



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Ninth Legislature

Monday, May 29, 2017

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

Members' Statements

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding recent discriminatory remarks about MLA Loyola allegedly made by opposition Members and the behaviour of opposition Members in the Assembly.

Mr. W. Anderson, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement regarding the difficulties faced by Bruce Bolton in obtaining Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PDD) benefits for his son and the lack of Government response to issues presented by the Wildrose on May 26, 2016, concerning those who are unable to obtain PDD benefits.

Mr. Drysdale, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement congratulating the City of Grande Prairie for receiving the 2017 Peace and Friendship Diversity Award for its work to build good relations with indigenous communities.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding several New Democratic Party initiatives in Canada which have become public policy but may be threatened by the proposed United Conservative Party.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement recognizing May 28 to June 3, 2017, as Tourism Week in Canada, and regarding Alberta's reputation as a world-class tourist destination and a \$100,000 grant from the Government of Alberta to the Aboriginal Tourism Association of Canada.

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement recognizing Dave Kirschner, who passed away on May 28, 2017, for his many years of charitable work in Fort McMurray, and regarding the planned Willow Square continuing care facility in Fort McMurray which is still not built.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition from 98 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation to amend the Labour Relations Code to prohibit the practice of double-breasting whereby a unionized corporation is permitted to operate a non-unionized subsidiary as a means of undermining a collective agreement.

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition from 117 Albertans urging the Government to do the following: 1) construct a memorial on public land adjacent to Highway 63 near Fort McMurray to honour the skilled trade workers who have been injured or killed while working on oil sands projects and to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the production of the first barrel of oil from Alberta's oil sands on September 30, 2017; and 2) introduce legislation to recognize May 1 in Alberta as an annual statutory holiday known as International Workers' Day.

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition from 99 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation to accomplish the following: 1) repeal sections 34(1)(e) and 38(2) of the Labour Relations Code, to remove the prohibition on certifying a trade union as a bargaining agent when engaged in certain types of picketing; 2) end the practice of grouping trade unions by repealing section 172 of the Labour Relations Code, and making any necessary consequential amendments to the legislation; and 3) repeal amendments to the Labour Relations Code contained in the Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2008.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. McIver, Hon. Leader of the Progressive Conservative Opposition:

Free Dictionary legal definition and Investopedia definition of "junk bond"
Sessional Paper 318/2017

Report, undated, entitled "Guide to Credit Rating Essentials," prepared by
Standard and Poor's Rating Services
Sessional Paper 319/2017

Dr. Starke, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster:

Fraser Institute website article dated May 24, 2017, entitled "Alberta leads the
country in spending growth"
Sessional Paper 320/2017

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 Child, Youth and Family Enhancement (Adoption Advertising) Amendment
Act, 2017 — Mrs. Aheer

A debate followed.

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: 52

Aheer	Goehring	Pitt
Babcock	Hinkley	Renaud
Barnes	Horne	Rosendahl
Bilous	Hunter	Sabir
Carlier	Jansen	Schneider
Carson	Kazim	Schreiner
Ceci	Kleinsteuber	Shepherd
Connolly	Larivee	Smith
Coolahan	Littlewood	Stier
Cooper	Luff	Strankman
Cortes-Vargas	Mason	Sucha
Cyr	McKitrick	Swann
Dang	Miller	Sweet
Drever	Miranda	Turner
Feehan	Nielsen	Westhead
Fildebrandt	Payne	Woollard
Fitzpatrick	Piquette	Yao
Fraser		

Against the motion: 0

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

Bill 206 Child, Youth and Family Enhancement (Adoption Advertising) Amendment
Act, 2017 — Mrs. Aheer

Mr. Cooper, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, requested and received the
unanimous consent of the Assembly to call it 5:00 p.m. and begin consideration of
Motions Other Than Government Motions.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

507. Moved by Mr. Fraser:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a special committee to review accessibility legislation and consider potential amendments to legislation, including but not limited to the Safety Codes Act and the Elevating Devices Codes Regulation, Alta. Reg. 192/2015, with the intent to ensure accessibility for Albertans that exceeds the base requirements of the Alberta Building Code 2014.

A debate followed.

The Speaker intervened to advise the Assembly that there was a discrepancy between the wording of the motion on the Order Paper and how it was worded on the original motion signed by Mr. Fraser.

Mr. Fraser clarified the wording he wished to use and then requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to proceed with the wording of the motion as it appeared on the Order Paper.

The Speaker then stated that the time used with respect to this correction will not be counted in the debate time.

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

- (a) by striking out “consider” and substituting “conduct a thorough consultation regarding”; and
- (b) by striking out all of the words that follow “Albertans”.

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

On motion by Hon. Mr. Carlier, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:32 p.m. until 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 16 An Act to Cap Regulated Electricity Rates (\$) — Hon. Ms McCuaig-Boyd

Mr. Panda, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

A. The following is added after section 2:

Economic impact assessment

2.1(1) One month after the date on which this Act receives Royal Assent, the Minister shall prepare a projection of the economic impact of the imposition of maximum rates established in section 2 on electricity consumers who are not regulated rate customers.

(2) The Minister shall lay a copy of the projection prepared under subsection (1) as soon as practicable before the Assembly if it is then sitting or, if it is not sitting, within 15 days after the commencement of the next sitting.

B. Section 8 is struck out and the following is substituted:

Coming into force

8 Sections 2(2), 3 and 6(1)(c) and (d)(iii) come into force on the later of the following:

(a) January 1, 2018;

(b) 30 days after the date on which the Minister lays the projection prepared under section 2.1(2) before the Assembly.

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: 11

Aheer
Cyr
Fildebrandt
Gill

Loewen
Panda
Pitt
Schneider

Smith
Strankman
Yao

Against the amendment: 37

Anderson (Leduc-Beaumont)	Hoffman	Nielsen
Bilous	Horne	Notley
Carlier	Jansen	Piquette
Carson	Kleinsteuber	Rosendahl
Ceci	Larivee	Sabir
Connolly	Littlewood	Schmidt
Coolahan	Loyola	Schreiner
Dach	Luff	Shepherd
Dang	Malkinson	Sucha
Eggen	Mason	Turner
Feehan	McPherson	Westhead
Fitzpatrick	Miranda	Woollard
Hinkley		

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 16 An Act to Cap Regulated Electricity Rates (\$) — Hon. Ms McCuaig-Boyd

Mr. Rosendahl, 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) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills) —
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 321/2017

Second Reading

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

Bill 17 Fair and Family-friendly Workplaces Act — Hon. Ms Gray

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Hanson, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, on May 25, 2017, that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 17, Fair and Family-friendly Workplaces 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.

Mr. Nielsen moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to. With Ms Jabbour in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 37

Anderson (Leduc-Beaumont)	Hoffman	Nielsen
Bilous	Horne	Notley
Carlier	Jansen	Piquette
Carson	Kleinsteuber	Rosendahl
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Dang	Malkinson	Sucha
Eggen	Mason	Turner
Feehan	McPherson	Westhead
Fitzpatrick	Miranda	Woollard
Hinkley		

Against the motion: 8

Cooper	Gill	Strankman
Cyr	McIver	Yao
Fildebrandt	Smith	

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Mason, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:35 p.m. until Tuesday, May 30, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. Robert E. Wanner,
Speaker