

Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 9

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Thirtieth Legislature

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, made a statement regarding the impacts of the United Conservative Government's actions.

Mr. Rehn, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding efforts to contain the wildfires in the Lesser Slave Lake area.

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding the opioid crisis in Lethbridge.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding infrastructure fundraising for Irma School.

Mr. Walker, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding the Strathcona Christian Academy.

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding comments made by Mr. Bilous, Official Opposition House Leader, in the Assembly on June 4, 2019.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 8 Education Amendment Act, 2019 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

CBC News website article dated November 25, 2018, entitled "Oilpatch share buybacks drive record high totals on Toronto Stock Exchange," relating to comments made by Mr. Schmidt during Second Reading debate on Bill 3, Job Creation Tax Cut (Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment) Act, on June 4, 2019 Sessional Paper 46/2019

The Chronicle Herald website article dated May 14, 2019, entitled "Cash-rich Canadian oil firms favor buybacks as other options narrow," relating to comments made by Mr. Schmidt during Second Reading debate on Bill 3, Job Creation Tax Cut (Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment) Act, on June 4, 2019

Sessional Paper 47/2019

Hon. Mr. Nicolaides, Minister of Advanced Education:

Report dated June 29, 2018, entitled "Hate Speech and Freedom of Expression: Legal Boundaries in Canada," prepared by the Canadian Library of Parliament Sessional Paper 48/2019

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall:

Letter dated June 2, 2019, from Bhajan Singh Gill, General Secretary, Progressive Cultural Association of Calgary, and Harcharan Parhar, Editor in Chief, Sikh Virsa International Inc., to Mark Neufeld, Calgary Police Service, requesting support to combat youth gang violence and illegal drug use

Sessional Paper 49/2019

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 4 Red Tape Reduction Act — Hon. Mr. Hunter

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 31

Amery	McIver	Rutherford
Ellis	Milliken	Sawhney
Glasgo	Neudorf	Schow
Hanson	Nicolaides	Schulz
Horner	Orr	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Hunter	Panda	Singh
Jones	Rehn	Stephan
Loewen	Reid	Walker
Long	Rosin	Williams
Lovely	Rowswell	Wilson
Madu		
Against the motion: 13		
Bilous	Goehring	Phillips
Dach	Gray	Sabir
Dang	Hoffman	Schmidt

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

Bill 4 Red Tape Reduction Act - Hon. Mr. Hunter

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

Bill 2 An Act to Make Alberta Open for Business - Hon. Mr. Copping

A debate followed.

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Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, the Assembly adjourned at 5:56 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2019 - 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

An Act to Make Alberta Open for Business - Hon. Mr. Copping Bill 2



A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Nixon moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 3 Job Creation Tax Cut (Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment) Act — Hon. Mr. Toews

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

- A. Section 2(b) is amended
 - (a) by striking out the proposed section 21(t) and substituting the following:
 - (t) beginning after December 31, 2019, is 10% of the amount taxable in Alberta for the years, or
 - (b) by striking out the proposed section 21(v) to (y).
- B. Section 3 is amended
 - (a) in clause (b)
 - (i) in the proposed section 22(2.1297)(c), by striking out "and before January 1, 2021", and
 - (ii) by striking out the proposed section 22(2.1298) and (2.1299);
 - (b) in clause (c) by striking out ", (2.1295), (2.1296), (2.1297), (2.1298) and (2.1299)" and substituting ", (2.1295), (2.1296) and (2.1297)".

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 12

Bilous	Deol	Pancholi
Carson	Eggen	Renaud
Dach	Irwin	Sabir
Dang	Loyola	Shepherd

Against the amendment: 31

Aheer	LaGrange	Reid
Allard	Loewen	Rowswell
Amery	Long	Rutherford
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Milliken	Schow
Copping	Nally	Schulz
Getson	Neudorf	Shandro
Goodridge	Nicolaides	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Gotfried	Nixon (Calgary-Klein)	Toor
Guthrie	Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)	Turton
Issik	Panda	Williams
Jones		

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 3 Job Creation Tax Cut (Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment) Act — Hon. Mr. Toews

Mr. Milliken, Deputy Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 3 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre) — Defeated on division

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Second Reading

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

Bill 2 An Act to Make Alberta Open for Business — Hon. Mr. Copping

A debate followed.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, raised a question of quorum pursuant to Standing Order 5(2). The division bells were sounded for one minute, following which the Acting Speaker confirmed a quorum was present.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, on behalf of Mr. Bilous, Official Opposition House Leader, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 2, An Act to Make Alberta Open for Business, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that the Bill will not draw investment to Alberta or stimulate the economy and that further input from the public is necessary.

A debate followed on the amendment.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, raised a question of quorum pursuant to Standing Order 5(2). The Speaker confirmed a quorum was present.

Debate resumed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 18

Carson	Goehring	Pancholi
Ceci	Gray	Phillips
Dang	Hoffman	Renaud
Eggen	Loyola	Sabir
Feehan	Nielsen	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ganley	Notley	Sweet

Against the amendment: 48

Aheer	Long	Sawhney
Allard	Lovely	Schow
Amery	Madu	Schulz
Barnes	Milliken	Schweitzer
Copping	Nally	Shandro
Dreeshen	Neudorf	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Ellis	Nicolaides	Singh
Getson	Nixon (Calgary-Klein)	Smith
Glasgo	Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)	Stephan
Guthrie	Orr	Toews
Hanson	Panda	Toor
Horner	Pitt	Turton
Hunter	Rehn	van Dijken
Issik	Reid	Walker
LaGrange	Rosin	Wilson
Loewen	Savage	Yaseen

Debate continued on the main motion.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 2, An Act to Make Alberta Open for Business, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

A debate followed on the amendment.

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Ministerial Statements.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, made a statement recognizing June 6, 2019, as the 75th anniversary of D-Day, and regarding the contributions and sacrifices of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, commented on the statement.

Debate resumed on the amendment.

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for any votes on the amendment and Second Reading of the Bill.

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Orders 3(1), 7(1), and 7(1.1) to allow the Assembly to meet on Monday, June 10, 2019, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in addition to the normal sitting hours and to commence ordinary Daily Routine business at 11:00 a.m. on that Monday, with Oral Question Period to commence at 11:10 a.m.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

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

For the amendment: 13

Bilous	Goehring	Loyola
Dach	Gray	Nielsen
Deol	Hoffman	Schmidt
Eggen	Irwin	Shepherd
Feehan		-

Against the amendment: 48

Aheer	LaGrange	Rowswell
Allard	Loewen	Savage
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Long	Sawhney
Copping	Lovely	Schow
Dreeshen	Luan	Schulz
Ellis	Madu	Schweitzer
Glasgo	Milliken	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Glubish	Nally	Singh
Goodridge	Neudorf	Smith
Gotfried	Nicolaides	Stephan
Guthrie	Nixon (Calgary-Klein)	Toews
Hanson	Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)	Toor
Horner	Orr	Turton
Issik	Pitt	van Dijken
Jones	Reid	Wilson
Kenney	Rosin	Yaseen

The question for Second Reading of Bill 2, An Act to Make Alberta Open for Business, being immediately put, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 49

Aheer	Loewen	Rowswell
Allard	Long	Savage
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Lovely	Sawhney
Copping	Luan	Schow
Dreeshen	Madu	Schulz
Ellis	Milliken	Schweitzer
Glasgo	Nally	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Glubish	Neudorf	Singh
Goodridge	Nicolaides	Smith
Gotfried	Nixon (Calgary-Klein)	Stephan
Guthrie	Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)	Toews
Hanson	Orr	Toor
Horner	Pitt	Turton
Issik	Rehn	van Dijken
Jones	Reid	Wilson
Kenney	Rosin	Yaseen
LaGrange		
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Against the motion: 13		

Bilous	Goehring	Loyola
Dach	Gray	Nielsen
Deol	Hoffman	Schmidt
Eggen	Irwin	Shepherd
Feehan		

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

Bill 2 An Act to Make Alberta Open for Business

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 7:43 p.m. Thursday, June 6, 2019, until Monday, June 10, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper, Speaker

Title: Wednesday, June 5, 2019