

No. 61

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Ninth Legislature

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 10:00 a.m.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, on November 30, 2017, that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 30, An Act to Protect the Health and Well-being of Working Albertans, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

MLA Connolly 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: 36

Anderson (Leduc-Beaumont) Eggen Malkinson Babcock Fitzpatrick McKitrick Carlier Goehring Miller Carson Nielsen Gray Hoffman Ceci Payne Horne Piquette Clark Connolly Kazim Renaud Coolahan Kleinsteuber Rosendahl Cortes-Vargas Larivee Schreiner Shepherd Dach Littlewood Lovola Sigurdson Dang Drever Luff Sucha

Against the motion: 10

Aheer Loewen Pitt
Barnes McIver Schneider
Cyr Panda van Dijken

Gotfried

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

Bill 31 A Better Deal for Consumers and Businesses Act — Hon. Ms McLean

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 31, A Better Deal for Consumers and Businesses 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.

A debate followed on the amendment.

Debate adjourned on the amendment, Mr. van Dijken speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2.1), the Assembly adjourned at 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

Mr. Malkinson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the consultation process used concerning Bill 211, Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (Discretionary Trust) Amendment Act, 2017, which he will be sponsoring.

Mr. Schneider, Hon. Member for Little Bow, made a statement regarding issues faced by the forest industry and Government policies that will increase industry costs.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, made a statement regarding recent comments made in the Assembly by Mr. Orr, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, concerning the Chinese community, and asking Mr. Orr to apologize for those comments.

Mr. Panda, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement regarding the delays in the construction of the Trans Mountain Pipeline.

Mr. Piquette, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater, made a statement regarding Coalition 4 Success, which has created a unique summer program for youth in Athabasca.

Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding the Resilient Youth in Stressed Environments research project, which is studying the resilience of young people in Drayton Valley and other parts of the world to understand how to support the health and well-being of young people in changing environments.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Shepherd, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, presented the following:

Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, Report on the Reappointment of the Child and Youth Advocate, December 2017

Sessional Paper 640/2017

Privilege – Intimidating Gesture

Hon. Mr. Mason, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding an intimidating gesture made by Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, toward Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, in the Assembly on December 5, 2017.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 211 Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (Discretionary Trust)
Amendment Act, 2017 — Mr. Malkinson

Oral notice having been given December 4, 2017:

Bill 216 Child, Youth and Family Enhancement (Protecting Alberta's Children) Amendment Act, 2017 — Mr. Ellis

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Malkinson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Copy of a petition signed by over 3,400 Albertans requesting that Henson trusts be allowed in Alberta

Sessional Paper 641/2017

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

Economist website article dated January 5, 2017, entitled "The war on ticket bots is unlikely to be won," relating to comments made by Mr. Cyr during Second Reading debate on Bill 31, A Better Deal for Consumers and Businesses Act, on December 4, 2017

Sessional Paper 642/2017

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association Annual Reports for 2014, 2015, and 2016, relating to comments made by Mr. Cyr during Second Reading debate on Bill 31, A Better Deal for Consumers and Businesses Act, on December 4, 2017

Sessional Paper 643/2017

Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon:

ProQuest reprint of an Edmonton Journal article dated June 1, 2013, entitled "B.C. rejects Northern Gateway; Says environmental concerns were not adequately addressed"

Sessional Paper 644/2017

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

3 pieces of recent correspondence from Albertans to Hon. Ms Ganley, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, and Mr. MacIntyre, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, expressing concern regarding rural crime

Sessional Paper 645/2017

ProQuest reprint of a Vancouver Sun article dated November 2, 2017, entitled "Kenney channels Albertan angst; Province entitled to feel alienated"

Sessional Paper 646/2017

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

6 pieces of correspondence relating to comments made by Dr. Starke during Second Reading debate on Bill 31, A Better Deal for Consumers and Businesses Act, on December 4, 2017

Sessional Paper 647/2017

Insights West website article dated June 1, 2016, entitled "Nurses and Farmers Seen as Canada's Most Respected Professions," relating to comments made by Dr. Starke during Second Reading debate on Bill 31, A Better Deal for Consumers and Businesses Act, on December 4, 2017

Sessional Paper 648/2017

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

Mr. Stier, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod:

ProQuest reprint of a National Post article dated June 3, 2017, entitled "Ducking and diving"

Sessional Paper 649/2017

Mr. Gill, Hon. Member for Calgary-Greenway:

ProQuest reprint of a Toronto Star article dated January 23, 2016, entitled "Nation-building pitch not working for pipeline"

Sessional Paper 650/2017

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

ProQuest reprint of a Calgary Herald article dated February 23, 2017, entitled "Numbers spell trouble for NDP government"

Sessional Paper 651/2017

Mr. McIver, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays:

ProQuest reprint of an Edmonton Journal article dated August 31, 2016, entitled "NEB cancels pipeline hearings in Montreal; Quebec City a go"

Sessional Paper 652/2017

Mr. Panda, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills:

ProQuest reprint of an Edmonton Journal article dated June 9, 2016, entitled "Saskatchewan premier warns oilpatch under siege by activists"

Sessional Paper 653/2017

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

ProQuest reprint of a Calgary Herald article dated June 9, 2016, entitled "Activists a threat to oilpatch, Wall warns; Slams national carbon tax idea, obstacles to major energy projects"

Sessional Paper 654/2017

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

Copy of a Globe and Mail article dated November 7, 2012, entitled "A search for social licence in a deep well of distrust"

Sessional Paper 655/2017

ProQuest reprint of a National Post article dated February 8, 2016, entitled "Will it be Paris or Calgary?"

Sessional Paper 656/2017

Mr. Schneider, Hon. Member for Little Bow:

ProQuest reprint of a National Post article dated May 20, 2017, entitled "Notley learns hard truth about social licence"

Sessional Paper 657/2017

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock:

ProQuest reprint of a Telegraph-Journal article dated May 18, 2017, entitled "Pipeline tensions challenge Ottawa"

Sessional Paper 658/2017

Mr. Strankman, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler:

ProQuest reprint of a Vancouver Sun article dated June 4, 2016, entitled "Ex-minister expresses cynicism over concept of 'social licence'"

Sessional Paper 659/2017

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky:

ProQuest reprint of a Calgary Herald article dated May 12, 2017, entitled "Alberta must devise a plan to handle pipeline politics"

Sessional Paper 660/2017

ProQuest reprint of a Calgary Herald article dated May 20, 2017, entitled "Taking the high road will get Alberta nowhere; Preventing power from shifting west is part of the DNA of federal Liberals"

Sessional Paper 661/2017

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Gray, Minister of Labour and Minister Responsible for Democratic Renewal, pursuant to the Regulated Forestry Profession Act, cR-13, s4(2):

College of Alberta Professional Foresters, 2016-2017 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 662/2017

College of Alberta Professional Forest Technologists, Annual Report 2016-2017 Sessional Paper 663/2017

Privilege – Intimidating Gesture

Hon. Mr. Mason, Government House Leader, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding an intimidating gesture made by Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, toward Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, in the Assembly on December 5, 2017.

The Deputy Speaker heard from Mr. Nixon and Mr. McIver.

Pursuant to Standing Order 15(4), the matter was deferred to the next sitting day.

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(2) in order to allow the Assembly to move immediately to Second Reading of Bill 216, Child, Youth and Family Enhancement (Protecting Alberta's Children) Amendment Act, 2017.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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Mr. Hunter moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

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Bill 30, An Act to Protect the Health and Well-being of Working Albertans, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

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

For the amendment: 9

Aheer Drysdale Orr Anderson (Highwood) Hunter Panda Cooper McIver Stier

Against the amendment: 31

Babcock Hinkley Nielsen Horne Carson Payne **Piquette** Connolly Jansen Coolahan Kleinsteuber Renaud Cortes-Vargas Larivee Rosendahl Dang Littlewood Schmidt Drever Lovola Schreiner Eggen Malkinson Shepherd Fitzpatrick McKitrick Sigurdson Goehring Sucha Miller Gray

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:03 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Government Motions

35. Moved by Hon. Mr. Mason:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the Third Session of the 29th Legislature 2017 Fall Sitting of the Assembly be extended beyond the first Thursday in December until such time as, or when, the Government House Leader advises the Assembly that the business for the sitting is concluded and at such time the Assembly stands adjourned.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 33 Electoral Divisions Act — Hon. Mr. Mason

A debate followed.

Mr. Stier, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 33, Electoral Divisions Act, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that the descriptions of electoral divisions referenced in the Bill and described in the DVD tabled as Sessional Paper 624/2017 do not adequately provide for the effective representation of rural Alberta.

A debate followed on the amendment.

Mr. Loewen moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Mason, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:00 p.m. until Wednesday, December 6, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.

Hon. Robert E. Wanner, Speaker

Title: Tuesday, December 5, 2017