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ORDER PAPER

Second Session

Thirtieth Legislature

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

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 4)

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, 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.

Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. Madu

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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.

Adjourned debate: Ms Gray

65. Hon. Mr. Nixon to propose the following motion:

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.

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

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.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

- Bill 51 Citizen Initiative Act Hon. Mr. Madu
- Bill 52 Recall Act Hon. Mr. Madu
- Bill 54 Irrigation Districts Amendment Act, 2021 Hon. Mr. Dreeshen

- Bill 55 College of Alberta School Superintendents Act Hon. Min. LaGrange
 Adjourned debate: Mr. Feehan
- Bill 56 Local Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2021—Hon. Mr. McIver
 Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. McIver
- Bill 57 Metis Settlements Amendment Act, 2021 Hon. Mr. Wilson Debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. Wilson speaking.
- Bill 58 Freedom to Care Act Hon. Mrs. Aheer
- Bill 61 Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2021 Hon. Mr. Glubish

Committee of the Whole

- Bill 53 Service Alberta Statutes (Virtual Meetings) Amendment Act, 2021 Hon. Mr. Glubish
- Bill 60 Appropriation Act, 2021 (\$) Hon. Mr. Toews
- Bill 211 Municipal Government (Firearms) Amendment Act, 2020 Ms Glasgo

Third Reading

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

Bills Awaiting Royal Assent

Bill 205 Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month Act — Mr. Singh

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

- Bill 206 Property Rights Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 Ms Glasgo (Time remaining: 19 minutes)
 - Debate adjourned, Mr. Nielsen speaking.
- Bill 207 Reservists' Recognition Day Act Mr. Rutherford
- Bill 209 Cost of Public Services Transparency Act Mr. Stephan
- Bill 212 Official Sport of Alberta Act Mr. Yaseen
- Bill 213 Traffic Safety (Maximum Speed Limit for Provincial Freeways) Amendment Act, 2021 — Mr. Turton

Motions Other Than Government Motions

517. Moved by Mr. Dang (amended) (Time remaining: 38 minutes):

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.

Debate adjourned, MLA Irwin speaking.

518. Mr. Williams to propose the following motion:

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.

519. Ms Sweet to propose the following motion:

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.

520. Ms Goodridge to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to continue to promote organ and tissue donation by further working to identify and reduce red tape to facilitate the timely donation of critically needed donor organs and tissue.

521. Mr. Sabir to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Minister of Municipal Affairs to exercise their power to apply the public interest exception under the Disaster Recovery Regulation to residents, businesses and organizations that were unable to receive compensation for the damages and losses caused by the hail storm disaster in Calgary on June 13, 2020, because, in the Minister's opinion, it is in the public interest for the Minister to direct that such compensation be provided to those individuals, businesses and organizations.

522. Ms Glasgo to propose the following motion:

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.

524. Ms Lovely to propose the following motion:

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.

525. Mr. Smith to propose the following motion:

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.

530. Mr. Jones to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to reaffirm the value of communities of religious faith in Alberta, recognize their contributions to our society, and pledge to safeguard their individual and corporate rights to express and practise their faiths both privately and publicly.

511.* Moved by MLA Loyola (Time remaining: 43 minutes):

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.

Debate adjourned.

*Moved to bottom of item of business pursuant to motion moved by Mr. Ellis under Standing Order 8(4), agreed to on March 22, 2021.

NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

Bill 49 Labour Mobility Act — Hon. Mr. Copping

Projected Government Business

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Motion 65

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

Bill 60

And as per the Order Paper

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Bill 53

Third Reading

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And as per the Order Paper

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Aft. - Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

Bill 60

And as per the Order Paper

Due Dates Under Standing Order 34(5) for Written Questions Accepted and Motions for Returns Agreed to

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Hon. Nathan M. Cooper, Speaker