



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 62

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Ninth Legislature

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 9:00 a.m.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 32 An Act to Strengthen and Protect Democracy in Alberta — Hon. Ms Gray

Mrs. Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 32, An Act to Strengthen and Protect Democracy in Alberta, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

A debate followed on the amendment.

Debate adjourned on the amendment, Mr. Strankman 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. Panda, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement regarding the new Carbon Competitiveness Incentives, which will replace the Specified Gas Emitters Regulation on January 1, 2018, and the added costs and risks it will bring to the oil and gas sector.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding her consultations with Grade 6 students in the Edmonton-Manning constituency that provided her with the idea for Bill 212, Tobacco and Smoking Reduction (Protecting Children's Health) Amendment Act, 2017.

Mr. Orr, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding the amenities in Blackfalds that makes it a community of choice for young families.

Mr. Kleinsteuber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Northern Hills, made a statement regarding the Watch Dogs group, part of the Northern Hills Community Association Building Safer Communities Block Watch, which has been successful in reducing crime in the Coventry area of Calgary.

Mr. McIver, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement regarding the Government's record concerning pipeline approvals.

MLA Drever, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement recognizing December 6, 2017, as the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, and remembering the massacre at École Polytechnique de Montréal in 1989.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 34 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2017 — Hon. Mr. Mason

Bill 212 Tobacco and Smoking Reduction (Protecting Children's Health) Amendment Act, 2017 — Ms Sweet

Bill 215 Tow Truck Safety Act — Mr. Drysdale

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

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

8 recent pieces of correspondence from Alberta municipalities expressing support for Bill 212, Tobacco and Smoking Reduction (Protecting Children's Health) Amendment Act, 2017

Sessional Paper 664/2017

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

Financial Post website article dated December 7, 2016, entitled "Kevin Libin: Beware of fake news reporting that Liberals are better than Tories on pipelines"

Sessional Paper 665/2017

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West:

Calgary Herald website article dated November 30, 2017, entitled "Varcoe: Alberta takes serious steps to battle bots and scammers"

Sessional Paper 666/2017

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

4 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 667/2017

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

CBC News website article dated October 30, 2017, entitled "Legislation banning scalper bots will cause more problems than the one it's trying to solve," relating to comments made by Mr. Cyr during Second Reading debate on Bill 31, A Better Deal for Consumers and Businesses Act, on December 5, 2017

Sessional Paper 668/2017

Alberta Government news release dated December 6, 2017, entitled "Improving consumer protections in auto industry," relating to comments made by Mr. Cyr during Second Reading debate on Bill 31, A Better Deal for Consumers and Businesses Act, on December 5, 2017

Sessional Paper 669/2017

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

1 recent email message and three recent website articles relating to comments made by Dr. Starke during Second Reading debate on Bill 31, A Better Deal for Consumers and Businesses Act, on December 5, 2017

Sessional Paper 670/2017

Hon. Mr. Wanner, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 114:

Legislative Assembly Office, 2016 Annual Report, and Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Alberta Branch, and Interparliamentary Relations, 2016 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 671/2017

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Bilous, Minister of Economic Development and Trade, pursuant to the Northern Alberta Development Council Act, cN-4, s8:

Northern Alberta Development Council, Annual Report 2016-17

Sessional Paper 672/2017

Privilege – Intimidating Gesture

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement apologizing for an intimidating gesture he made toward Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West, in the Assembly on December 5, 2017.

The Deputy Speaker declared the matter now closed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

A debate followed.

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of 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 because the Assembly is of the view that the Government has not provided Albertans enough time to be consulted on the specific changes being proposed and further has not provided assurances that a full economic impact analysis has been completed detailing any potential negative impact on the economic well-being of Albertans.

A debate followed on the amendment.

Debate adjourned on the amendment, Mr. Coolahan speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017 — 7:30 P.M.

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Stier, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, on December 5, 2017, 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.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Ms Larivee, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:59 p.m. until Thursday, December 7, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.

Hon. Robert E. Wanner,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, December 6, 2017