

No. 11

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Ninth Legislature

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 10:00 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)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 3 Voluntary Blood Donations Act — Hon. Ms Hoffman

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

- A. Section 2(3) is amended by striking out "or" at the end of clause (a) and by adding the following after clause (a):
 - (a.1) with respect to an organization that collects blood for the purpose of biomedical or pharmaceutical production, or
- B. Section 4(1) is amended by adding the following after clause (b):
 - (c) any business premises of a facility that uses blood for biomedical or pharmaceutical production.

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

For the amendment: 14

Aheer Swann Loewen **Taylor** Barnes McIver Ellis Nixon van Dijken Fraser Starke Yao Hanson Strankman

Against the amendment: 38

Babcock Hinkley McPherson Carlier Hoffman Miranda **Phillips** Carson Jansen Piquette Connolly Kazim Renaud Coolahan Larivee Rosendahl Cortes-Vargas Littlewood Dach Loyola Schreiner Dang Shepherd Luff Drever Malkinson Sigurdson Sucha Feehan Mason Fitzpatrick McCuaig-Boyd Turner Goehring McKitrick Westhead McLean Gray

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

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill 4 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2017 (\$) — Hon. Min. Ceci
- Bill 5 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2017 (\$) — Hon. Min. Ceci

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 3 Voluntary Blood Donations Act — Hon. Ms Hoffman

Mr. Sucha, 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 Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 107/2017

Amendment to Bill 3 (A2) (Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 108/2017

Amendment to Bill 3 (A3) (Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 109/2017

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Westhead, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, the Assembly adjourned at 11:57 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017 — 1:30 PM

ROUTINE

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Minister of Community and Social Services, made a statement recognizing March 21, 2017, as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Mr. Jean, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

Hon. Mr. Mason, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow the Leader of the Progressive Conservative Opposition, the Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, and the Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Mr. McIver, Hon. Leader of the Progressive Conservative Opposition, Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, and Mr. Clark, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, then commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Ms McKitrick, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement recognizing March 21, 2017, as Nowruz, the traditional festival of spring observed by Baha'is, Zoroastrians, and people from Western and Central Asia, the Caucasus, Black Sea Basin, and the Balkans.

Mr. Cyr, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement expressing support for Bill 202, Protecting Victims of Non-Consensual Distribution of Intimate Images Act, which he is sponsoring.

Mr. Gill, Hon. Member for Calgary-Greenway, made a statement regarding how the Wildrose and Progressive Conservative caucuses are more in sync with Albertans than the Government is and regarding the need to provide a united alternative.

Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement recognizing Sonja Durinck, who suffers from two ultra-rare diseases, and regarding her work to bring awareness to the health challenges faced by those with rare diseases and to help improve their lives.

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement recognizing March 21, 2017, as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding the need for the HERO regional rotary air ambulance program in the Wood Buffalo area

Hon. Mr. Mason, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(7) in order to complete the Daily Routine

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo:

Letter dated March 19, 2015, from Kevin Chief, Minister of Jobs and the Economy, Manitoba, to Dr. Barzin Bahardoust, Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Plasma Resources, regarding private plasma collection in Manitoba, relating to comments made by Mr. Yao in the Assembly on March 21, 2017

Sessional Paper 110/2017

Mr. Clark, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow:

Report dated March 2017, entitled "Pathway to Prosperity, Fiscal Plan 2017-2021," prepared by the Alberta Party

Sessional Paper 111/2017

Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek:

Maclean's website article dated March 18, 2017, entitled "Alberta needs to be honest with itself about the budget"

Sessional Paper 112/2017

Calgary Herald website article dated March 16, 2017, entitled "Braid: A budget that gambles with Alberta's future"

Sessional Paper 113/2017

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

Letter dated March 20, 2017, from Mr. Rodney, Progressive Conservative Opposition House Leader, to Robert H. Reynolds, QC, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, confirming that Mr. McIver, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, will remain the Leader of the Progressive Conservative Opposition

Sessional Paper 114/2017

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

13. Moved by Hon. Min. Ceci:

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

A debate followed.

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

16. Moved by Hon. Mr. Mason:

Be it resolved that, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Conflicts of Interest Act, the Legislative Assembly concur in the Report of the Ethics Commissioner concerning the Member for Calgary-Hays dated January 4, 2017, and that the Member be required to apologize to the Assembly and pay a fine of \$500.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, recused herself from debate on Government Motion 16.

Debate continued on Amendment A1 introduced by Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, on March 15, 2017, that the motion be amended as follows:

- (a) by striking out "concur in" and substituting "receive";
- (b) by adding "the Assembly defer its decision on the recommendation" before "that the Member be required to apologize";
- (c) by adding "until such time as the Court of Queen's Bench has given a ruling with respect to the judicial review filed by the Member for Calgary-Hays on February 23, 2017" after "\$500".

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

A debate followed on the main motion.

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

For the motion: 35

Miller Babcock Gray Bilous Horne Miranda Carlier Jansen Piquette Rosendahl Kleinsteuber Carson Connolly Larivee Sabir Coolahan Littlewood Schreiner Dach Loyola Sigurdson Drever Mason Sucha Eggen McCuaig-Boyd Swann Feehan McKitrick Turner **Fitzpatrick** McLean Westhead

Goehring McPherson

Against the motion: 11

Anderson (Highwood) Hunter Rodney
Ellis MacIntyre Starke
Gotfried Nixon Stier

Hanson Panda

Privilege - Passage of Government Motion 16

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding the consequences to Members of the Legislative Assembly following the passage of Government Motion 16.

The Speaker advised that, as requested by the Government House Leader, he will hear additional arguments at a later date.

17. Moved by Hon. Mr. Mason:

Be it resolved that, notwithstanding Standing Order 52.01(1)(a), the 2017-18 main estimates for the Ministry of Education be considered by the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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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 with some amendments:

Bill 3 Voluntary Blood Donations Act — Hon. Ms Hoffman

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 1 An Act to Reduce School Fees — Hon. Mr. Eggen

Mr. Dach, 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 (A3) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster on March 21, 2017) — Defeated

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Amendment to Bill 3 (A4) (Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 115/2017

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Mason, Government House Leader, and pursuant to the Budget 2017 Main Estimates Schedule, the Assembly adjourned at 5:57 p.m. until Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Robert E. Wanner, Speaker

Title: Tuesday, March 21, 2017