

Day 2

ORDER PAPER

Third Session

Thirtieth Legislature

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

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

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Mr. Williams to propose the following motion, seconded by Ms Lovely:

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

To Her Honour the Honourable Salma Lakhani, AOE, B.Sc., LLD (hon), 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.

Government Motions

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

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

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

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

4. Hon. Mr. Toews to propose the following motion:

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

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

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

- A. on the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, that Mr. Dach replace Ms Sweet;
- B. on the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, that Ms Sweet replace Mr. Dang;
- C. on the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services, that Ms Gray replace Mr. Dang;
- D. on the Standing Committee on Families and Communities, that Mr. Dang replace Ms Pancholi;
- E. on the Select Special Information and Privacy Commissioner Search Committee, that Mr. Sabir replace Mr. Dang.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the report of the Select Special Child and Youth Advocate Search Committee tabled on February 14, 2022 (Sessional Paper 974/2020-22), and recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council that Terri Pelton be appointed as Child and Youth Advocate for the Province of Alberta for a term of five years effective April 1, 2022.

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

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1) and for the duration of the 2022 Spring Sitting of the Third 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.

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

Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, effective July 1, 2021, be amended as follows:

- (a) in Standing Order 5
 - (i) in suborder (1) by striking out "20 Members" and substituting "10 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 must, on determining that a quorum is lacking
 - (a) order that the bells be sounded at the beginning of a 15-minute interval and during the last minute of that interval,
 - (b) on conclusion of the 15-minute interval, conduct a count of the Members present in the Chamber, and
 - (c) if, on conclusion of the count the Speaker determines that quorum is still lacking, the Speaker may declare a recess or adjourn the Assembly until the next sitting day.
- (b) in Standing Order 7(8) by striking out "or member of the Executive Council" and substituting "or member of the Executive Council or Deputy Government House Leader";

- (c) in Standing Order 52.01
 - in suborder (b) by striking out "Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women" and substituting "Culture and Status of Women", and
 - (ii) in suborder (c) by striking out "Agriculture and Forestry" and substituting "Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development".
- **9.** Hon. Mr. Nixon to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that, despite Standing Orders 13(7), 16 and 32(4)(b) and for the duration of the 2022 Spring Sitting of the Third Session of the 30th Legislature, a Member may sit in and speak from any seat that has not been assigned to that Member provided that the Member immediately relinquishes that seat upon the request of

- (a) the Member who has been assigned that seat, or
- (b) the Speaker.
- **10.** Hon. Mr. Nixon to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) condemn the unnecessary invocation of the Emergencies Act by the Government of Canada as the Assembly is of the view that this is a measure which infringes upon the constitutionally guaranteed rights of Albertans and all Canadians, including the right to due process and natural justice;
- (b) is of the view that the Government of Canada has failed to demonstrate that the present circumstances meet the threshold that the law requires to invoke the Emergencies Act, and that as demonstrated in Alberta, governments and law enforcement agencies already have adequate authority and resources to end illegal blockades and restore order; and
- (c) is further of the view that this invocation of the Emergencies Act constitutes an unnecessary intrusion into provincial jurisdiction under the Constitution of Canada.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

Bill 201 Eastern Slopes Protection Act — Ms Notley

Motions Other Than Government Motions

501. Mr. Schow to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to continue working to combat the impacts of drug abuse in Alberta and urge the Government of Canada to make all efforts, in conjunction with its allies, to prevent the export of lethal and highly addictive opioids, including but not limited to fentanyl and carfentanil and related chemicals from which these opioids are formed, from all foreign countries, including the People's Republic of China and Mexico.

502. Mr. Guthrie to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to:

- (a) support research into the adverse effects of the anti-malarial drug Mefloquine, sold under the brand name Lariam;
- (b) work with the federal government and other provincial governments to encourage the adoption of safe anti-malarial treatments; and
- (c) express support for Canadian veterans suffering with the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder resulting from the use of Mefloquine.

503. Ms Phillips to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to conduct a public inquiry into its handling of the COVID-19 pandemic, specifically the information on which and the process by which Government decisions related to the management of the pandemic were made, in order to provide guidance for addressing future pandemics.

504. Mr. Hanson to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to continue working to improve access to health care for residents of northern Alberta by increasing opportunities for post-secondary training in healthcare fields for rural students who agree to work in areas of rural Alberta that require medical professionals, once they have completed their training.

505. Mr. Barnes to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to deploy every legal, economic, and constitutional tool at the Province's disposal to maximize its ability to achieve a fair deal for Alberta within the Canadian federation.

506. Ms Rosin to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that

- (a) the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing
 - (i) conduct a review of the Standing Orders, procedures, practices and traditions of other Westminster-style parliaments for the purpose of identifying the rules, processes or practices of those parliaments and their committees that facilitate collaboration and cooperation among their Members, and
 - (ii) recommend changes to the Standing Orders and practices of the Assembly, including its committees, that would facilitate increased collaboration and cooperation among all Members of the Assembly,
- (b) during the course of its review, the Committee continues despite prorogation of a session of the 30th Legislature and may, without leave of the Assembly, meet during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued, and
- (c) no later than nine months after the beginning of the Committee's review, the Committee must submit a report on its review to the Legislative Assembly that sets out the Committee's recommendations, if any.

507. Mr. Neudorf to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review the rate of growth of the number of public servants employed by departments, public agencies, and municipalities, and establish benchmarks for hiring new employees that are linked to population and population growth to ensure that the size of the public service is appropriate.

509. Mr. Nielsen to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take any necessary steps to immediately create and implement a comprehensive strategy for the medical condition known as "long COVID," to support Albertans suffering long-term health impacts due to COVID-19 infection.

510. Ms Pancholi to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement a policy that requires the creation of onsite, licensed childcare spaces to be included as part of every new kindergarten to grade 12 school construction project funded by the Government of Alberta starting in the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper, Speaker