 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding the Government's education policies.

Mr. Jones, Hon. Member for Calgary-South East, made a statement regarding the growth of Alberta's technology sector.

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, made a statement regarding the Government's economic recovery plan.

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, made a statement regarding an unsafe train crossing in the Edmonton community of Maple Crest.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement recognizing a number of his constituents who passed away in the past year.

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the need to implement the recommendations of the Alberta Anti-Racism Advisory Council.

Ms Rosin, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, made a statement regarding the results of the recent equalization referendum.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement regarding the Alberta Security Infrastructure Program.

Mr. Walker, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding the Alberta Food Drive.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Sigurdson, Chair, Select Special Committee on Real Property Rights, presented the following report:

Select Special Committee on Real Property Rights Interim Report, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, October 2021

Sessional Paper 844/2020-21

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice pursuant to Government Motion 100 agreed to on October 28, 2021, that following consultation with the Official Opposition, the debate outlined in Government Motion 100 will occur during the evening sitting on Monday, November 1, 2021.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 77 Municipal Government (Restoring Tax Accountability) Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. McIver

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland:

Document dated October 2021, entitled "Alberta Health Care Professionals: A Collection of Testimonials & Impact Statements about COVID-19 and COVID-19 Mandates," prepared by Todd Semko

Sessional Paper 845/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 76 Captive Insurance Companies Act — Hon. Mr. Toews

Hon. Mr. Toews moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 74 Advanced Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

A debate followed.

Mr. Schow moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Schow, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:08 p.m. until Monday, November 1, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 1, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Members' Statements

Mr. Toor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding the United Nations COP26 climate change conference and the Government's emissions reduction strategy.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting social services.

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding the Government's economic recovery plan.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to support Alberta's farmers and ranchers.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding Diwali.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, made a statement regarding the Government's actions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Walker, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding intensive care unit capacity in Alberta hospitals and the surgical recovery strategy.

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting the environment.

Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the need to respect multiple perspectives on the effects of COVID-19 related restrictions.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mrs. Savage, Minister of Energy, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 79 Trails Act — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Hon. Mrs. Savage, Minister of Energy, gave oral notice of the following motion:

103. Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) recognize that, pursuant to the Alberta Senate Election Act, over 1.1 million Albertans participated in the October 18, 2021, election of nominees for the Senate of Canada,
- (b) congratulate the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes, Pam Davidson, Erika Barootes, and Mykhailo Martyniouk, and recognize these candidates as Alberta's nominees for the Senate of Canada, and
- (c) call on the Prime Minister to respect the democratic decision of Albertans by recommending to Her Majesty The Queen that two of these nominees be summoned to the Senate of Canada to fill Alberta's two vacant seats.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 78 Alberta Housing Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Ms Pon

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s46(2):

Office of the Ethics Commissioner of Alberta Annual Report, April 1, 2019, to March 31, 2020

Sessional Paper 846/2020-21

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance:

Pursuant to the Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act, cG-1, s30(2), Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Annual Report 2020-21

Sessional Paper 847/2020-21

Pursuant to the Securities Act, cS-4, s20(2), Alberta Securities Commission 2021 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 848/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Motions for Concurrence in Committee Reports on Public Bills Other Than Government Bills

Debate continued on the motion moved on April 22, 2021, by Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, that the Assembly concur in the report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills recommending that Bill 215, Seniors Advocate Act, proceed.

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

Debate continued on the motion moved on June 7, 2021, by Hon. Mr. Ellis, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, that the Assembly concur in the report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills recommending that Bill 218, Provincial Parks (Protecting Park Boundaries) Amendment Act, 2021, proceed.

Mr. Dang moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Hon. Ms Issik, Associate Minister of Status of Women, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Orders 8 and 9(1) in order to proceed to Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 207, Reservists' Recognition Day Act.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 207 Reservists' Recognition Act* — Mr. Rutherford

Mr. Stephan, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 207 (A1) (introduced by Hon. Member for Peace River on behalf of the Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont on June 14, 2021) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 775/2020-21

Motions Other Than Government Motions

519. Moved by Ms Sweet:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take any necessary steps to maintain the current water allocations for the headwater tributaries of the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains including the Oldman River Basin Water Allocation Order (Alberta Regulation 319/2003) pending extensive consultations with the agricultural sector, Indigenous communities, ranchers, municipal districts, and the general public.

Debate continued on the subamendment introduced by Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on June 14, 2021, that amendment A1 be amended by striking out clause (a) and substituting the following:

(a) by striking out "the current water allocations" and substituting "water allocations current to May 1, 2020".

Sessional Paper 777/2020-21

Hon. Ms Issik, Associate Minister of Status of Women, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to continue debate on Motion Other Than a Government Motion 519.

The question being put, the subamendment was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the subamendment: 7

Dang Pancholi Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Irwin Schmidt Sweet

Nielsen

^{*}Title amended by amendment A1.

Against the subamendment: 27

Aheer Lovely Singh Armstrong-Homeniuk McIver Stephan Dreeshen Nally Toews Toor Fir Neudorf Getson **Nicolaides** Turton Horner Reid van Dijken Hunter Walker Rosin Issik Wilson Savage Yaseen Jones Schulz

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, on behalf of Hon. Ms Issik, Associate Minister of Status of Women, on June 14, 2021, that the motion be amended as follows:

- (a) by striking out "take any necessary steps" and substituting "continue its ongoing work";
- (b) by striking out "pending extensive consultations" and substituting ". and recognize that no decision on changes to water allocations will be considered without extensive consultations";
- (c) by adding "industry." immediately after "the agricultural sector.";
- (d) by striking out "the general public" and substituting "Albertans".

Sessional Paper 776/2020-21

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 27

Aheer Lovely Singh Amery McIver Stephan Dreeshen Nally Toews Fir Neudorf Toor Getson **Nicolaides** Turton Horner Reid van Dijken Rosin Walker Hunter Issik Wilson Savage Schweitzer Yaseen Jones

Against the amendment: 7

Dang Pancholi Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Irwin Schmidt Sweet

Nielsen

The question being put, the motion as amended was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

Aheer Lovely Singh Amery McIver Stephan Dreeshen Nally Toews Neudorf Toor Fir Getson Nicolaides Turton Horner Reid van Dijken Hunter Rosin Walker Issik Wilson Savage Schulz Yaseen Jones

Against the motion: 7

Dang Pancholi Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Irwin Schmidt Sweet

Nielsen

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:01 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Special Debate on the COVID-19 Pandemic

A debate followed on the COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to Government Motion 100, agreed to on October 28, 2021.

Hon. Ms Issik moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 29

Aheer Rowswell LaGrange Lovely Sawhney Allard Armstrong-Homeniuk Luan Schweitzer Madu Sigurdson (Highwood) Copping Ellis McIver Singh Getson Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Smith Glubish Orr Toews Guthrie Panda Wilson Hanson Rehn Yao Issik Reid

Against the motion: 8

Carson Goehring Sabir Eggen Gray Sweet

Ganley Hoffman

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Ms Issik, Associate Minister of Status of Women, the Assembly adjourned at 11:36 p.m. until Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 10:00 a.m.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 74 Advanced Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

A debate followed.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 74, Advanced Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2021, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 849/2020-21

A debate followed on the amendment.

Debate adjourned on the amendment.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2.1), the Assembly adjourned at 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement regarding Government leadership during the fourth wave of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding the possible benefits of an Alberta provincial police service.

Mrs. Allard, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement regarding the Grande Prairie Regional Hospital Foundation's Support the Girls event.

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, made a statement regarding Diwali.

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding the policies and actions of the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada.

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding Family Violence Prevention Month.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement regarding the Government's affordable housing strategy.

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding National Skilled Trades and Technology Week.

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding Richard Ireland, Mayor of Jasper.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given November 1, 2021:

Bill 79 Trails Act — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

FOIP request for calendar entries dated August 12 to 28, 2021, from the calendar of Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, relating to comments made by Ms Hoffman during Oral Question Period on November 2, 2021

Sessional Paper 850/2020-21

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Dreeshen, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry:

Pursuant to the Agriculture Financial Services Act, cA-12, s15(2), Agriculture Financial Services Corporation 2020-21 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 851/2020-21

Pursuant to the Farm Implement and Dealership Act, cF-7, s42(2), Farmers' Advocate Office Annual Report 2020-2021

Sessional Paper 852/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

103. Oral notice having been given November 1, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. Madu on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) recognize that, pursuant to the Alberta Senate Election Act, over 1.1 million Albertans participated in the October 18, 2021, election of nominees for the Senate of Canada,
- (b) congratulate the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes, Pam Davidson, Erika Barootes, and Mykhailo Martyniouk, and recognize these candidates as Alberta's nominees for the Senate of Canada, and
- (c) call on the Prime Minister to respect the democratic decision of Albertans by recommending to Her Majesty The Queen that two of these nominees be summoned to the Senate of Canada to fill Alberta's two vacant seats.

A debate followed.

Mr. Rutherford moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 77 Municipal Government (Restoring Tax Accountability) Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. McIver

A debate followed.

Ms Goehring moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 75 Arts Professions Recognition Act — Hon. Mr. Orr

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, on October 27, 2021, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 75, Arts Professions Recognition Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 843/2020-21

Debate adjourned on the amendment, Ms Sweet speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Motions

103. Oral notice having been given November 1, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. Madu on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) recognize that, pursuant to the Alberta Senate Election Act, over 1.1 million Albertans participated in the October 18, 2021, election of nominees for the Senate of Canada,
- (b) congratulate the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes, Pam Davidson, Erika Barootes, and Mykhailo Martyniouk, and recognize these candidates as Alberta's nominees for the Senate of Canada, and

(c) call on the Prime Minister to respect the democratic decision of Albertans by recommending to Her Majesty The Queen that two of these nominees be summoned to the Senate of Canada to fill Alberta's two vacant seats.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 27

Singh Amery Long Dreeshen Nally Stephan Neudorf Toews Fir Frey Nicolaides Toor Getson Pon Turton Hanson Rosin van Dijken Horner Savage Wilson Hunter Schow Yao Issik Schulz Yaseen

Against the motion: 7

Ceci Gray Loyola Dach Hoffman Shepherd

Feehan

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 76 Captive Insurance Companies Act — Hon. Mr. Toews

A debate followed.

Mr. Shepherd moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 49 Labour Mobility Act — Hon. Mr. Kenney

A debate followed.

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 49, Labour Mobility Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 853/2020-21

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 49 Labour Mobility Act — Hon. Mr. Kenney

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Schow, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:44 p.m. until Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 9:00 a.m.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 75 Arts Professions Recognition Act — Hon. Mr. Orr

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, on October 27, 2021, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 75, Arts Professions Recognition Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 843/2020-21

Mr. Eggen moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Government Motions

101. Moved by Hon. Mr. Kenney [This version of Government Motion 101 replaces the version of Government Motion 101 previously given oral notice.]:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) recognize the results of the referendum held on October 18, 2021, where 61.7 per cent of voters supported removing section 36(2) of the Constitution Act, 1982 Parliament and the Government of Canada's commitment to the principle of making equalization payments,
- (b) reaffirm the principle articulated by the Supreme Court of Canada in the 1998 Reference re Secession of Quebec that it is "the constitutional right of each participant in the federation to initiate constitutional change," and that "this right implies a reciprocal duty on the other participants to engage in discussions to address any legitimate initiative to change the constitutional order,"
- (c) authorize an amendment to the Constitution of Canada to be made by proclamation issued by Her Excellency the Governor General under the Great Seal of Canada in accordance with the Schedule set forth below, and
- (d) direct the Government of Alberta to take all necessary steps to secure a fair deal for Alberta in the Canadian federation, including the reform of federal transfer programs, the defence of provincial powers enumerated in the Constitution, and the right to pursue responsible development of natural resources.

SCHEDULE

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF CANADA

- 1. The *Constitution Act, 1982* is amended by repealing subsection 36(2) thereof.
- 2. This Amendment may be cited as the *Constitution Amendment, [year of proclamation]*.

MODIFICATION DE LA CONSTITUTION DU CANADA

- 1. Le paragraphe 36(2) de la *Loi constitutionnelle de 1982* est abrogé.
- 2. Titre de la présente modification : *Modification constitutionnelle de [l'année de la proclamation]*.

Hon. Mr. Kenney moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Schow, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:53 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2021 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding nuclear energy.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding Remembrance Day.

Mr. Hanson, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, made a statement regarding the Cree code system used during the Second World War.

Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement regarding previously proposed wage rollbacks for nurses.

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, made a statement regarding the Government's emissions reduction strategy.

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the importance of freedom of conscience.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding the Government's response to the fourth wave of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, made a statement regarding the Alberta Restrictions Exemption Program.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Rutherford, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, presented the following report:

Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills Final Report, Bill 220, Employment Standards (Expanding Bereavement Leave) Amendment Act, 2021, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, November 2021

Sessional Paper 854/2020-21

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to the report that the Bill proceed.

A Member rose to speak to the motion. The Speaker advised that debate on the motion for concurrence will take place on the next available Monday.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Child and Youth Advocate Act, cC-11.5, s21(2):

Office of the Child and Youth Advocate Alberta Annual Report 2020-2021 Sessional Paper 855/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 76 Captive Insurance Companies Act — Hon. Mr. Toews

A debate followed.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 76, Captive Insurance Companies Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 856/2020-21

A debate followed on the amendment.

Ms Hoffman moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Government Motions

101. Moved by Hon. Mr. Kenney:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

(a) recognize the results of the referendum held on October 18, 2021, where 61.7 per cent of voters supported removing section 36(2) of the *Constitution Act*, 1982 - Parliament and the Government of Canada's commitment to the principle of making equalization payments,

- (b) reaffirm the principle articulated by the Supreme Court of Canada in *the* 1998 *Reference re Secession of Quebec* that it is "the constitutional right of each participant in the federation to initiate constitutional change," and that "this right implies a reciprocal duty on the other participants to engage in discussions to address any legitimate initiative to change the constitutional order,"
- (c) authorize an amendment to the Constitution of Canada to be made by proclamation issued by Her Excellency the Governor General under the Great Seal of Canada in accordance with the Schedule set forth below, and
- (d) direct the Government of Alberta to take all necessary steps to secure a fair deal for Alberta in the Canadian federation, including the reform of federal transfer programs, the defence of provincial powers enumerated in the Constitution, and the right to pursue responsible development of natural resources.

SCHEDULE

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF CANADA

- 1. The Constitution Act, 1982 is amended by repealing subsection 36(2) thereof.
- 2. This Amendment may be cited as the *Constitution Amendment, [year of proclamation]*.

MODIFICATION DE LA CONSTITUTION DU CANADA

- 1. Le paragraphe 36(2) de la Loi constitutionnelle de 1982 est abrogé.
- 2. Titre de la présente modification : *Modification constitutionnelle de [l'année de la proclamation]*.

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Nally moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Schow, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:59 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Motions

101. Moved by Hon. Mr. Kenney:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) recognize the results of the referendum held on October 18, 2021, where 61.7 per cent of voters supported removing section 36(2) of the *Constitution Act, 1982* Parliament and the Government of Canada's commitment to the principle of making equalization payments,
- (b) reaffirm the principle articulated by the Supreme Court of Canada in *the* 1998 *Reference re Secession of Quebec* that it is "the constitutional right of each participant in the federation to initiate constitutional change," and that "this right implies a reciprocal duty on the other participants to engage in discussions to address any legitimate initiative to change the constitutional order."
- (c) authorize an amendment to the Constitution of Canada to be made by proclamation issued by Her Excellency the Governor General under the Great Seal of Canada in accordance with the Schedule set forth below, and
- (d) direct the Government of Alberta to take all necessary steps to secure a fair deal for Alberta in the Canadian federation, including the reform of federal transfer programs, the defence of provincial powers enumerated in the Constitution, and the right to pursue responsible development of natural resources.

SCHEDULE

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF CANADA

- 1. The Constitution Act, 1982 is amended by repealing subsection 36(2) thereof.
- 2. This Amendment may be cited as the *Constitution Amendment, [year of proclamation]*.

MODIFICATION DE LA CONSTITUTION DU CANADA

- 1. Le paragraphe 36(2) de la *Loi constitutionnelle de 1982* est abrogé.
- 2. Titre de la présente modification : *Modification constitutionnelle de [l'année de la proclamation]*.

A debate followed.

Mr. Smith moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 73 Infrastructure Accountability Act — Hon. Mr. Panda

A debate followed.

Ms Phillips moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 75 Arts Professions Recognition Act — Hon. Mr. Orr

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, on October 27, 2021, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 75, Arts Professions Recognition Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 843/2020-21

Mr. Dang moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 74 Advanced Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, on November 2, 2021, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 74, Advanced Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2021, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 849/2020-21

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question being put on the motion for Second Reading, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

Aheer Luan Rutherford
Allard Madu Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk McIver Schweitzer
Ellis Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Shandro

Glubish Orr Sigurdson (Highwood)

GuthriePandaSmithJonesRehnvan DijkenLaGrangeReidWalker

Lovely Rowswell

Against the motion: 7

Dang Phillips Schmidt

Irwin Renaud Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Nielsen

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 74 Advanced Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Assembly adjourned at 10:27 p.m. until Thursday, November 4, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, November 4, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 9:00 a.m.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 78 Alberta Housing Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Ms Pon

A debate followed.

Mr. Feehan moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 77 Municipal Government (Restoring Tax Accountability) Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. McIver

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Ms Phillips speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2.1), the Assembly adjourned at 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Nally, Associate Minister of Natural Gas and Electricity, made a statement regarding hydrogen and its potential as a driver of economic growth in Alberta.

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding Government actions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Toor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding Bandi Chhor Divas.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding the oil and gas industry in the Camrose constituency.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the need for Government leadership in the agricultural sector.

Mr. Rutherford, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding Remembrance Day.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the 37th anniversary of the Sikh genocide.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding COVID-19 related masking policies for school buses.

Mrs. Aheer, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore, made a statement regarding the need to support those who make disclosures with respect to sexual harassment.

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding recent Government actions.

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(8), Hon. Ms Issik, Associate Minister of Status of Women, provided notice to the Assembly that the Daily Routine shall continue beyond 3:00 p.m.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Schow, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bills:

- Bill 83 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2021 Hon. Mr. Nixon
- Bill 84 Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2021 Hon. Mr. Glubish

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 80 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 (No. 2) Hon. Ms Fir
- Bill 81 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2) Hon. Mr. Madu
- Bill 82 Mineral Resource Development Act Hon. Mrs. Savage

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Fir, Associate Minister of Red Tape Reduction, pursuant to the Red Tape Reduction Act, cR-8.2, s2(2):

Red Tape Reduction Annual Report 2020-2021

Sessional Paper 857/2020-21

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

American Bar Association website article dated February 22, 2014, entitled "Observations on Captive Insurance Companies: 10 Worst and 10 Best Things," relating to comments made by MLA Loyola during Second Reading debate on Bill 76, Captive Insurance Companies Act, on November 3, 2021

Sessional Paper 858/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act, cP-39.5, s33(2):

Public Interest Commissioner of Alberta 2020-21 Annual Report Sessional Paper 859/2020-21

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Education, pursuant to the Teaching Profession Act, cT-2, s15(2):

Alberta Teachers' Association 2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 860/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 75 Arts Professions Recognition Act — Hon. Mr. Orr

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, on October 27, 2021, that the Bill be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 75, Arts Professions Recognition Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 843/2020-21

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 75 Arts Professions Recognition Act — Hon. Mr. Orr

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Schow, Deputy Government House Leader, and pursuant to Standing Orders 3(6) and 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:28 p.m. until Monday, November 15, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 15, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Members' Statements

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, made a statement regarding the Government's recent affordable child care agreement with the federal government.

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement regarding the Government's recent affordable child care agreement with the federal government.

Mr. Reid, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of David Armstrong.

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding the need for Government policies that attract technology sector investment.

Mrs. Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie-East, made a statement regarding the potential establishment of an Alberta police force.

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding the effect of Government policies on women.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding affordable energy.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Warren Hillier and the need for mental health supports for first responders.

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(8), Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, provided notice to the Assembly that the Daily Routine shall continue beyond 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Milliken, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the Government's economic polices and attracting investment to Alberta.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Schow, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bills:

- Bill 85 Education Statutes (Students First) Amendment Act, 2021 Hon. Min. LaGrange
- Bill 86 Electricity Statutes Amendment Act, 2022 Hon. Mr. Nally

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given November 4, 2021:

- Bill 83 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2021 Hon. Mr. Nixon
- Bill 84 Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2021 Hon. Mr. Glubish

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Occupational Therapists 2020-2021 Annual Report Sessional Paper 861/2020-21

College of Dietitians of Alberta 2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 862/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Motions for Concurrence in Committee Reports on Public Bills Other Than Government Bills

Debate continued on the motion moved on June 7, 2021, by Hon. Mr. Ellis, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, that the Assembly concur in the report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills recommending that Bill 218, Provincial Parks (Protecting Park Boundaries) Amendment Act, 2021, proceed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

Allard Nielsen Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Schmidt
Ellis Orr Schow
Glubish Pancholi Schweitzer
Guthrie Panda Shandro

Hanson Phillips Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Irwin Rehn Sigurdson (Highwood)

IssikReidSmithLaGrangeRenaudTurtonLovelyRosinWilliamsLuanRowswellYaoMaduRutherfordYaseen

Neudorf

Against the motion: 0

Mr. Schow, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Orders 8 and 9(1) in order to proceed immediately to Third Reading of Bill 207, Reservists' Recognition Act.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 207 Reservists' Recognition Act — Mr. Rutherford

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

Allard Nally Rutherford Armstrong-Homeniuk Neudorf Sabir Barnes Nielsen Sawhney Ellis Schmidt Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Glubish Orr Schow Guthrie Pancholi Schweitzer Hanson Panda Shandro

IrwinPhillipsSigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)IssikPittSigurdson (Highwood)

LaGrangePonSmithLovelyRehnTurtonLuanReidWilliamsMaduRenaudYaoMcIverRowswellYaseen

Against the motion: 0

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 207 Reservists' Recognition Act — Mr. Rutherford

Motions Other Than Government Motions

521. Moved by Mr. Sabir (replaced):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly censure the Premier for his failed leadership leading up to and through the fourth wave of the COVID-19 pandemic

A debate followed.

Mr. Schow, Deputy Government House Leader, moved, pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), that Motion other than a Government Motion 521 be moved to the bottom of the relevant item of business on the Order Paper.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

Allard Nally Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk Neudorf Schow
Copping Nicolaides Schulz
Ellis Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Schweitzer
Fir Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Shandro

Glubish Orr Sigurdson (Highwood)

Guthrie Panda Smith Horner Pon Toews Issik Rehn Turton LaGrange Reid Williams Lovely Rowswell Wilson Rutherford Luan Yao Madu Savage Yaseen

McIver

Against the motion: 10

Barnes Pancholi Sabir Irwin Phillips Schmidt

Loewen Renaud Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Nielsen

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, moved adjournment of the Assembly until 7:30 p.m., which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 33

Allard McIver Sawhney
Amery Nally Schow
Ellis Neudorf Schweitzer
Glubish Nicolaides Shandro

 $Guthrie \qquad \qquad Nixon \; {\tiny (Calgary-Klein)} \qquad \qquad Sigurdson \; {\tiny (Highwood)}$

Horner Panda Smith Pon Turton Issik Rehn Williams LaGrange Lovely Reid Wilson Rowswell Luan Yao Rutherford Madu Yaseen

Against the motion: 6

Irwin Renaud Schmidt

Phillips Sabir Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 5:53 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 73 Infrastructure Accountability Act — Hon. Mr. Panda

A debate followed.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 73, Infrastructure Accountability Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 863/2020-21

A debate followed on the amendment.

Mr. Stephan moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 79 Trails Act — Hon. Mr. Nixon

A debate followed.

Ms Sweet moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 77 Municipal Government (Restoring Tax Accountability) Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon, Mr. McIver

A debate followed.

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 77, Municipal Government (Restoring Tax Accountability) Amendment Act, 2021, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 864/2020-21

A debate followed on the amendment.

Mr. Getson moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Schow, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:25 p.m. until Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 10:00 a.m.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 80 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 (No. 2) — Hon. Ms Fir

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Nicolaides moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 78 Alberta Housing Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Ms Pon

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, MLA Irwin speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2.1), the Assembly adjourned at 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2021 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the need for Government leadership in Alberta.

Mr. Jones, Hon. Member for Calgary-South East, made a statement regarding teacher misconduct and Bill 85, Education Statutes (Students First) Amendment Act, 2021.

Mr. Walker, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding the Albertan Hindu community.

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the effects of Government policies on Albertans.

Ms Rosin, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, made a statement regarding sport and recreation tourism in Alberta.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding Motion Other Than a Government Motion 521 and a lack of Government accountability.

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, made a statement regarding Bill 82, Mineral Resource Development Act.

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding Métis Week and Louis Riel Day.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding Heartland Generation's transition from coal-fired generation to natural gas.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given November 15, 2021:

Bill 85 Education Statutes (Students First) Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

CBC website article dated July 19, 2021, entitled "Alberta towns, cities feel squeeze from plunging provincial grants"

Sessional Paper 865/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-25, s63(2); the Health Information Act, cH-5, s95(2); and the Personal Information Protection Act, cP-6.5, s44(2):

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Alberta Annual Report 2020-21

Sessional Paper 866/2020-21

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s37(4), and the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s16(5):

Report of Selected Payments to the Members and Former Members of the Legislative Assembly and Persons Directly Associated with Members of the Legislative Assembly, Year Ended March 31, 2021

Sessional Paper 867/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 81 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Madu

Hon. Mr. Madu moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 76 Captive Insurance Companies Act — Hon. Mr. Toews

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, on November 3, 2021, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 76, Captive Insurance Companies Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 856/2020-21

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 82 Mineral Resource Development Act — Hon. Mrs. Savage

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Ms Sweet speaking.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 76 Captive Insurance Companies Act — Hon. Mr. Toews

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 81 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Madu

A debate followed.

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, moved that the motion for Second Reading be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 81, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2), be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 868/2020-21

A debate followed on the amendment.

MLA Ceci moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 49 Labour Mobility Act — Hon. Mr. Kenney

Mr. Hanson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 49 (A1) (Official Opposition House Leader) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 869/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 49 (A2) (Official Opposition House Leader) — Defeated Sessional Paper 870/2020-21

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 73 Infrastructure Accountability Act — Hon. Mr. Panda

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, on November 15, 2021, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 73, Infrastructure Accountability Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 863/2020-21

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

Mr. Rutherford moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Rutherford, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, the Assembly adjourned at 10:42 p.m. until Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 9:00 a.m.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 78 Alberta Housing Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Ms Pon

A debate followed.

Mr. Carson moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Motions

101. Moved by Hon. Mr. Kenney:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) recognize the results of the referendum held on October 18, 2021, where 61.7 per cent of voters supported removing section 36(2) of the Constitution Act, 1982 - Parliament and the Government of Canada's commitment to the principle of making equalization payments,
- (b) reaffirm the principle articulated by the Supreme Court of Canada in *the* 1998 *Reference re Secession of Quebec* that it is "the constitutional right of each participant in the federation to initiate constitutional change," and that "this right implies a reciprocal duty on the other participants to engage in discussions to address any legitimate initiative to change the constitutional order,"
- (c) authorize an amendment to the Constitution of Canada to be made by proclamation issued by Her Excellency the Governor General under the Great Seal of Canada in accordance with the Schedule set forth below, and
- (d) direct the Government of Alberta to take all necessary steps to secure a fair deal for Alberta in the Canadian federation, including the reform of federal transfer programs, the defence of provincial powers enumerated in the Constitution, and the right to pursue responsible development of natural resources.

SCHEDULE

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF CANADA

- 1. The *Constitution Act, 1982* is amended by repealing subsection 36(2) thereof.
- 2. This Amendment may be cited as the *Constitution Amendment, [year of proclamation]*.

MODIFICATION DE LA CONSTITUTION DU CANADA

- 1. Le paragraphe 36(2) de la *Loi constitutionnelle de 1982* est abrogé.
- 2. Titre de la présente modification : *Modification constitutionnelle de [l'année de la proclamation]*.

A debate followed.

Mr. Toor moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 73 Infrastructure Accountability Act — Hon. Mr. Panda

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, on behalf of Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 73, Infrastructure Accountability Act, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

Sessional Paper 871/2020-21

A debate followed on the amendment.

Debate adjourned on the amendment, Ms Goehring speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2.1), the Assembly adjourned at 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Speaker's Statement – Emergency Alert Test

The Speaker made a statement regarding the testing of the Alert Ready Emergency Alert System, which will take place during Oral Question Period, and asking Members to turn off electronic devices to avoid disruption of the proceedings.

Members' Statements

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the Canada men's national soccer team.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the Cold Shot Bus Service.

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding the need for mental health supports for front-line workers.

Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations.

Mr. Williams, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding federal energy policies and their effects on Albertans.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the arts and culture community.

Mr. Hanson, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, made a statement regarding teacher accountability and Bill 85, Education Statutes (Students First) Amendment Act, 2021.

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding provincial natural disasters and the need for disaster preparedness.

Mrs. Aheer, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore, made a statement regarding the provincial emergency medical services system.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given November 15, 2021:

Bill 86 Electricity Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nally

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

101. Moved by Hon. Mr. Kenney:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) recognize the results of the referendum held on October 18, 2021, where 61.7 per cent of voters supported removing section 36(2) of the *Constitution Act, 1982* Parliament and the Government of Canada's commitment to the principle of making equalization payments,
- (b) reaffirm the principle articulated by the Supreme Court of Canada in *the* 1998 *Reference re Secession of Quebec* that it is "the constitutional right of each participant in the federation to initiate constitutional change," and that "this right implies a reciprocal duty on the other participants to engage in discussions to address any legitimate initiative to change the constitutional order."
- (c) authorize an amendment to the Constitution of Canada to be made by proclamation issued by Her Excellency the Governor General under the Great Seal of Canada in accordance with the Schedule set forth below, and
- (d) direct the Government of Alberta to take all necessary steps to secure a fair deal for Alberta in the Canadian federation, including the reform of federal transfer programs, the defence of provincial powers enumerated in the Constitution, and the right to pursue responsible development of natural resources.

SCHEDULE

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF CANADA

- 1. The *Constitution Act, 1982* is amended by repealing subsection 36(2) thereof.
- 2. This Amendment may be cited as the *Constitution Amendment, [year of proclamation]*.

MODIFICATION DE LA CONSTITUTION DU CANADA

- 1. Le paragraphe 36(2) de la *Loi constitutionnelle de 1982* est abrogé.
- 2. Titre de la présente modification : *Modification constitutionnelle de [l'année de la proclamation]*.

A debate followed.

Mr. Williams moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(4), the Committee recessed at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 74 Advanced Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 75 Arts Professions Recognition Act — Hon. Mr. Orr

Mr. Singh, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 74 (A1) (Official Opposition House Leader) — Defeated Sessional Paper 872/2020-21

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 77 Municipal Government (Restoring Tax Accountability) Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. McIver

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, on November 15, 2021, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 77, Municipal Government (Restoring Tax Accountability) Amendment Act, 2021, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 864/2020-21

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 8

Dang Pancholi Schmidt

Irwin Phillips Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Nielsen Renaud

Against the amendment: 27

Amery Singh Long Dreeshen Lovely Smith Fir Neudorf Stephan **Nicolaides** Toor Frey Getson Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Turton Walker Horner Pon Hunter Williams Rosin Issik Schow Wilson Jones Schulz Yaseen

Debate continued on the main motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 83 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nixon

A debate followed.

Mr. Singh moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 77 Municipal Government (Restoring Tax Accountability) Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. McIver

Government Motions

101. Moved by Hon. Mr. Kenney:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) recognize the results of the referendum held on October 18, 2021, where 61.7 per cent of voters supported removing section 36(2) of the *Constitution Act*, 1982 Parliament and the Government of Canada's commitment to the principle of making equalization payments,
- (b) reaffirm the principle articulated by the Supreme Court of Canada in the 1998 Reference re Secession of Quebec that it is "the constitutional right of each participant in the federation to initiate constitutional change," and that "this right implies a reciprocal duty on the other participants to engage in discussions to address any legitimate initiative to change the constitutional order."
- (c) authorize an amendment to the Constitution of Canada to be made by proclamation issued by Her Excellency the Governor General under the Great Seal of Canada in accordance with the Schedule set forth below, and
- (d) direct the Government of Alberta to take all necessary steps to secure a fair deal for Alberta in the Canadian federation, including the reform of federal transfer programs, the defence of provincial powers enumerated in the Constitution, and the right to pursue responsible development of natural resources.

SCHEDULE

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF CANADA

- 1. The *Constitution Act, 1982* is amended by repealing subsection 36(2) thereof.
- 2. This Amendment may be cited as the *Constitution Amendment, [year of proclamation]*.

MODIFICATION DE LA CONSTITUTION DU CANADA

- 1. Le paragraphe 36(2) de la *Loi constitutionnelle de 1982* est abrogé.
- 2. Titre de la présente modification : *Modification constitutionnelle de [l'année de la proclamation]*.

A debate followed

Hon. Mr. Nicolaides moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:38 p.m. until Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, November 18, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 9:00 a.m.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 73 Infrastructure Accountability Act — Hon. Mr. Panda

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, on behalf of Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, on November 17, 2021, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 73, Infrastructure Accountability Act, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

Sessional Paper 871/2020-21

Mr. Rutherford, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the morning sitting.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Dach Gray Loyola Eggen Hoffman Shepherd

Feehan

Against the amendment: 30

Allard Lovely Schweitzer
Armstrong-Homeniuk Luan Shandro

Ellis Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Sigurdson (Highwood)

Fir Singh Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Getson Orr Smith Guthrie Panda Stephan Hanson Rowswell Turton Hunter Rutherford Walker Issik Williams Sawhney LaGrange Schow Yao

The question being immediately put on the motion for Second Reading, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 30

Allard Lovely Schweitzer Armstrong-Homeniuk Luan Shandro

Ellis Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Sigurdson (Highwood)

Fir Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Singh Getson Smith Orr Guthrie Panda Stephan Hanson Turton Rowswell Hunter Rutherford Walker Sawhney Williams Issik Schow Yao LaGrange

Against the motion: 7

Dach Gray Loyola Eggen Hoffman Shepherd

Feehan

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 73 Infrastructure Accountability Act — Hon. Mr. Panda

Bill 82 Mineral Resource Development Act — Hon. Mrs. Savage

Bill 83 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2.1), the Assembly adjourned at 12:02 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding RCMP and Elections Alberta investigations into the 2017 United Conservative Party leadership contest.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding the film and television industry in Alberta.

Mrs. Allard, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement regarding Women's Entrepreneurship Week.

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting affordable housing.

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding the Government's economic recovery plan.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the need for more Government support for the agricultural sector.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding the Government's economic recovery plan.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding the Government's recent affordable child care agreement with the federal government.

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Rutherford, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s19(5):

Report of the Auditor General, November 2021

Sessional Paper 873/2020-21

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland:

Series of charts depicting results of antibody tests, prepared by Ichor Blood Services

Sessional Paper 874/2020-21

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung:

Calgary Herald website article dated November 2, 2021, entitled "Corbella: Rural bus line will go bust without a hand up from Alberta government that doesn't seem to care"

Sessional Paper 875/2020-21

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Alberta Dental Assistants Annual Report 2020-21

Sessional Paper 876/2020-21

College of Alberta Psychologists 2020-21 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 877/2020-21

College of Dental Technologists of Alberta 2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 878/2020-21

College of Hearing Aid Practitioners of Alberta 2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 879/2020-21

College of Midwives of Alberta 2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 880/2020-21

College of Podiatric Physicians of Alberta 2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 881/2020-21

Physiotherapy Alberta College and Association 2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 882/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 49 Labour Mobility Act — Hon. Mr. Kenney

A debate followed.

Mr. Schow moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Motions

101. Moved by Hon. Mr. Kenney:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) recognize the results of the referendum held on October 18, 2021, where 61.7 per cent of voters supported removing section 36(2) of the Constitution Act, 1982 - Parliament and the Government of Canada's commitment to the principle of making equalization payments,
- (b) reaffirm the principle articulated by the Supreme Court of Canada in the 1998 Reference re Secession of Quebec that it is "the constitutional right of each participant in the federation to initiate constitutional change," and that "this right implies a reciprocal duty on the other participants to engage in discussions to address any legitimate initiative to change the constitutional order,"
- (c) authorize an amendment to the Constitution of Canada to be made by proclamation issued by Her Excellency the Governor General under the Great Seal of Canada in accordance with the Schedule set forth below, and
- (d) direct the Government of Alberta to take all necessary steps to secure a fair deal for Alberta in the Canadian federation, including the reform of federal transfer programs, the defence of provincial powers enumerated in the Constitution, and the right to pursue responsible development of natural resources.

SCHEDULE

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF CANADA

- 1. The *Constitution Act*, 1982 is amended by repealing subsection 36(2) thereof.
- 2. This Amendment may be cited as the *Constitution Amendment, [year of proclamation]*.

MODIFICATION DE LA CONSTITUTION DU CANADA

- 1. Le paragraphe 36(2) de la *Loi constitutionnelle de 1982* est abrogé.
- 2. Titre de la présente modification : *Modification constitutionnelle de [l'année de la proclamation]*.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Milliken in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 33

Allard Long Singh Amery Nally Smith Armstrong-Homeniuk Neudorf Stephan Nicolaides Toews Dreeshen Fir Pon Toor Getson Rowswell Turton Schow van Dijken Hanson Hunter Schulz Walker Issik Schweitzer Wilson Yao Jones Shandro Kenney Sigurdson (Highwood) Yaseen

Against the motion: 6

Dang Pancholi Schmidt

Irwin Renaud Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Schow, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:28 p.m. until Monday, November 22, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 22, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks, made a statement regarding ecoterrorism and recent comments made by David Suzuki concerning pipelines.

Members' Statements

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding National Housing Day.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the recent New Democratic Party provincial council event and the recent United Conservative Party annual general meeting.

Mrs. Frey, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding recent anti-pipeline actions and comments by environmental activists.

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting municipalities.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding the Government's economic recovery plan.

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, made a statement regarding the recently proposed Alberta kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement recognizing the work of healthcare professionals throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement regarding National Day of the Child.

Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the relationship between Alberta and the federal government.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

104. Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- condemn David Suzuki's comments on pipelines as reported by the National Post.
- 2. condemn any comments made calling for the intentional destruction of energy infrastructure, and
- 3. unequivocally condemn incitements of violent eco-terrorism.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud:

Letter dated November 17, 2021, from the School Age Care Directors Association of Alberta to Hon. Ms Schulz, Minister of Children's Services, and Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, requesting to meet with Hon. Ms Schulz regarding financial support for out-of-school care programs

Sessional Paper 883/2020-21

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat:

Calgary Herald website article dated November 16, 2021, entitled "Braid: UCP heading for a rough convention as another MLA challenges Kenney"

Sessional Paper 884/2020-21

Calgary Sun website article dated November 17, 2021, entitled "Bell: Kenney hit with UCP MLA's blockbuster letter"

Sessional Paper 885/2020-21

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley:

Calgary Herald website article dated November 18, 2021, entitled "Braid: Kenney crew busily lining up delegate support for weekend convention"

Sessional Paper 886/2020-21

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Orr, Minister of Culture, pursuant to the Alberta Foundation for the Arts Act, cA-19, s14(2):

Alberta Foundation for the Arts 2020-21 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 887/2020-21

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Labour and Immigration:

Pursuant to the Chartered Professional Accountants Act, cC-10.2, s28(2), Chartered Professional Accountants Alberta Annual Report 2020/2021

Sessional Paper 888/2020-21

Pursuant to the Agrology Profession Act, cA-13.5, s4(2), Alberta Institute of Agrologists Annual Report 2020

Sessional Paper 889/2020-21

Pursuant to the Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act, cE-11, s12(4), Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta 2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 890/2020-21

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Government Organization Act, cG-10, sch10, s10(3):

Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association Annual Report 2020/2021

Sessional Paper 891/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Motions for Concurrence in Committee Reports on Public Bills Other Than Government Bills

Debate continued on the motion moved on June 10, 2021, by Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, that the Assembly concur in the report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills recommending that Bill 219, Workers' Compensation (Expanding Presumptive Coverage) Amendment Act, 2021, proceed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Milliken in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 38

Amery Neudorf Sigurdson (Highwood)

Dang **Nicolaides** Singh Nielsen Fir Smith Getson Pancholi Stephan Horner Rehn Toews Hunter Renaud Toor Irwin Rosin Turton Issik Rutherford van Dijken Jones Savage Walker Williams LaGrange Schmidt Schow Wilson Long Schulz Yaseen McIver

Nally Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Against the motion: 0

Debate continued on the motion moved on November 3, 2021, by Mr. Rutherford, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, that the Assembly concur in the report of the committee recommending that Bill 220, Employment Standards (Expanding Bereavement Leave) Amendment Act, 2021, proceed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly that it be called 5:00 p.m. and that the Assembly proceed to consideration of Motions Other Than Government Motions.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

522. Moved by Mrs. Frey:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize the critical role of agriculture in Alberta's economy and urge the Government to take steps to ensure that Alberta's agriculture and agri-food industries are essential components of the economic recovery plan in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Ms Issik, Associate Minister of Status of Women, the Assembly adjourned at 5:57 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 78 Alberta Housing Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Ms Pon

A debate followed.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 78, Alberta Housing Amendment Act, 2021, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 892/2020-21

Ms Sweet moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 75 Arts Professions Recognition Act — Hon. Mr. Orr

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

- (a) in section 1
 - (i) by adding the following after clause (b):
 - (b.1) "contracting party" means a person or public entity engaging the services of a professional artist;

- (ii) in clause (d) by striking out "Government of Alberta or a public agency" and substituting "Government of Alberta, a municipality or a public agency";
- (b) in the heading preceding section 2 by striking out "public entities" and substituting "contracting parties";
- in section 2 by striking out "public entity" wherever it occurs and substituting "contracting party";
- in section 3 by striking out "public entity" and substituting "contracting party".

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Milliken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Bilous Ganley Sabir Deol Goehring Sweet

Eggen

Against the amendment: 26

Aheer Lovely Rutherford Armstrong-Homeniuk Luan Sawhney Ellis Madu Schow Frey Neudorf Schweitzer Gotfried $Nixon \ ({\it Calgary-Klein})$ Sigurdson (Highwood) Guthrie Smith Orr Hanson Panda Williams Issik Yao Reid

LaGrange Rowswell

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, moved that the Bill be amended in section 1(c)(iii)(D):

- by striking out "traditional knowledge" and substituting "cultural knowledge or Indigenous traditional knowledge", and
- in subparagraph (II) by striking out "cultural traditions" and substituting "cultural or Indigenous traditions".

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Milliken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 8

Bilous Sabir Eggen Carson Ganley Sweet

Deol Goehring Against the amendment: 26

Aheer Lovely Rutherford
Armstrong-Homeniuk Luan Sawhney
Ellis Madu Schow
Frey Neudorf Schweitzer
Gotfried Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Sigurdson (Highwood)

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LaGrange Rowswell

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 75 Arts Professions Recognition Act — Hon. Mr. Orr

Bill 77 Municipal Government (Restoring Tax Accountability) Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. McIver

Mr. Hanson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 75 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 893/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 75 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 894/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 75 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 895/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 75 (A4) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 896/2020-21

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Schow, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:29 p.m. until Tuesday, November 23, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 10:00 a.m.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 80 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 (No. 2) — Hon. Ms Fir

A debate followed.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 80, Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 (No. 2), be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 897/2020-21

A debate followed on the amendment.

Ms Sigurdson moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 49 Labour Mobility Act — Hon. Mr. Kenney

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Ms Issik, Associate Minister of Status of Women, the Assembly adjourned at 11:58 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2021 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Speaker's Statement - Manmeet Bhullar

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the anniversary of the death of former Member Manmeet Bhullar, Member for Calgary-Montrose, 2008 to 2012, and Calgary-Greenway, 2012 to 2015, who tragically passed away on November 23, 2015.

Members' Statements

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding Government policies and actions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Rosin, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, made a statement regarding recent antipipeline actions and protests against the Coastal GasLink Pipeline.

Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Cochrane, made a statement regarding mandatory vaccination policies.

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the Government's attitude toward drug harm reduction programs.

Mr. Walker, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding Stollery Day at the Legislature and the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the need for Government support for Edmonton's bid to host a 2026 FIFA World Cup match.

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the Edson Weyerhaeuser Oriented Strand Board Plant.

Mr. Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement recognizing the work of two volunteers from the Highwood constituency.

Mr. Hunter, Hon. Member for Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding divisiveness in current society.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Hanson, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, pursuant to the Northern Alberta Development Council Act, cN-4, s8:

Northern Alberta Development Council 2020-2021 Annual Report Sessional Paper 898/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

104. Oral notice having been given November 22, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- condemn David Suzuki's comments on pipelines as reported by the National Post.
- 2. condemn any comments made calling for the intentional destruction of energy infrastructure, and
- 3. unequivocally condemn incitements of violent eco-terrorism.

A debate followed.

Mr. Nixon moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 84 Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2021 — Mr. Jones on behalf of Hon. Mr. Glubish

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Deol speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 81 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Madu

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, on November 16, 2021, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 81, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2), be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 868/2020-21

Ms Hoffman moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 85 Education Statutes (Students First) Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 76 Captive Insurance Companies Act — Hon. Mr. Toews

Mr. Singh, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 76 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford on behalf of the Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 899/2020-21

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Schow, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:58 p.m. until Wednesday, November 24, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 9:00 a.m.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 74 Advanced Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 80 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 (No. 2) — Hon. Ms Fir

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, on November 23, 2021, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 80, Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 (No. 2), be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 897/2020-21

Debate adjourned on the amendment, Ms Ganley speaking.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 84 Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2.1), the Assembly adjourned at 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2021 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement recognizing Holodomor Memorial Day.

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement recognizing Holodomor Memorial Day.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding recent anti-pipeline actions and comments by environmental activists and extremist groups.

Mr. Feehan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the rights of First Nations communities to have on-reserve polling places.

Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding investment opportunities for hemp processing technologies in Alberta.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement regarding the effects of the Government's COVID-19 policies in the Edmonton-North West constituency.

Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the Bow Valley Ranche.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding Bill 75, Arts Professions Recognition Act.

Mr. Toor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement recognizing the high COVID-19 vaccination rate in the Calgary-Falconridge constituency.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Document dated November 18, 2020, entitled "Beyond the Blue Bin: An Analysis of Plastics Recycling," prepared by Jessica Hermary

Sessional Paper 900/2020-21

Mr. Jones, Hon. Member for Calgary-South East:

Financial Post website article dated November 22, 2021, entitled "Alberta looks to cut red tape for growth capital with proposed 'corporate opportunity waivers'," relating to comments made by Mr. Jones during Second Reading debate on Bill 84, Business Corporation Amendment Act, 2021, on November 23, 2021

Sessional Paper 901/2020-21

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat:

Calgary Sun website article dated November 23, 2021, entitled "Bell: Kenney gleeful but will Albertans buy the spin?"

Sessional Paper 902/2020-21

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland:

Letter, undated, from Jeannine Corbiere to Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, expressing concern regarding the COVID-19 vaccination mandate for teachers

Sessional Paper 903/2020-21

Letter, undated, from a physician expressing concern regarding the COVID-19 vaccination mandate and their inability to obtain a medical exemption

Sessional Paper 904/2020-21

Letter, undated, from a physician expressing concern regarding the COVID-19 vaccination mandate

Sessional Paper 905/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 79 Trails Act — Hon. Mr. Nixon

A debate followed.

Mr. Dach moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 86 Electricity Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nally

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(4), the Committee recessed at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill 83 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2021 Hon. Mr. Nixon
- Bill 85 Education Statutes (Students First) Amendment Act, 2021 Hon. Min. LaGrange

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 81 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Madu

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, on November 16, 2021, that the motion for Second Reading be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 81, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2), be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 868/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Luan moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 85 Education Statutes (Students First) Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

A debate followed.

Mr. Schmidt moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Motions

105. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schweitzer on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that:

- The 2020-2021 Annual Report of the Office of the Child and Youth Advocate be referred to the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices for review;
- 2. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued;
- 3. In accordance with section 21(4) of the Child and Youth Advocate Act, the Committee shall report back to the Assembly within 90 days of the report being referred to it if the Assembly is then sitting or, if it is not then sitting, within 15 days after the commencement of the next sitting.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

106. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schweitzer on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly extend the deadline by which the Select Special Real Property Rights Committee must submit its report to the Assembly in accordance with clause 7 of Government Motion 69 from December 15, 2021, to June 15, 2022.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

107. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schweitzer on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that:

 A Select Special Information and Privacy Commissioner Search Committee of the Legislative Assembly be appointed, consisting of the following Members, namely:

Walker (Chair)	Carson	Ganley
Turton (Deputy Chair)	Dang	Long
Allard	Dreeshen	Stephan

for the purpose of inviting applications for the position of Information and Privacy Commissioner and to recommend to the Assembly the applicant it considers most suitable to this position.

Reasonable disbursements by the Committee for advertising, staff
assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel and other expenditures
necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities shall be paid,
subject to the approval of the Chair.

- In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee may, with the concurrence
 of the head of the department, utilize the services of members of the public
 service employed in that department, and of the staff employed by the
 Assembly.
- 4. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued.
- 5. When its work has been completed, the Committee shall report to the Assembly if it is sitting; during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued, the Committee may release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk and forwarding a copy to each Member of the Assembly.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Ms Issik, Associate Minister of Status of Women, the Assembly adjourned at 10:43 p.m. until Thursday, November 25, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, November 25, 2021

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 9:00 a.m.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 82 Mineral Resource Development Act — Hon. Mrs. Savage

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 76 Captive Insurance Companies Act Hon. Mr. Toews
- Bill 83 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2021 Hon. Mr. Nixon

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, the Assembly adjourned at 11:57 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2021 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the Homes for Heroes Veterans Village.

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding Alberta's oil and gas industry.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding the need for improved rural ambulance service.

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting Lethbridge.

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the return of live hockey in Alberta.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

Mr. Reid, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the need for improved rural ambulance service.

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding Government actions to support careers in the trades.

Mrs. Frey, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the growth of the oil and gas industry in Alberta.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Schow, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be accepted or otherwise dealt with, pursuant to Standing Order 34(3):

Written Questions

To be accepted: WQ5
To be dealt with: WQ4

Motions for Returns

To be accepted: MR15

To be dealt with: MR14, MR16, MR17, MR18

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Reid, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod:

Letter dated March 22, 2021, from Helen McDonald-Bohan to Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health; Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek; and Mr. Reid, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod; regarding rural ambulance service, relating to comments made by Mr. Reid during his Member's Statement on November 25, 2021

Sessional Paper 906/2020-21

Hon. Ms Fir, Associate Minister of Red Tape Reduction:

Edmonton Sun website article dated November 24, 2021, entitled "Liquid gas firepit at a liquid gas protest?"

Sessional Paper 907/2020-21

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Labour and Immigration, pursuant to the Land Surveyors Act, cL-3, s9(4):

Alberta Land Surveyors' Association Report of Proceedings of the One Hundred and Twelfth Annual General Meeting, April 14, 15 and 16, 2021

Sessional Paper 908/2020-21

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Mr. Rutherford, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices:

Pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s19(5), Office of the Auditor General of Alberta Results Report for the Year Ended March 31, 2021

Sessional Paper 909/2020-21

Pursuant to the Election Act, cE-1, s4(7), and the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, cE-2, s4(2), Chief Electoral Officer Annual Report 2020-21

Sessional Paper 910/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 82 Mineral Resource Development Act Hon. Mrs. Savage
- Bill 85 Education Statutes (Students First) Amendment Act, 2021 Hon. Min. LaGrange

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Ms Issik, Associate Minister of Status of Women, the Assembly adjourned at 4:10 p.m. until Monday, November 29, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 29, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Aheer, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore, made a statement regarding Alberta's economic recovery.

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting homelessness and affordable housing.

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding community efforts across Alberta to help those in need during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding Hanukkah and the need to oppose anti-Semitism and hate.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding climate change.

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting affordable housing.

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding several Government accomplishments benefiting residents of the Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville constituency.

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to increase accessibility to COVID-19 vaccinations for children.

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, made a statement regarding Adoption Awareness Month.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 87 Electoral Divisions (Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nixon

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Question was accepted:

WQ5. Asked for by Mr. Bilous:

How much money has been distributed by the Investment and Growth fund, as referenced on page 114 of the 2021/22 Fiscal Plan, since its inception to October 26, 2021, and to whom has that money been distributed?

The following Written Question was rejected:

WQ4. Moved by Mr. Dang on behalf of Mr. Bilous:

How many businesses have qualified for the Alberta Jobs Now Grant since its inception to October 26, 2021, and what are the names of the businesses that qualified for the grant?

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for a Return was accepted:

MR15. Proposed by Mr. Dang:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of all correspondence and all other records related to the appointment of the person or persons designated as Acting Premier during the Premier's 2021 summer vacation.

Privilege – Intimidating Gesture

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, gave notice of his intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding an intimidating gesture made by Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, toward Mr. Hunter, Hon. Member for Taber-Warner, during debate on Motion for a Return MR14.

The following Motion for a Return was rejected:

MR14. Moved by Mr. Dang:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of all correspondence, Outlook calendar entries, and other records held by Executive Council related to the Premier's 2021 summer vacation.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. With Mr. Milliken in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 7

DangPancholiSchmidtIrwinRenaudSigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Nielsen

Against the motion: 29

Aheer Issik Rowswell
Allard Jones Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk Lovely Shandro

Ellis Luan Sigurdson (Highwood)

Getson Madu Smith
Glubish McIver Stephan
Gotfried Neudorf Toor
Guthrie Nixon (Calgary-Klein) van Dijken
Hanson Orr Williams

Hunter Reid

Debate on the following Motion for a Return was adjourned:

MR16. Moved by Mr. Dang on behalf of Mr. Shepherd:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of all correspondence and briefing materials provided by the office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health to the office of the Minister of Health between July 1, 2021, and August 31, 2021. A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

Privilege - Intimidating Gesture

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding an intimidating gesture made by Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, toward Mr. Hunter, Hon. Member for Taber-Warner, during debate on Motion for a Return MR14.

The Speaker heard from Mr. Yao.

The Speaker advised that, as requested by the Official Opposition Deputy House Leader, he would hear additional arguments during the morning sitting on Tuesday, November 30, 2021.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

524. Moved by Ms Lovely:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to recognize the important work of rural veterinarians and explore ways to increase the number of veterinarians serving rural communities.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 80 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 (No. 2) — Hon. Ms Fir

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, on November 23, 2021, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 80, Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 (No. 2), be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 897/2020-21

Mr. Sabir moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 81 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Madu

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, on November 16, 2021, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 81, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2), be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 868/2020-21

Mr. Sabir moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 78 Alberta Housing Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Ms Pon

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, on November 22, 2021, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 78, Alberta Housing Amendment Act, 2021, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 892/2020-21

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 78 Alberta Housing Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Ms Pon

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:56 p.m. until Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 10:00 a.m.

Privilege - Intimidating Gesture

The Speaker invited Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to make a statement concerning a purported question of privilege raised by Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, on November 29, 2021, regarding an intimidating gesture made by Mr. Schmidt toward Mr. Hunter, Hon. Member for Taber-Warner, during debate on Motion for a Return MR14 on Monday, November 29, 2021.

Apology by Member

Mr. Schmidt made a statement apologizing for the gesture.

The Speaker thanked Mr. Schmidt for the apology and declared the matter concluded.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 80 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 (No. 2) — Hon. Ms Fir

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, on November 23, 2021, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 80, Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 (No. 2), be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 897/2020-21

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Ceci Pancholi Schmidt

Dang Renaud Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Irwin

Against the amendment: 27

Aheer Jones Rowswell
Allard LaGrange Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk Lovely Shandro

Ellis Luan Sigurdson (Highwood)

Glubish Madu Smith
Gotfried Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Stephan
Guthrie Orr van Dijken
Hanson Reid Williams
Issik Rosin Yao

Debate continued on the main motion.

Mr. Dang moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 75 Arts Professions Recognition Act — Hon. Mr. Orr

Hon. Mr. Orr moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2.1), the Assembly adjourned at 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2021 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Speaker's Statement — 110th Anniversary of the Assembly Chamber

The Speaker made a statement recognizing November 30, 2021, as the 110th anniversary of the opening of the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

Members' Statements

Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting the finances of Alberta families.

Mr. Jones, Hon. Member for Calgary-South East, made a statement regarding Alberta's economic recovery plan.

Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding a planned addiction recovery centre in Red Deer.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement regarding postsecondary education funding cuts.

Mr. Hanson, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Victor Ringuette.

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding proposals to legalize game hunting farms in Alberta

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding the work of the task force created to establish economic corridors in northwest Canada.

Mrs. Frey, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat, made a statement recognizing the volunteer and philanthropic efforts of several Brooks-Medicine Hat constituents.

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, made a statement regarding the Magrath high school volleyball teams.

Speaker's Ruling — Oral Question Period Questions from Parliamentary Secretaries

Honourable Members, prior to proceeding to Oral Question Period, I would like to make a brief statement about some remarks that were made yesterday during Oral Question Period that I elected not to highlight at the time, but think it is important to do so now.

Specifically, I am referring to an exchange between the Member for Lethbridge-East, the newly minted parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Environment and Parks for Water Stewardship, and the Minister of Environment and Parks. This exchange may be found in Alberta Hansard for November 29, 2021, at page 6545.

As Members know, a number of parliamentary secretaries have been appointed recently. In recent memory these positions have also been called "parliamentary assistants" and "legislative secretaries." But since the holders of these positions are not members of Executive Council – in other words, they are private Members – in general, they may ask questions of the Government during Oral Question Period. Of course, as they are private Members, they may not answer questions.

What is problematic is when a parliamentary secretary asks a question of the Minister to whom they are responsible, as was the case yesterday, when the Member for Lethbridge-East posed questions to the Minister of Environment and Parks.

Many Alberta Speakers have ruled on this exact circumstance. In particular, Speaker Kowalski ruled on April 16, 2008, and Speaker Wanner ruled on October 30, 2017, that it is inappropriate for parliamentary secretaries to direct questions to the Minister with whom the parliamentary secretary is affiliated. As Speaker Kowalski noted, "if a parliamentary assistant were to ask questions of the Minister with whom he or she works, there might be an expression of discomfort by the Chair and undoubtedly from Members throughout." These remarks are found on page 13 of Hansard from April 16, 2008.

Accordingly, I would ask the newly minted parliamentary secretaries to refrain from posing questions to the Ministers to whom they are responsible.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given November 29, 2021:

Bill 87 Electoral Divisions (Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, ss1(2) and 6(1):

Government of Alberta 2021-22 Mid-Year Fiscal Update and Economic Statement, November 2021

Sessional Paper 911/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 84 Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 75 Arts Professions Recognition Act — Hon. Mr. Orr

Government Motions

104. Oral notice having been given November 29, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- condemn David Suzuki's comments on pipelines as reported by the National Post.
- 2. condemn any comments made calling for the intentional destruction of energy infrastructure, and
- 3. unequivocally condemn incitements of violent eco-terrorism.

A debate followed.

Mr. Stephan moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Ms Issik, Associate Minister of Status of Women, the Assembly adjourned at 5:56 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Motions

104. Oral notice having been given November 29, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- condemn David Suzuki's comments on pipelines as reported by the National Post,
- condemn any comments made calling for the intentional destruction of energy infrastructure, and
- 3. unequivocally condemn incitements of violent eco-terrorism.

A debate followed.

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, moved that the motion be amended by

- (a) striking out "and" at the end of section 2, and
- (b) adding the following immediately after section 3:

- express solidarity with the 20 First Nations Band Councils and their communities situated along the approved route of the Coastal GasLink pipeline project, including those representing Wet'suwet'en people, in their negotiations for project agreements that would support those communities,
- 5. express its support for the Coastal GasLink pipeline project and the LNG Canada project, and
- 6. express its opposition to illegal activities that seek to disrupt the construction of the Coastal GasLink pipeline project.

Sessional Paper 912/2020-21

Mr. Turton moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 81 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Madu

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, on November 16, 2021, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 81, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2), be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 868/2020-21

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 81, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2), be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that consultation with stakeholders and Albertans on the proposed legislative amendments is required.

Sessional Paper 913/2020-21

A debate followed on the amendment.

MLA Loyola moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 79 Trails Act — Hon. Mr. Nixon

A debate followed.

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, on behalf of Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 79, Trails Act, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 914/2020-21

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Dach Hoffman Nielsen Feehan Loyola Shepherd

Gray

Against the amendment: 26

Aheer LaGrange Reid
Allard Long Rowswell
Amery Lovely Schweitzer
Armstrong-Homeniuk Luan Shandro

Ellis Madu Sigurdson (Highwood)

Glubish McIver Smith
Gotfried Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Turton
Guthrie Orr Yao

Issik Rehn

Debate continued on the main motion.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 79 Trails Act — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Ms Issik, Associate Minister of Status of Women, the Assembly adjourned at 11:32 p.m. until Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

The Acting Speaker took the Chair at 9:00 a.m.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 77 Municipal Government (Restoring Tax Accountability) Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. McIver

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 80 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 (No. 2) — Hon. Ms Fir

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Milliken in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 26

Dreeshen Issik Sigurdson (Highwood) Fir Jones Singh Frey Long Stephan Getson Nally Toor Gotfried **Nicolaides** van Dijken Guthrie Walker Pon Hanson Wilson Rowswell Yaseen Horner Savage Hunter Schulz

Against the motion: 7

Bilous Eggen Goehring Carson Ganley Sabir

Deol

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole: Bill 80 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 (No. 2) — Hon. Ms Fir

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2.1), the Assembly adjourned at 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

Mr. Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement regarding the Government's affordable housing strategy.

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting schools.

Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Cochrane, made a statement regarding the Bow Valley Grizzlies Rugby Club.

Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting affordability in Alberta.

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding sources of pollution in Canada.

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding Government advanced education policies affecting University of Alberta students.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding the importance of parental rights concerning COVID-19 vaccinations for children.

Mr. Feehan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to act on the Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding the Government's economic recovery plan.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Twitter post, undated, from the account of Janelle Melenchuk regarding trail signage in Kananaskis Country, relating to comments made by Ms Hoffman during Second Reading debate on Bill 79, Trails Act, on November 30, 2021

Sessional Paper 915/2020-21

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Toronto Star website article dated November 14, 2021, entitled "Scientists say new Alberta trails act threatens already-stressed environment," relating to comments made by MLA Loyola during Second Reading debate on Bill 79, Trails Act, on November 30, 2021

Sessional Paper 916/2020-21

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat:

Toronto Sun website article dated April 30, 2018, entitled "CRAIG: David Suzuki's carbon footprint is immense"

Sessional Paper 917/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 73 Infrastructure Accountability Act — Hon. Mr. Panda

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, on behalf of Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, moved that the Bill be amended in section 4(f) as follows:

- (a) in clause (iv) by deleting "and";
- (b) in clause (v) by adding "and" after "the community and local conditions generally";
- (c) by adding the following immediately after clause (v):
 - (vi) being a project or program that complies with or is included in either of the following:

- (A) a statutory plan or growth plan, as each of those expressions is defined in the Municipal Government Act, that applies to that community;
- (B) the regional plan, as defined in the Alberta Land Stewardship Act, that applies to that community;

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Hanson at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 6

Dach Gray Loyola Feehan Hoffman Nielsen

Against the amendment: 30

Aheer Lovely Sawhney
Allard Luan Schulz
Amery Madu Shandro

Armstrong-Homeniuk Nally Sigurdson (Highwood)

Ellis Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Smith Glubish Orr Stephan Gotfried Pon Toews Guthrie Rehn Williams Reid Wilson Issik Rowswell Yao LaGrange

Mr. Feehan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, on behalf of Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, moved that the Bill be amended in section 4(f) as follows:

- (a) in clause (iv) by deleting "and";
- (b) in clause (v) by adding "and" after "the community and local conditions generally";
- (c) by adding the following immediately after clause (v):
 - (vi) furthering reconciliation between the community and Indigenous peoples and their communities;

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Hanson at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 6

Dach Gray Loyola Feehan Hoffman Nielsen Against the amendment: 31

Aheer Lovely Rowswell
Allard Luan Sawhney
Amery Madu Schulz
Armstrong-Homeniuk McIver Shandro

Ellis Nally Sigurdson (Highwood)

Fir Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Smith
Glubish Orr Stephan
Gotfried Pon Toews
Guthrie Rehn Williams
Issik Reid Yao

LaGrange

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, on behalf of Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, moved that the Bill be amended in section 4(f) as follows:

- (a) in clause (iv) by deleting "and";
- (b) in clause (v) by adding "and" after "the community and local conditions generally";
- (c) by adding the following immediately after clause (v):
 - (vi) improving the community's sustainability through reducing its overall greenhouse gas emissions;

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Hanson at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 5

Dach Gray Nielsen

Feehan Loyola

Against the amendment: 33

Aheer LaGrange Rowswell
Allard Loewen Sawhney
Amery Lovely Schulz
Armstrong-Homeniuk Luan Shandro
Copping Madu Sigurdson (Highwood)

Ellis Nally Smith Fir Stephan Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Glubish Toews Orr Gotfried Pon Williams Guthrie Wilson Rehn Issik Reid Yao

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 73 Infrastructure Accountability Act — Hon. Mr. Panda

Mr. Gotfried, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 73 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-South) — Defeated on division Sessional Paper 918/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 73 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-South) — Defeated on division Sessional Paper 919/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 73 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-South) — Defeated on division Sessional Paper 920/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 73 (A4) (Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 921/2020-21

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 81 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Madu

Debated continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, on November 30, 2021, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 81, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2), be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that consultation with stakeholders and Albertans on the proposed legislative amendments is required.

Sessional Paper 913/2020-21

Debate adjourned on the amendment, Ms Hoffman speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Motions

108. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the 2021 Fall Sitting of the Assembly be extended beyond the first Thursday in December until such time as, or when, the Government House Leader advises the Assembly that the business for the sitting is concluded and at such time the Assembly stands adjourned.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 87 Electoral Divisions (Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 87 Electoral Divisions (Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon, Mr. Nixon

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 79 Trails Act — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Bill 80 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 (No. 2) — Hon. Ms Fir

Mr. Singh, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 79 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 922/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 79 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 923/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 80 (A1) (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 924/2020-21

Government Motions

104. Oral notice having been given November 29, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- condemn David Suzuki's comments on pipelines as reported by the National Post.
- condemn any comments made calling for the intentional destruction of energy infrastructure, and
- 3. unequivocally condemn incitements of violent eco-terrorism.

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, on November 30, 2021, that the motion be amended by

- (a) striking out "and" at the end of section 2, and
- (b) adding the following immediately after section 3:
 - express solidarity with the 20 First Nations Band Councils and their communities situated along the approved route of the Coastal GasLink pipeline project, including those representing Wet'suwet'en people, in their negotiations for project agreements that would support those communities,
 - 5. express its support for the Coastal GasLink pipeline project and the LNG Canada project, and
 - 6. express its opposition to illegal activities that seek to disrupt the construction of the Coastal GasLink pipeline project.

Sessional Paper 912/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Nally moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 81 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Madu

Debated continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, on November 30, 2021, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 81, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2), be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that consultation with stakeholders and Albertans on the proposed legislative amendments is required.

Sessional Paper 913/2020-21

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, on behalf of Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 81, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2), be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

Sessional Paper 925/2020-21

A debate followed on the amendment.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Milliken in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Ceci Pancholi Schmidt

Dang Phillips Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Irwin

Against the amendment: 26

Allard Jones Smith Amery LaGrange Stephan Toews Copping Long Dreeshen Nally Toor **Nicolaides** Fir Turton Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Frey van Dijken Walker Getson Orr Hunter Schulz Yaseen Issik Singh

The question being immediately put on the motion for Second Reading, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Milliken in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 26

Allard Jones Smith LaGrange Stephan Amery Copping Long Toews Dreeshen Nally Toor Fir Nicolaides Turton $Nixon \; \hbox{$($Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)} \quad van \; Dijken$ Frey Walker Getson Hunter Yaseen Schulz

Issik Singh

Against the motion: 7

Ceci Pancholi Schmidt

Dang Phillips Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Irwin

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 81 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Madu

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:02 a.m. Thursday, December 2, 2021, until 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 2, 2021

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 9:00 a.m.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 87 Electoral Divisions (Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. McIver on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Upon three Members rising to request a division, Hon. Mr. Ellis, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, provided notice to the Assembly that the division on the motion would be deferred to this afternoon during the Daily Routine, pursuant to Standing Order 32.1.

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 84 Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 84 Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 78 Alberta Housing Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Ms Pon

Mr. Hunter, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 78 (A1) (Official Opposition House Leader on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 926/2020-21

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Ms Issik, Associate Minister of Status of Women, the Assembly adjourned at 11:56 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2021 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, made a statement regarding Manmeet Bhullar, Member for Calgary-Montrose, 2008 to 2012, and Calgary-Greenway, 2012 to 2015, who tragically passed away on November 23, 2015.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(8), Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, provided notice to the Assembly that the Daily Routine shall continue beyond 3:00 p.m.

Members' Statements

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the work of female Official Opposition Members to stand up for Albertans.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Manmeet Bhullar, former Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding Hanukkah.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

Mr. Williams, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding Alberta Health Services vaccination policies for healthcare workers.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding Government policies and actions concerning health care.

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding the Government's economic recovery plan.

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding federal and provincial economic policies.

Ms Rosin, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, made a statement regarding the Kananaskis Conservation Pass and Bill 79, Trails Act.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motions:

- 109. Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 78, Alberta Housing Amendment Act, 2021, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.
- 110. Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 78, Alberta Housing Amendment Act, 2021, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

FOIP request for calendar entries dated August 3 to 29, 2021, from the calendar of Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Education, as Acting Minister of Health

Sessional Paper 927/2020-21

Copy of a petition containing over 100 signatures urging the Legislative Assembly to cancel Diploma Exams and Provincial Achievement Tests for the remainder of the pandemic

Sessional Paper 928/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Madu, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General:

Edmonton Journal website article dated December 1, 2021, entitled "Former ASIRT executive director contradicts justice minister's claim that she did not resign," relating to comments made by Hon. Mr. Madu during Oral Question Period on December 1, 2021

Sessional Paper 929/2020-21

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Report dated February 21, 2019, entitled "The Importance of Well-Crafted Corporate Opportunity Waivers in Private Equity and Venture Capital Investments," prepared by Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP, relating to comments made by MLA Loyola during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 84, Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2021, on December 2, 2021

Sessional Paper 930/2020-21

Report dated June 29, 2021, entitled "The Waiver Fiduciary Duties in Delaware," prepared by Romano Law, relating to comments made by MLA Loyola during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 84, Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2021, on December 2, 2021

Sessional Paper 931/2020-21

Deferred Divisions

Pursuant to Standing Order 32.1, the division deferred during the morning sitting on December 2, 2021, was held on the motion for Third reading of the following Bill:

Electoral Divisions (Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) Amendment Act, 2021 — Bill 87 Hon. Mr. Nixon

The motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 68

Hunter Rosin Amery Armstrong-Homeniuk Irwin Rowswell Savage Barnes Jones Schmidt Carson Kenney Schow Ceci LaGrange Copping Loewen Schulz Dach Long Schweitzer Dang Lovely Shandro Deol Loyola Shepherd Dreeshen

Luan Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Eggen Madu Singh Ellis Milliken Smith Feehan Nally Stephan **Nicolaides** Toews Fir Frey Nielsen Toor Turton Getson $Nixon \ ({\it Calgary-Klein})$ Glubish Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) van Dijken Goehring Walker Orr Williams Gotfried Pancholi Gray Pon Wilson Hanson Rehn Yao Hoffman Reid Yaseen

Horner Renaud

Against the motion: 0

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Electoral Divisions (Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Royal Assent

Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Assembly and being seated on the Throne,

The Deputy Speaker addressed Her Honour in the following words:

May it please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly has, at its present sitting, passed certain Bills to which, and in the name of the Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the title of the Bills that had been passed as follows:

- 49 Labour Mobility Act
- 74 Advanced Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2021
- 75 Arts Professions Recognition Act
- 76 Captive Insurance Companies Act
- 77 Municipal Government (Restoring Tax Accountability) Amendment Act, 2021
- 82 Mineral Resource Development Act
- 83 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2021
- 84 Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2021
- 85 Education Statutes (Students First) Amendment Act, 2021
- 87 Electoral Divisions (Calgary-Bhullar-McCall) Amendment Act, 2021
- 207 Reservists' Recognition Act

To these Bills, Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Bills.

Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor then provided some festive remarks to the Assembly.

Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor then retired from the Assembly.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

104. Oral notice having been given November 29, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- condemn David Suzuki's comments on pipelines as reported by the National Post.
- 2. condemn any comments made calling for the intentional destruction of energy infrastructure, and
- 3. unequivocally condemn incitements of violent eco-terrorism.

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, on November 30, 2021, that the motion be amended by

- (a) striking out "and" at the end of section 2, and
- (b) adding the following immediately after section 3:
 - express solidarity with the 20 First Nations Band Councils and their communities situated along the approved route of the Coastal GasLink pipeline project, including those representing Wet'suwet'en people, in their negotiations for project agreements that would support those communities,
 - express its support for the Coastal GasLink pipeline project and the LNG Canada project, and
 - 6. express its opposition to illegal activities that seek to disrupt the construction of the Coastal GasLink pipeline project.

Sessional Paper 912/2020-21

Mrs. Frey moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Mrs. Frey, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat, the Assembly adjourned at 3:52 p.m. until Monday, December 6, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, December 6, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Speaker's Statement – École Polytechnique Massacre

Hon. Members, today marks the 32nd anniversary of the École Polytechnique shooting in Montreal. On December 6, 1989, a man opened fire into a classroom at the technological university, killing 14 women and injuring others.

On this tragic anniversary, we reflect on the lives lost and the contributions these young women would have made to society. Most of the victims were studying engineering, one was a nursing student, and another worked in the finance department of the school. The unifying characteristic was that they were all young women who lost their lives on that day 32 years ago.

Let us observe a moment of silence to honour these losses and commit to doing whatever we can to ensure this type of violence against women is never repeated.

Members' Statements

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding the Mustard Seed Mission and addictions treatment programs.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women (some remarks made in French).

Mrs. Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie-East, made a statement regarding emergency medical services and ambulance service in rural Alberta.

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, made a statement regarding comments made by Mr. Williams, Hon. Member for Peace River, during Members' Statements on December 2, 2021.

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, made a statement regarding healthcare staffing and emergency medical services challenges in rural Alberta.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement recognizing front-line workers.

Mr. Rutherford, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding the Government's economic recovery plan.

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the Government's energy policies and programs.

Mr. Rehn, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding mental health challenges faced by Albertans.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Neudorf, Chair, Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future, presented the following report:

Report on Presentation by the Tourism Industry Association of Alberta, November 18, 2021, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, December 2021 Sessional Paper 932/2020-21

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motions:

115. Be it resolved that

1. A Select Special Committee to Examine Safe Supply be established and consist of the following Members:

$Nixon \hbox{\scriptsize (Calgary-Klein) (Chair)}$	Frey	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Allard (Deputy Chair)	Goehring	Stephan
Amery	Milliken	Sweet
Feehan	Rosin	Yao

- 2. The Committee's mandate is limited to the consideration of the following matters:
 - examine the concept of "safe supply," defined as the provision of pharmaceutical opioids, heroin, crystal methamphetamine, cocaine, or other substances to people who are addicted to or dependent on these substances;
 - whether there is evidence that a proposed "safe supply" would have an impact on fatal or non-fatal overdose, drug diversion, or associated health and community impacts;
 - whether there is evidence that a proposed "safe supply" would be accompanied by increased risks to individuals, the community, other entities or jurisdictions;
 - d. examine historical evidence regarding the over-prescribing of opioids;
 and
 - e. whether there is evidence that a proposed "safe supply" would be accompanied by any other benefits or consequences;

- 3. During the course of its review, the Committee
 - a. continues despite a prorogation of a Session of the 30th Legislature,
 and
 - b. may, without leave of the Assembly, meet during a period when the Assembly is prorogued;
- 4. The Committee may, subject to the Chair's approval, pay any reasonable costs necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities, specifically the costs of advertising, staff assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel, and other similar costs;
- 5. The committee may, during the course of its review, utilize the services of any of the following:
 - a. Legislative Assembly Office employees, or
 - b. subject to the approval of the head of a department or an office of the Legislature, the public service employees of that department or office;
- 6. No later than April 30, 2022, the Committee must submit a report to the Assembly that sets out its recommendations, if any;
- 7. If the Assembly is not sitting on the day that the Committee completes its report, the Chair of the Committee must, as soon as practicable,
 - a. deposit the report with the Clerk in accordance with Standing Order 38.1, and
 - b. provide a copy of the report to each Member of the Legislative Assembly.
- **116.** Be it resolved that when further consideration of Government Motion 115 is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the motion, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the motion shall be put forthwith.

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to

- (a) acknowledge the negative impact that continuous fights with doctors, concerted campaigns to discredit healthcare professionals and attempts to cut wages for front-line healthcare workers have had on the retention and recruitment of Alberta healthcare workers;
- (b) condemn unfounded and dangerous rhetoric from the MLA for Peace River when it comes to Alberta Health Services enforcing a needed COVID-19 vaccine mandate for front-line healthcare workers;

- (c) publicly release the total number of surgeries that have been cancelled or delayed during each wave of the COVID-19 pandemic and release projections on how long it will take to reschedule and conduct all of those vital procedures;
- (d) publicly release a weekly report updating Albertans on progress to overcome the surgery backlog and any new procedure cancellations;
- develop and release publicly a comprehensive plan to recruit front-line healthcare professionals to Alberta;
- (f) acknowledge the crisis in Lethbridge, where in the region more than 40,000 residents have no access to a primary care physician, and release a specific plan to recruit physicians to the community;
- (g) confirm all delegations of authority made under Order in Council 313/2021 ("Acting Ministers") during the period of December and January 2021-2022 holiday season with the intent of establishing a clear chain of command in Executive Council for the holiday season, especially while awaiting further data and study on the highly contagious Omicron COVID-19 variant;
- (h) establish an independent Alberta COVID-19 Science Advisory Table to provide advice on necessary public health measures during the ongoing pandemic;
- (i) develop and publicly release a clear advocacy campaign to the federal government to follow through on its commitment to invest \$6 billion "to support the elimination of health system wait-lists."

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mrs. Aheer, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore:

Document dated November 19, 2021, entitled "Interim Interpretation Bulletin No. 6," prepared by Elections Alberta

Sessional Paper 933/2020-21

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Disciplines Act, cH-2, s4(5):

Health Disciplines Board 2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 934/2020-21

Motions Under Standing Order 42

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to

- (a) acknowledge the negative impact that continuous fights with doctors, concerted campaigns to discredit healthcare professionals and attempts to cut wages for front-line healthcare workers have had on the retention and recruitment of Alberta healthcare workers;
- (b) condemn unfounded and dangerous rhetoric from the MLA for Peace River when it comes to Alberta Health Services enforcing a needed COVID-19 vaccine mandate for front-line healthcare workers;
- (c) publicly release the total number of surgeries that have been cancelled or delayed during each wave of the COVID-19 pandemic and release projections on how long it will take to reschedule and conduct all of those vital procedures;
- (d) publicly release a weekly report updating Albertans on progress to overcome the surgery backlog and any new procedure cancellations;
- (e) develop and release publicly a comprehensive plan to recruit front-line healthcare professionals to Alberta;
- (f) acknowledge the crisis in Lethbridge, where in the region more than 40,000 residents have no access to a primary care physician, and release a specific plan to recruit physicians to the community;
- (g) confirm all delegations of authority made under Order in Council 313/2021 ("Acting Ministers") during the period of December and January 2021-2022 holiday season with the intent of establishing a clear chain of command in Executive Council for the holiday season, especially while awaiting further data and study on the highly contagious Omicron COVID-19 variant;
- (h) establish an independent Alberta COVID-19 Science Advisory Table to provide advice on necessary public health measures during the ongoing pandemic;
- (i) develop and publicly release a clear advocacy campaign to the federal government to follow through on its commitment to invest \$6 billion "to support the elimination of health system wait-lists."

Pursuant to Standing Order 42(1.1) and (1.2), Ms Phillips and Hon. Mr. Nixon commented on the request for unanimous consent.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR16. Moved by Mr. Dang on behalf of Mr. Shepherd on November 29, 2021:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of all correspondence and briefing materials provided by the office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health to the office of the Minister of Health between July 1, 2021, and August 31, 2021.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

MR17. Moved by Mr. Schmidt on behalf of Mr. Shepherd:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of all correspondence, briefing materials, and other records held by Executive Council, the Ministry of Health, or the Ministry of Municipal Affairs related to contact with federal officials regarding COVID-19 pandemic related federal assistance for Alberta between August 1, 2021, and September 30, 2021.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

MR18. Moved by Ms Renaud on behalf of Mr. Shepherd:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of all correspondence, briefing materials, and other records provided by Alberta Health Services to the office of the Minister of Health between July 1, 2021, and September 30, 2021.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 209 Cost of Public Services Transparency Act — Mr. Stephan

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 33

Aheer Jones Sigurdson (Highwood)

Amery Long Singh Barnes Smith Lovely Dreeshen McIver Stephan Toews Fir Nally Frey Neudorf Toor Getson **Nicolaides** Turton Guthrie Pon van Dijken Walker Horner Rosin Wilson Hunter Rowswell Yaseen Issik Schulz

Against the motion: 8

Dang Pancholi Schmidt

Irwin Phillips Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Nielsen Renaud

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 209 Cost of Public Services Transparency Act — Mr. Stephan

Motions Other Than Government Motions

525. Moved by Mr. Smith:

Be it resolved that the Assembly urge the Government to consider taking the necessary steps to develop an incentive framework designed to assist in supporting the profitability of small and medium-sized oil and gas companies in Alberta while maintaining provincial and federal environmental standards.

A debate followed.

Mr. Guthrie moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 78 Alberta Housing Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Ms Pon

Mrs. Frey, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 78 (A1) (introduced by the Official Opposition House Leader on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on December 2, 2021) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 926/2020-21

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Ms Issik, Associate Minister of Status of Women, the Assembly adjourned at 5:55 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the evening sitting, including the first division bell in Committee of the Whole.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Government Motions

109. Oral notice having been given December 2, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 78, Alberta Housing Amendment Act, 2021, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Nixon and Mr. Sabir commented on the time allocation motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 81 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Madu

Mr. Rutherford moved adjournment of the debate on amendment A2, which was agreed to. With Mr. Milliken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 29

Aheer Pon Long Allard Lovely Rehn Copping Luan Rowswell Ellis Madu Rutherford Glubish McIver Sawhney Gotfried Neudorf Schweitzer Guthrie Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Smith Hanson $Nixon \ ({\tt Rimbey-Rocky \ Mtn. \ House-Sundre})$ Williams Issik Orr Yao

LaGrange Panda

Against the motion: 9

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Bilous Eggen Sabir
Carson Ganley Sweet

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 73 Infrastructure Accountability Act — Hon. Mr. Panda

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, on behalf of Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

- (a) by striking out section 4(g) and substituting the following:
 - (g) additional criteria as prescribed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.
- (b) by adding the following immediately after section 6:

Regulations

7 On the Responsible Minister's recommendation, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may prescribe additional criteria for the purpose of section 4(g) that the Responsible Minister must consider when evaluating a capital planning submission.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Bilous Eggen Sabir Carson Goehring Sweet

Deol

Against the amendment: 30

Aheer LaGrange Panda Allard Long Pon Copping Lovely Rehn Ellis Rowswell Luan Glubish Madu Sawhney Gotfried McIver Schweitzer Guthrie Shandro Neudorf Hanson Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Smith Issik Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Williams Kenney Orr Yao

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 78 Alberta Housing Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Ms Pon

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, on behalf of Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, moved that the Bill be amended by striking out section 10(a).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 5

Bilous Eggen Sweet

Carson Goehring

Against the amendment: 30

Aheer LaGrange Panda Allard Pon Long Rehn Copping Lovely Ellis Luan Rowswell Glubish Madu Sawhney Gotfried McIver Schweitzer Guthrie Neudorf Shandro $Nixon \ ({\it Calgary-Klein})$ Hanson Smith Issik Williams Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Kenney Yao

Pursuant to Government Motion 109, agreed to on December 6, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:25 a.m. the question was immediately put on amendment A3 to Bill 78, Alberta Housing Amendment Act, 2021, which was defeated.

Pursuant to Government Motion 109, agreed to on December 6, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:26 a.m. the question was immediately put on the clauses of Bill 78, Alberta Housing Amendment Act, 2021, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 109, agreed to on December 6, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:26 a.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble of Bill 78, Alberta Housing Amendment Act, 2021, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 109, agreed to on December 6, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:26 a.m. the question was immediately put that Bill 78, Alberta Housing Amendment Act, 2021, be reported, which was agreed to.

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill 73 Infrastructure Accountability Act Hon. Mr. Panda
- Bill 78 Alberta Housing Amendment Act, 2021 Hon. Ms Pon

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

- Bill 80 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 (No. 2) Hon. Ms Fir
- Bill 81 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2) Hon. Mr. Madu

Mr. Hanson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 81 (A1) (Minister of Justice and Solicitor General) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 935/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 81 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-South) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 936/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 73 (A5) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-South) — Defeated on division Sessional Paper 937/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 80 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore on December 1, 2021) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 924/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 78 (A1) (introduced by the Official Opposition House Leader on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on December 2, 2021) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 926/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 78 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 938/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 78 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) — Defeated Sessional Paper 939/2020-21

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 78 Alberta Housing Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Ms Pon

Hon. Ms Pon moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the evening sitting.

Government Motions

110. Oral notice having been given December 2, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 78, Alberta Housing Amendment Act, 2021, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Nixon and Mr. Sabir commented on the time allocation motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 78 Alberta Housing Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Ms Pon

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 110, agreed to on December 6, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 1:38 a.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 78, Alberta Housing Amendment Act, 2021, which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 30

Panda Aheer LaGrange Allard Long Pon Copping Lovely Rehn Ellis Rowswell Luan Glubish Madu Sawhney Gotfried McIver Schweitzer Guthrie Neudorf Shandro Hanson $Nixon \; ({\it Calgary-Klein})$ Smith Issik Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Williams Yao Kenney Orr

Against the motion: 7

Bilous Eggen Sabir Carson Goehring Sweet

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The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 78 Alberta Housing Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Ms Pon

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:43 a.m. Tuesday, December 7, 2021, until 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

The Acting Speaker took the Chair at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Schow, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the morning sitting, including the first division bell in Committee of the Whole.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 79 Trails Act — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, moved that the Bill be amended in section 6 by adding the following immediately after clause (3):

- (4) The trail manager must provide a report to the Minister each year that sets out each of the following:
 - (a) a summary of the signs and notices posted under subsection (2), and
 - (b) an explanation as to how these signs and notices support the implementation of the applicable trail management plan.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Milliken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Dang Pancholi Schmidt

Irwin Renaud Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Nielsen

Against the amendment: 30

Aheer Long Singh Amery Nally Smith Fir Neudorf Stephan Frey Nicolaides Toews Getson $Nixon \ ({\tt Rimbey-Rocky \ Mtn. \ House-Sundre})$ Toor Guthrie Turton Pon Horner Rosin van Dijken Hunter Rutherford Walker Issik Schow Wilson Jones Schulz Yaseen

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, moved that the Bill be amended by adding the following immediately after section 7:

Annual report on trail management plans

- 7.1 The Minister must, within 30 days of the last day of each fiscal year
 - (a) complete a report that sets out the total amount of public monies that the Government spent on the implementation of trail management plans during that fiscal year, and
 - (b) make the report publicly available.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Milliken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Dang Pancholi Schmidt

Irwin Renaud Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Nielsen

Against the amendment: 31

Aheer Nally Singh Amery Neudorf Smith **Nicolaides** Stephan Fir Frey Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Toews Getson Panda Toor Guthrie Pon Turton Rosin van Dijken Horner Hunter Rutherford Walker Issik Schow Wilson Jones Schulz Yaseen Long

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 80 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 (No. 2) — Hon. Ms Fir

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, on behalf of Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, on December 1, 2021, that the Bill be amended by striking out section 10.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mr. Milliken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Dang Pancholi Schmidt

Irwin Renaud Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Nielsen

Against the amendment: 29

Aheer Long Singh Amery Neudorf Smith Fir **Nicolaides** Stephan Frey Toor Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Panda Turton Getson Guthrie Pon van Dijken Horner Rosin Walker Hunter Rutherford Wilson Issik Yaseen Schow

Jones Schulz

The question being put on the remaining clauses of Bill 80, Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 (No. 2), the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Milliken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 30

Aheer Long Schulz Amery Nally Singh Fir Neudorf Smith Stephan Frey Nicolaides Getson Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Toews Guthrie Panda Toor Horner Pon Turton Hunter Rosin van Dijken Issik Rutherford Walker Jones Schow Yaseen

Against the motion: 7

Dang Pancholi Schmidt

Irwin Renaud Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Nielsen

The question being put that Bill 80, Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 (No. 2), be reported, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Milliken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 30

Aheer Schulz Long Nally Singh Amery Neudorf Fir Smith Frey **Nicolaides** Stephan Toews Getson Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Guthrie Panda Toor Horner Pon Turton Hunter Rosin van Dijken Issik Rutherford Walker Jones Schow Yaseen

Against the motion: 7

Dang Pancholi Schmidt

Irwin Renaud Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Nielsen

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 79 Trails Act — Hon. Mr. Nixon

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 80 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 (No. 2) — Hon. Ms Fir

Mr. Singh, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 79 (A2) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar on December 1, 2021) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 923/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 79 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 940/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 79 (A4) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 941/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 79 (A5) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 942/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 80 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore on December 1, 2021) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 924/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 80 (A2) (Hon. Associate Minister of Red Tape Reduction) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 943/2020-21

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2.1), the Assembly adjourned at 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Speaker's Statement – American Sign Language Interpretation

The Speaker made a statement notifying the Assembly that starting in the 2022 Spring Sitting, coverage of the Daily Routine will be provided with American Sign Language interpretation.

Members' Statements

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting COVID-19 vaccinations.

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, made a statement and read a poem regarding Government actions and the conduct of the Official Opposition during the past year.

Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding eye health.

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the need for Government disaster relief and increased emergency medical services in Fort McMurray.

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the Council of State Governments National Conference.

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting young Albertans in the child intervention system.

Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding the importance of freedom and compassion during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Hunter, Hon. Member for Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the need to follow public health guidelines while respecting individual choice.

Mrs. Allard, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement regarding Canadians' perceptions of Alberta.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from approximately 1,900 Albertans urging the Government to help protect Alberta's Rocky Mountains, including its river headwaters and the Eastern slopes, by passing Bill 214, Eastern Slopes Protection Act, or a Bill that, if introduced in a subsequent Session, proposes legislative changes that achieve the same objectives.

Mrs. Allard, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, presented a petition from approximately 375 residents of northwest Alberta urging the Government to revise the legislation around the distribution of electricity and rate calculations with a focus on equal access for all Albertans to electrical infrastructure regardless of geographical location. Secondarily, this legislation would include transparency and full disclosure of per kilowatt rates used for distribution calculations.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Rosin, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis:

4 e-mail messages from Brad Jones, Recreation, Education and Partnerships Manager, Alberta Environment and Parks, to Chad Holowatuk, Nancy Ouimet, Reg Mullet, and Conrad Schiebel, informing them of a grant awarded from Alberta Environment and Parks

Sessional Paper 944/2020-21

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows:

Alberta's NDP Caucus website article dated July 18, 2021, entitled "Alberta's NDP Calls for Changes to Support Low-Income Post-Secondary Learners"

Sessional Paper 945/2020-21

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland:

2 documents depicting results of COVID-19 antibody tests, prepared by Mayo Clinic Laboratories

Sessional Paper 946/2020-21

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley:

Letter dated November 2, 2021, from Tawny Blake of Hines Creek to Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, regarding masking in schools

Sessional Paper 947/2020-21

Copy of a petition from 142 Albertans urging the Government to oppose COVID-19 vaccine mandates

Sessional Paper 948/2020-21

Several recent e-mail messages from Albertans to Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, and Members of the Legislative Assembly regarding COVID-19 policies

Sessional Paper 949/2020-21

Postmedia website article dated November 30, 2021, entitled "Bell: UCP gabfest – the premier rocks. Just ask Kenney's crew"

Sessional Paper 950/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Mr. Schow, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the afternoon sitting, including the first division bell in Committee of the Whole.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 80 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 (No. 2) — Hon. Ms Fir

Hon. Ms Fir moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 79 Trails Act — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Hon. Mr. Nixon moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 73 Infrastructure Accountability Act — Hon. Mr. Panda

Government Motions

111. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 79, Trails Act, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Nixon and Ms Ganley commented on the time allocation motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 29

Aheer Lovely Reid
Allard Luan Rowswell
Copping Madu Rutherford
Ellis McIver Shandro
Glubish Neudorf Sigurdson (Highwood)

Gotfried Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Smith
Hanson Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Stephan

Hanson Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Stephan Issik Orr Toor
Jones Panda Williams

LaGrange Rehn

Against the motion: 10

BarnesEggenPhillipsBilousGanleySabirCarsonGoehringSweet

Deol

112. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 80, Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 (No. 2), is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Nixon and Mr. Sabir commented on the time allocation motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

Aheer Lovely Reid
Allard Luan Rowswell
Copping Madu Rutherford
Ellis McIver Shandro

Glubish Neudorf Sigurdson (Highwood)

Gotfried Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Smith
Hanson Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mm. House-Sundre) Stephan
Issik Orr Toor
Jones Panda Williams

LaGrange Rehn

Against the motion: 10

BarnesEggenPhillipsBilousGanleySabirCarsonGoehringSweet

Deol

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Tabling Returns and Reports.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

2 pieces of correspondence between Robert van Spronsen, Chairperson, Lethbridge Police Commission; and Michael Bates, Ruttan Bates Barristers and Solicitors; relating to a request made by Ruttan Bates Barristers and Solicitors on behalf of Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, and "Emma," that the Lethbridge Police Commission convene a public inquiry into alleged conduct by Chief Mehdizadeh

Sessional Paper 951/2020-21

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 79 Trails Act — Hon. Mr. Nixon

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 111, agreed to on December 7, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 5:56 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 79, Trails Act, which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

AheerLuanRehnAllardMaduReidEllisMcIverRowswellGlubishNallyShandro

Gotfried Neudorf Sigurdson (Highwood)

Hanson Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Stephan Issik Orr Toor
Jones Panda Williams
LaGrange Pon Yao

Lovely

Against the motion: 7

Bilous Eggen Sabir Carson Ganley Sweet

Deol

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 79 Trails Act — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:02 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 80 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 (No. 2) — Hon. Ms Fir

A debate followed.

Mr. Rutherford, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the evening sitting, including the first division bell in Committee of the Whole.

Pursuant to Government Motion 112, agreed to on December 7, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 8:31 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 80, Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 (No. 2), which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

Aheer LaGrange Rowswell
Amery Luan Rutherford
Armstrong-Homeniuk Madu Schweitzer
Copping McIver Sigurdson (Highwood)

Dreeshen Nally Singh Nicolaides Smith Fir Stephan Frey Nixon (Calgary-Klein) $Nixon \ ({\tt Rimbey-Rocky \ Mtn. \ House-Sundre})$ Toews Getson Gotfried Orr Toor Hanson Panda Turton Horner Pitt van Dijken Hunter Pon Walker Issik Reid Wilson Jones Rosin Yaseen

Against the motion: 7

Ceci Hoffman Sabir Dach Loyola Shepherd

Feehan

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 80 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 (No. 2) — Hon. Ms Fir

Government Motions

104. Oral notice having been given November 22, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- condemn David Suzuki's comments on pipelines as reported by the National Post.
- 2. condemn any comments made calling for the intentional destruction of energy infrastructure, and
- 3. unequivocally condemn incitements of violent eco-terrorism.

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, on November 30, 2021, that the motion be amended by

- (a) striking out "and" at the end of section 2, and
- (b) adding the following immediately after section 3:

- express solidarity with the 20 First Nations Band Councils and their communities situated along the approved route of the Coastal GasLink pipeline project, including those representing Wet'suwet'en people, in their negotiations for project agreements that would support those communities,
- express its support for the Coastal GasLink pipeline project and the LNG Canada project, and
- 6. express its opposition to illegal activities that seek to disrupt the construction of the Coastal GasLink pipeline project.

Sessional Paper 912/2020-21

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, moved that the amendment to the motion be amended in clause (b) as follows:

(a) in section 4

- (i) by striking out "express solidarity with the 20 First Nations Band Councils and their communities situated along" and substituting "express support for those First Nations and Indigenous peoples that hold constitutional rights in the lands along and surrounding", and
- (ii) by striking out "in their negotiation for project agreements" and substituting "as they continue to seek solutions";
- (b) by adding the following immediately after section 4:
 - 4.1. acknowledge and express its support for the Memorandum of Understanding agreed to in February 2020 between the Government of Canada, the Government of British Columbia, and the Wet'suwet'en Nation, and as signed by the Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs, that established the terms by which the parties agreed to engage in a constructive dialogue to achieve meaningful solutions that respectfully address the rights of all parties,
 - 4.2. express its support for an approach to resource projects that relies on negotiations, along with proportionate regulatory enforcement, being the best means for the parties to achieve meaningful and predictable progress on these projects while similarly upholding entrenched constitutional principles and rights, such as the rule of law and Indigenous rights,
 - 4.3. acknowledge that Indigenous rights, which include the rights of First Nations' hereditary chiefs, are legally complex and have been judicially considered in the Supreme Court of Canada's decisions in Delgamuukw v. British Columbia, Haida Nation v. British Columbia and Tsilhqot'in Nation v. British Columbia,

Sessional Paper 952/2020-21

A debate followed on the subamendment.

The question being put, the subamendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the subamendment: 7

Ceci Hoffman Sabir Dach Loyola Shepherd

Feehan

Against the subamendment: 46

AheerJonesRosinAmeryLaGrangeRowswellArmstrong-HomeniukLoewenRutherfordBarnesLuanSchweitzerCoppingMaduSigurdson (Highwood)

Dreeshen McIver Singh Ellis Nally Smith Fir **Nicolaides** Stephan Frey Toews Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Getson Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Toor Gotfried Orr Turton Guthrie Panda van Dijken Walker Hanson Pon Horner Rehn Wilson Hunter Reid Yaseen

Issik

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 47

Aheer Jones Rosin
Amery Kenney Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk LaGrange Rutherford
Barnes Loewen Schweitzer
Copping Luan Sigurdson (Highwood)

Dreeshen Madu Singh Ellis McIver Smith Fir Nally Stephan Frey **Nicolaides** Toews Getson Toor Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Gotfried Turton Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Guthrie Orr van Dijken Hanson Panda Walker Wilson Horner Pon Hunter Rehn Yaseen

Issik Reid

Against the amendment: 7

Ceci Hoffman Sabir Dach Loyola Shepherd

Feehan

Debate continued on the motion as amended.

The question being put, the motion as amended was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 47

Aheer Rosin Jones Amery Kenney Rowswell Armstrong-Homeniuk LaGrange Rutherford Schweitzer Barnes Loewen Sigurdson (Highwood) Copping Luan Dreeshen Madu Singh Smith Ellis McIver Fir Nallv Stephan **Nicolaides** Toews Frey Getson Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Toor Gotfried Turton Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Guthrie Orr van Dijken Hanson Panda Walker Horner Pon Wilson

Issik Reid

Against the motion: 7

Ceci Hoffman Sabir Dach Loyola Shepherd

Rehn

Feehan

Hunter

115. Oral notice having been given December 6, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that

1. A Select Special Committee to Examine Safe Supply be established and consist of the following Members:

Nixon(Calgary-Klein)(Chair) Frey Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Allard (Deputy Chair) Goehring Stephan

Amery Milliken Sweet

Yaseen

Amery Milliken Swee Feehan Rosin Yao

- The Committee's mandate is limited to the consideration of the following matters:
 - examine the concept of "safe supply," defined as the provision of pharmaceutical opioids, heroin, crystal methamphetamine, cocaine, or other substances to people who are addicted to or dependent on these substances;
 - whether there is evidence that a proposed "safe supply" would have an impact on fatal or non-fatal overdose, drug diversion, or associated health and community impacts;
 - whether there is evidence that a proposed "safe supply" would be accompanied by increased risks to individuals, the community, other entities or jurisdictions;
 - d. examine historical evidence regarding the over-prescribing of opioids;
 and
 - e. whether there is evidence that a proposed "safe supply" would be accompanied by any other benefits or consequences;
- 3. During the course of its review, the Committee
 - a. continues despite a prorogation of a Session of the 30th Legislature,
 - b. may, without leave of the Assembly, meet during a period when the Assembly is prorogued;
- 4. The Committee may, subject to the Chair's approval, pay any reasonable costs necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities, specifically the costs of advertising, staff assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel, and other similar costs;
- 5. The committee may, during the course of its review, utilize the services of any of the following:
 - a. Legislative Assembly Office employees, or
 - b. subject to the approval of the head of a department or an office of the Legislature, the public service employees of that department or office;
- 6. No later than April 30, 2022, the Committee must submit a report to the Assembly that sets out its recommendations, if any;
- 7. If the Assembly is not sitting on the day that the Committee completes its report, the Chair of the Committee must, as soon as practicable,
 - a. deposit the report with the Clerk in accordance with Standing Order 38.1, and
 - b. provide a copy of the report to each Member of the Legislative Assembly.

A debate followed.

Mr. Rutherford, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, moved that the motion be amended in section 1

- (a) by striking out "Feehan" and substituting "Irwin",
- (b) by striking out "Goehring" and substituting "Ganley", and
- (c) by striking out "Sweet" and substituting "Shepherd".

Sessional Paper 953/2020-21

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

Debate continued on the motion as amended.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, moved that the motion be amended as follows:

- (a) by striking out paragraph 2(a) and substituting the following:
 - a. examine the concept of safe supply, defined as the provision of safe, legal and regulated pharmaceutical alternatives to toxic street drugs as a means to protect the lives of individuals who meet legally prescribed medical criteria such as having attempted recovery from their addiction multiple times and being subject to an extremely high risk of death resulting from a poisoned drug supply;
- (b) by striking out the quotation marks in respect of "safe supply" wherever they occur.

Sessional Paper 954/2020-21

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question being put, the motion as amended was agreed to.

113. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 81, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2), is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Nixon and Mr. Feehan commented on the time allocation motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

Aheer Jones Rosin Kenney Rowswell Amery Armstrong-Homeniuk LaGrange Rutherford Schow Copping Lovely Dreeshen Schweitzer Luan Ellis Madu Sigurdson (Highwood)

Singh Fir McIver Smith Frey Nally Getson **Nicolaides** Toews Gotfried Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Toor Guthrie $Nixon \ ({\tt Rimbey-Rocky \ Mtn. \ House-Sundre})$ Turton Hanson Orr van Dijken Horner Pon Walker Hunter Rehn Wilson Issik Reid Yaseen

Against the motion: 9

Barnes Feehan Loyola Ceci Hoffman Sabir Dach Loewen Shepherd

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 81 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Madu

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, on December 6, 2021, that the Bill be amended by striking out section 5(26) and substituting the following:

(26) Section 25 is amended by striking out "An annual membership fee paid for" and substituting "An annual membership fee paid by a person for the person's own".

Pursuant to Government Motion 113, agreed to on December 7, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:39 p.m. the question was immediately put on amendment A2 to Bill 81, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2), which was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 8

Barnes Feehan Loyola Ceci Gray Shepherd

Dach Hoffman

Against the amendment: 40

Aheer Lovely Rowswell
Amery Luan Rutherford
Armstrong-Homeniuk Madu Schow
Copping McIver Schweitzer
Ellis Nally Sigurdson (Highwood)

Fir Nicolaides Singh Frey Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Smith Getson Toews Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Horner Turton Orr Hunter Pon van Dijken Issik Rehn Walker Reid Wilson Kenney Yaseen LaGrange Rosin

Long

Pursuant to Government Motion 113, agreed to on December 7, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:45 p.m. the question was immediately put on the remaining clauses of Bill 81, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2), which was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 41

Aheer Rowswell Long Lovely Rutherford Amery Armstrong-Homeniuk Luan Schow Copping Madu Schweitzer Ellis McIver Sigurdson (Highwood) Singh Fir Nally

Frey **Nicolaides** Smith Getson Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Toews Gotfried Turton Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Horner Orr van Dijken Hunter Pon Walker Issik Rehn Wilson Kenney Reid Yaseen

LaGrange Rosin

Against the motion: 9

Barnes Feehan Loewen
Ceci Gray Loyola
Dach Hoffman Shepherd

Pursuant to Government Motion 113, agreed to on December 7, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:49 p.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble of Bill 81, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2), which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 113, agreed to on December 7, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:49 p.m. the question was immediately put that Bill 81, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2), be reported, which was agreed to.

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 81 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Madu

Mr. Singh, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 81 (A2) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-South on December 6, 2021) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 936/2020-21

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 81 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Madu

A debate followed.

Mrs. Aheer, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 81, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2), be not now read a Third time because the Assembly is of the view that the Bill fails to require the express consent of a person of their intention to participate as a member of a political party or a constituency association of a political party.

Sessional Paper 955/2020-21

A debate followed on the amendment.

Hon. Mr. Schweitzer moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Government Motions

114. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schweitzer on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 81, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2), is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Schweitzer and Mr. Feehan commented on the time allocation motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

Yaseen

For the motion: 37

LaGrange Rosin Aheer Rutherford Amery Lovely Armstrong-Homeniuk Luan Schow Copping Madu Schweitzer Dreeshen McIver Sigurdson (Highwood) Ellis Nally Singh Fir **Nicolaides** Toews Turton Frey Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) van Dijken Getson Orr Gotfried Pon Walker Horner Wilson Rehn

Hunter Issik

Against the motion: 10

Barnes Gray Nielsen
Dach Hoffman Sabir
Eggen Loyola Shepherd

Reid

Feehan

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 81 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Madu

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mrs. Aheer, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore, on December 7, 2021, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 81, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2), be not now read a Third time because the Assembly is of the view that the Bill fails to require the express consent of a person of their intention to participate as a member of a political party or a constituency association of a political party.

Sessional Paper 955/2020-21

Pursuant to Government Motion 114, agreed to on December 7, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 2:47 a.m. the question was immediately put on the amendment to the motion for Third Reading of Bill 81, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2), which was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 14

Aheer Gotfried Loyola
Barnes Gray Nielsen
Dach Hanson Sabir
Eggen Hoffman Shepherd
Feehan Loewen

Against the amendment: 35

Amery Lovely Rutherford Armstrong-Homeniuk Luan Schow Copping Madu Schweitzer Dreeshen McIver Sigurdson (Highwood) Fir Nally Singh Frey Nicolaides Toews Getson Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Turton Horner Orr van Dijken Hunter Pon Walker Issik Rehn Wilson LaGrange Reid Yaseen Long Rosin

Pursuant to Government Motion 114, agreed to on December 7, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 2:52 a.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 81, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2), which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

AmeryLovelyRutherfordArmstrong-HomeniukLuanSchowCoppingMaduSchweitzerDreeshenMcIverSigurdson (Highwood)

Fir Nally Singh Frey Nicolaides Toews Getson Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Turton Horner van Dijken Orr Hunter Pon Walker Issik Rehn Wilson Yaseen LaGrange Reid

Long Rosin

Against the motion: 14

AheerGotfriedLoyolaBarnesGrayNielsenDachHansonSabirEggenHoffmanShepherd

Feehan Loewen

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 81 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Madu

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 108, agreed to on December 1, 2021, and on advice by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, to the Assembly that the business for the 2021 Fall Sitting is concluded, the Assembly adjourned at 2:57 a.m. Wednesday, December 8, 2021, until February 2022.

PROROGATION

FEBRUARY 21, 2022

Prorogation

[GREAT SEAL]
CANADA
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

SALMA LAKHANI, Lieutenant Governor.

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom, Canada, and Her Other Realms and Territories, QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

PROCLAMATION

TO OUR FAITHFUL, the MEMBERS elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta and to each and every one of you

GREETING

Frank Bosscha, Deputy Attorney General WHEREAS it is Our will and pleasure by and with the advice and consent of Our Executive Council of Our Province of Alberta to prorogue the Second Session of the Thirtieth Legislature of Alberta:

WE DO hereby prorogue, effective February 21, 2022, the said Legislature; and

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient for certain causes and considerations to convene the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta for the Third Session of the Thirtieth Legislature, WE DO WILL that you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of February, 2022, at the hour of THREE o'clock in the afternoon, at Our City of Edmonton, personally be and appear, for the despatch of business, to treat, act, do and conclude upon those things which, in the Legislature of Our Province of Alberta, by the Common Council of Our said Province, may, by the favour of God, be ordained.

HEREIN FAIL NOT

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of Alberta to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS: THE HONOURABLE SALMA LAKHANI, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of Alberta, this 10th day of February in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Two and in the Seventy-first Year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

SONYA SAVAGE, Acting Provincial Secretary.