

Day 55

ORDER PAPER

Second Session

Thirtieth Legislature

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

Prayers (1:30 p.m.)

ROUTINE (1:30 p.m.)

O Canada (First sitting day of each week) God Save the Queen (Thursday)

Oral Question Period (1:50 p.m. daily) (Day 1)

Introduction of Visitors
Introduction of Guests
Ministerial Statements
Members' Statements
Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees
Presenting Petitions
Notices of Motions
Introduction of Bills
Tabling Returns and Reports
Tablings to the Clerk
Deferred Divisions (Thursday)

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.

Adjourned debate: Mr. Ellis

28. Oral notice having been given, Hon. Mr. Nixon to propose the following motion:

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.
- **29**. Oral notice having been given, Hon. Mr. Kenney to propose the following motion:

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.
- **30.** Hon. Mr. Nixon to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the 2020 Spring Sitting of the Assembly shall stand adjourned upon the Government House Leader advising the Assembly that the business for the Sitting is concluded.

- **40.** Hon. Mr. Nixon to propose the following motion:
 - 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

- (i) 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

- (i) 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.

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.

Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. Nally

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 36 Geothermal Resource Development Act — Hon. Mrs. Savage

Private Bills

Referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills

Bill Pr1 The Sisters of the Precious Blood of Edmonton Repeal Act — Mr. Williams

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

Bill 204 Voluntary Blood Donations Repeal Act — Mr. Yao (Due Day 55)

Motions Other Than Government Motions

510. Mr. Turton to propose the following motion:

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.

NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

- Bill 37 Builders' Lien (Prompt Payment) Amendment Act, 2020* Hon. Mr. Glubish
 - *Correction to title published in Day 54 Order Paper
- Bill 38 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Madu
- Bill 205 Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month Act Mr. Singh
- Bill 206 Property Rights Statutes Amendments Act, 2020 Mr. Barnes

Motions Other Than Government Motions

511. MLA Loyola to propose the following motion:

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.

512. Mr. Deol to propose the following motion:

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.

513. Ms Hoffman to propose the following motion:

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.

514. Mr. Bilous to propose the following motion:

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.

Written Questions

WQ1. Mr. Shepherd to ask the Government the following question:

How much was spent by the Government to cancel the Edmonton lab hub project?

WQ2. Mr. Deol to ask the Government the following question:

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?

Motions for Returns

MR1. MLA Loyola to propose the following motion:

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. MLA Loyola to propose the following motion:

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. MLA Loyola to propose the following motion:

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.

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.

MR6. Ms Ganley to propose the following motion:

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.

MR7. Mr. Shepherd to propose the following motion:

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.

MR8. Mr. Shepherd to propose the following motion:

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.

MR9. Mr. Shepherd to propose the following motion:

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.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper, Speaker

Title: Wednesday, October 20, 2020