



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 63

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Ninth Legislature

Thursday, December 7, 2017

The 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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mrs. Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie, on December 6, 2017, 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.

Debate adjourned on the amendment, Mr. Panda 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. Westhead, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement regarding contrasting policies of the Government and of the United Conservative Party.

Mr. McIver, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement regarding inconsistent Government interprovincial trade policies and inaction on pipeline approvals.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement recognizing the work and dedication of Inspector Pam Robinson, Constable Patrick Lambert, Corporal Laurel Kading, and Auxiliary Constable Shelly Ullery of the St. Albert RCMP detachment.

Ms Woollard, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, made a statement regarding nine families who will be moving into new homes in Carter Place in Edmonton that were built by Habitat for Humanity.

Ms Miller, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the efficiency and professionalism of the staff in the emergency department at the Red Deer Regional Hospital.

Mr. MacIntyre, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, made a statement regarding rural Albertans' concerns about crime in their areas.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, presented a petition from 434 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to pass a Bill banning all trophy hunting within the Province of Alberta.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Hanson, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills:

Report dated October 10, 2017, entitled "Political Third Party Advertiser Year-to-Date Report of Quarterly Contributions, January 1, 2017, to September 30, 2017, Alberta Federation of Labour," relating to comments made by Mr. Hanson during Second Reading debate on Bill 32, An Act to Strengthen and Protect Democracy in Alberta, on December 7, 2017

Sessional Paper 673/2017

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

Email message dated December 6, 2017, from Hon. Ms McLean, Minister of Service Alberta and Minister of Status of Women, with the addressee's name blocked out, responding to correspondence concerning proposed amendments to the Veterinary Profession Act

Sessional Paper 674/2017

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 675/2017

Edmonton Journal website article dated December 4, 2017, entitled "Man charged with attempted murder after Red Deer home invasion," relating to Mr. MacIntyre's Member's Statement on December 7, 2017

Sessional Paper 676/2017

rdnewsNOW website article dated December 4, 2017, entitled "RCMP investigating three break-ins to Red Deer schools," relating to Mr. MacIntyre's Member's Statement on December 7, 2017

Sessional Paper 677/2017

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

Letter, unsigned, undated, from Dr. Julie Schell, Bow Bottom Veterinary Hospital, to Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, expressing opposition to the proposed amendments to the Veterinary Profession Act in Bill 31, A Better Deal for Consumers and Businesses Act

Sessional Paper 678/2017

Letter, unsigned, dated December 1, 2017, from Christian Hansen-Jones to Hon. Ms McLean, Minister of Service Alberta and Minister of Status of Women, expressing opposition to the proposed amendments to the Veterinary Profession Act in Bill 31, A Better Deal for Consumers and Businesses Act

Sessional Paper 679/2017

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Minister of Seniors and Housing:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, and Mr. Clark, Hon. Member for Calgary-Elbow, on April 13, 2017, Ministry of Seniors and Housing, 2017-18 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 680/2017

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, on December 5, 2017, 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.

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

For the amendment: 9

Gotfried	McIver	Starke
Hanson	Pitt	Strankman
MacIntyre	Smith	Yao

Against the amendment: 39

Anderson (Leduc-Beaumont)	Gray	Nielsen
Babcock	Hinkley	Payne
Bilous	Hoffman	Piquette
Carson	Horne	Renaud
Ceci	Kleinsteuber	Sabir
Connolly	Larivee	Schmidt
Coolahan	Littlewood	Schreiner
Cortes-Vargas	Loyola	Shepherd
Dang	Luff	Sigurdson
Drever	Malkinson	Sucha
Feehan	McKitrick	Turner
Fitzpatrick	McLean	Westhead
Goehring	Miller	Woollard

Mr. Strankman, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, 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 because the Assembly is of the view that the Government did not adequately consult with veterinary professionals across Alberta including the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Feehan, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:28 p.m. until Monday, December 11, 2017, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Robert E. Wanner,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, December 7, 2017