

Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Ninth Legislature

Monday, November 27, 2017

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

Hon. Mr. Mason, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(1.1) in order to complete Introduction of Guests and to waive Standing Order 7(7) in order to complete the Daily Routine.

Members' Statements

Ms Fitzpatrick, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement recognizing November 25, 2017, as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and as the first day of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence.

Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding feelings of frustration and fear among Albertans concerning rural crime, the unique difficulties faced by the victims of rural crime, and a lack of action on the matter from the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General.

Dr. Turner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement recognizing November 21, 2017, as the 20th anniversary of the final report of the Commission of Inquiry on the Blood System in Canada, known as the Krever Report, in response to the tainted blood tragedy of the 1980s, which led to the formation of Héma-Québec and Canadian Blood Services.

Mr. MacIntyre, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, made a statement regarding the fear and psychological effects felt in rural Alberta as a result of the rise in rural crime. Mr. Fraser, Hon. Member for Calgary-South East, made a statement regarding shortfalls in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel and equipment funding, the benefits of EMS investments, and acknowledging four paramedics who had been exposed to fentanyl.

Mr. Cyr, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding increasing crime rates in rural Alberta, including Cold Lake, and a local regional crime forum he will be attending in the Bonnyville-Cold Lake constituency.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Mason, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Section 11(1) of the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act, the Legislative Assembly concur in the recommendations of the Final Report of the Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission entitled "Proposed Electoral Division Areas, Boundaries, and Names for Alberta, Final Report to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, October 2017," which was tabled by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly as an Intersessional Deposit on October 19, 2017 (Sessional Paper 456/2017).

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the growing incidence of property-related crime and an accompanying escalation of violent crime in rural communities and the resulting fear for safety that is felt by residents of such areas, which now constitutes a state of emergency.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 30 An Act to Protect the Health and Well-being of Working Albertans — Hon. Ms Gray

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Schmidt, Minister of Advanced Education, on behalf of Hon. Ms Ganley, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General:

Letter dated November 8, 2017, from Hon. Ms Ganley, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, to Hon. Jody Wilson-Raybould, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, regarding recent judicial appointments in Alberta and the importance of filling 14 further vacancies

Sessional Paper 575/2017

Mr. Cyr, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake:

Posting, undated, from the Lakeland Confessions Facebook page Sessional Paper 576/2017

4 e-mail messages from Albertans to Mr. Cyr, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, expressing concern regarding rural crime

Sessional Paper 577/2017

Bonnyville Nouvelle website article dated November 21, 2017, entitled "RCMP combating rising crime"

Sessional Paper 578/2017

Mrs. Aheer, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View:

Report, undated, entitled "Airdrie Provincial (Rural) Detachment, Crime Statistics for the Balzac and Cross Iron Mills Mall Area, 2015 to 2016," prepared by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Sessional Paper 579/2017

Letter dated June 13, 2017, from James Moller, President, Balzac Business Community Association, to Mrs. Aheer, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View, expressing concern regarding effective policing and crime statistics in the area

Sessional Paper 580/2017

E-mail message dated November 23, 2017, from Kate Davies, Administrative Assistant, CrossIron Mills and Deerfoot Meadows, to Mrs. Aheer, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Rocky View, with attached message from Lawrence Dushenski, Ministerial Assistant, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, to James Moller, regarding policing in the East Balzac area of Rocky View County

Sessional Paper 581/2017

Document dated March 2017, entitled "Guidelines for Requesting RCMP Enhanced Policing Services," prepared by Alberta Justice and Solicitor General Sessional Paper 582/2017

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

3 e-mail messages from Albertans to Hon. Ms Ganley, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, expressing concern regarding rural crime

Sessional Paper 583/2017

Mr. Orr, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka:

4 pieces of correspondence, three addressed to Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Battle River-Wainwright, and one addressed to Kevin, expressing concern regarding rural crime

Sessional Paper 584/2017

Mr. MacIntyre, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake:

17 pieces of correspondence from Albertans to Hon. Ms Ganley, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, expressing concern regarding rural crime

Sessional Paper 585/2017

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

DVD prepared by the Chief Electoral Officer containing the 87 electoral division boundaries (digital shape files) referenced in the Electoral Boundaries Commission's final report tabled on October 19, 2017 (Sessional Paper 456/2017) Sessional Paper 586/2017

Pursuant to the Child and Youth Advocate Act, cC-11.5, s21(2), Office of the Child and Youth Advocate Alberta, Annual Report 2016-2017 Sessional Paper 587/2017

Mr. Cooper, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills:

Letter dated November 24, 2017, from Jerry and Lorraine Richards from Olds, Alberta, regarding crime committed against their property

Sessional Paper 588/2017

E-mail message dated September 26, 2017, from Dennel Barnes and Holly Laffin of Carbon, Alberta, expressing concern regarding recent thefts and break-ins over the past year in Carbon

Sessional Paper 589/2017

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. S. Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Pursuant to the Government Organization Act, cG-10, Schedule 10, s10(3):

Authorized Accredited Agency Summary, April 2016

Sessional Paper 590/2017

Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Association, Annual Report 2016/2017

Sessional Paper 591/2017

Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta, Annual Report 2016 Sessional Paper 592/2017

Pursuant to the Safety Codes Act, cS-1, s25(3), Safety Codes Council, Annual Report 2016

Sessional Paper 593/2017

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the growing incidence of property-related crime and an accompanying escalation of violent crime in rural communities and the resulting fear for safety that is felt by residents of such areas, which now constitutes a state of emergency.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was not in order.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

WQ18. Moved by Mr. Ellis:

In each of the calendar years from 2013 to 2016, what was the average completion time for an autopsy and what was the longest time spent completing an autopsy at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner?

Hon. Mr. Mason, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Ms Ganley, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, moved that the motion be amended to read:

In each of the calendar years from 2013 to 2016, what was the average completion time for *a death investigation* and what was the longest time spent completing *a death investigation* at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner?

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 207 Regulatory Burden Reduction Act — Mr. Hunter

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. With Ms Sweet in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 12

Aheer Anderson (Highwood) Cooper Drysdale	Gill Gotfried Hunter Loewen	MacIntyre Orr Pitt Stier
Against the motion: 40		
Anderson (Leduc-Beaumont)	Hoffman	Phillips
Bilous	Jansen	Piquette
Carson	Kleinsteuber	Renaud
Ceci	Littlewood	Rosendahl
Connolly	Luff	Sabir
Coolahan	Malkinson	Schmidt
Cortes-Vargas	Mason	Schreiner
Dach	McKitrick	Shepherd
Dang	McLean	Sucha
Drever	Miller	Swann
Fitzpatrick	Miranda	Turner
Goehring	Nielsen	Westhead
Gray	Payne	Woollard
Hinkley		

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

Bill 208 Government Organization (Utilities Consumer Advocate) Amendment Act, 2017 — Mr. Hinkley

Debate adjourned, Mr. Hinkley speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

509. Moved by Mr. Gotfried:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly establish a special committee to assess the financial impact of the carbon levy on organizations that provide front line care to seniors in Alberta including but not limited to for-profit organizations, not-for-profit organizations, faith-based organizations, and government owned and operated facilities; and in conducting its review the committee shall consult with key public, private, and non-profit stakeholders and make recommendations for the mitigation of any impacts deemed a threat to the provision of front line care.

A debate followed.

MLA Cortes-Vargas, Hon. Member for Strathcona-Sherwood Park, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute.

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

For the motion: 9

Aheer	Gill	Orr
Anderson (Highwood)	Gotfried	Pitt
Drysdale	Hunter	Stier

Against the motion: 36

Anderson (Leduc-Beaumont)	Hinkley	Payne
Bilous	Hoffman	Phillips
Carson	Jansen	Piquette
Ceci	Kleinsteuber	Renaud
Connolly	Littlewood	Rosendahl
Coolahan	Luff	Sabir
Cortes-Vargas	Malkinson	Schreiner
Dach	Mason	Shepherd
Dang	McKitrick	Sucha
Drever	Miller	Turner
Fitzpatrick	Miranda	Westhead
Goehring	Nielsen	Woollard

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:05 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

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Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 26 An Act to Control and Regulate Cannabis - Hon. Ms Ganley

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Westhead, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, the Assembly adjourned at 8:21 p.m. until Tuesday, November 28, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. Robert E. Wanner, Speaker

Title: Monday, October 27, 2017