

No. 21

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Ninth Legislature

Monday, April 30, 2018

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Kleinsteuber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Northern Hills, made a statement recognizing April 28, 2018, as the National Day of Mourning, to remember workers who have been killed, injured, or suffered illness on the job, and regarding An Act to Protect the Health and Well-being of Working Albertans, which will take effect on June 1, 2018.

Hon. Mr. Kenney, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement recognizing April 30, 2018, as Journey to Freedom Day, in commemoration of the exodus of Vietnamese refugees and their acceptance in Canada after the fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975.

Mr. Piquette, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater, made a statement recognizing April 2018 as National Dig Safe Awareness Month and regarding the free Click Before You Dig service in Alberta.

Mr. Drysdale, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement regarding the 2018 Alberta Summer Games to be held in Grande Prairie from July 19 to 22, 2018.

Mrs. Schreiner, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding community events held in the Red Deer-North constituency in support of those who suffer from health issues, and urging similar support in all communities.

Mr. Cyr, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding recent comments made on Twitter by Hon. Ms McLean, Minister of Service Alberta and Minister of Status of Women, concerning the conservative movement and anti-Semitism.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, presented a petition from 250 Albertans urging the Government to reinvest at least 50 per cent of any savings anticipated from generic drug cost reductions resulting from the 5-year agreement recently negotiated between the pan-Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance and the Canadian Generic Pharmaceutical Association effective April 1, 2018, into frontline pharmacy services and programs to ensure the delivery of better healthcare for Albertans and the sustainability and job security of the thousands of Albertans employed in pharmacies and drugstores across our province, including Alberta pharmacists who have a demonstrably positive impact on the healthcare outcomes of Albertans and do save the healthcare system money.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Kenney, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to recognize April 30 each year as Journey to Freedom Day in commemoration of the more than 60,000 Vietnamese refugees who came to Canada in search of freedom and prosperity, following the fall of Saigon and the end of the Vietnam War in 1975;

And be it further resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize the valuable contributions of Alberta's Vietnamese community to our province.

Mr. Nixon, Official Opposition House Leader, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government not to proceed with any further increases to the carbon tax until Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain Expansion Project has completed construction and commenced commercial operations.

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Feehan, Minister of Indigenous Relations, pursuant to the Metis Settlements Act, cM-14, s211(2):

Metis Settlements Appeal Tribunal, Annual Report 2017

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Motions Under Standing Order 42

Hon. Mr. Kenney, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to recognize April 30 each year as Journey to Freedom Day in commemoration of the more than 60,000 Vietnamese refugees who came to Canada in search of freedom and prosperity, following the fall of Saigon and the end of the Vietnam War in 1975;

And be it further resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize the valuable contributions of Alberta's Vietnamese community to our province.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Mr. Nixon, Official Opposition House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government not to proceed with any further increases to the carbon tax until Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain Expansion Project has completed construction and commenced commercial operations.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

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 203 Long Term Care Information Act — Mrs. Schreiner

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

502. Moved by Mr. Fildebrandt:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services to reduce by five percent the salaries payable to members of the Executive Council under section 1 of the Executive Council Salaries Order and the indemnity allowance and other allowances payable to Members of the Legislative Assembly under sections 1(a), 3(2) and 4 of the Members' Allowances Order, and to not approve any increases to these reduced salaries and allowances until such time as the Minister of Finance tables a balanced budget for that fiscal year in the Assembly.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Feehan, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:14 p.m. until Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. Robert E. Wanner, Speaker

Title: Monday, April 30, 2018