



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 22

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Thirtieth Legislature

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

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

Speaker's Statement – Pages of the Assembly

The Speaker made a statement recognizing the Pages who would not be returning for the next sitting of the Legislature and read a letter from the departing Pages.

Members' Statements

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the City of Lethbridge.

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the previous New Democratic Party Government's fiscal record.

Mr. Reid, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the Southern Alberta Summer Games.

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding the lack of funding for schools.

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding women in the trades.

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding Inclusion Alberta.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

27. Be it resolved that:

1. The 2017 Annual Report of the Alberta Property Rights Advocate Office be referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future for review;
2. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued;
3. In accordance with section 5(5) of the Property Rights Advocate Act, the Committee shall report back to the Assembly within 60 days of the report being referred to it if the Assembly is then sitting or, if it is not then sitting, within 15 days after the commencement of the next sitting.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

The Guardian website article dated June 24, 2019, entitled "Austerity and inequality fuelling mental illness, says top UN envoy"

Sessional Paper 159/2019

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, s1(2), s8(1):

Government of Alberta, 2018-19 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 160/2019

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Madu, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, cM-26, s708.09:

Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board, 2018-2019 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 161/2019

Privilege – Threatening Comments

Oral notice having been given on June 27, 2019, Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, on behalf of Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding threatening comments made by Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, in the Assembly on Thursday, June 27, 2019.

The Speaker heard from Ms Sweet.

Apology by Member

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement withdrawing and apologizing for comments she made on June 27, 2019.

The Speaker accepted the apology on behalf of the Assembly, made additional remarks concerning the comments, and advised that he considered the purported question of privilege concluded.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

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)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

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 2 (A2) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West on June 25, 2019) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 133/2019

Government Motions

9. Oral notice having been given May 23, 2019, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize the right of Members to vote freely on all matters of conscience.

A debate followed.

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

10. Oral notice having been given May 23, 2019, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly express its opposition to the practice of Members changing their caucus affiliation unless that Member is to sit as an independent or has resigned and been returned to the Assembly after being re-elected in a by-election under the new affiliation.

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Kenney 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 Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

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Amendment to Bill 2 (A2) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West on June 25, 2019) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 133/2019

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:49 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2019 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Motions

26. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the 2019 Spring Sitting of the Assembly shall stand adjourned upon the Government House Leader advising the Assembly that the business for the Sitting is concluded.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

25. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that:

1. The Public Sector Compensation Transparency Act be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship and the Committee shall be deemed to be the special committee of the Assembly for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive review pursuant to section 14 of that Act;
2. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued;
3. In accordance with section 14 of the Public Sector Compensation Transparency Act, the Committee must submit its report to the Assembly within six months after beginning its review and that report is to include any amendments recommended by the Committee.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

9. Oral notice having been given May 23, 2019, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize the right of Members to vote freely on all matters of conscience.

A debate followed.

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the votes on all Government Motions debated this evening.

The question being 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: 31

Aheer	Lovely	Sawhney
Amery	Luan	Schow
Barnes	Madu	Schulz
Dreeshen	Neudorf	Schweitzer
Fir	Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Glasgo	Orr	Singh
Hanson	Pitt	Smith
Horner	Rehn	Stephan
Hunter	Rosin	Walker
Kenney	Rowswell	Wilson
Loewen		

Against the motion: 12

Bilous	Gray	Phillips
Ceci	Hoffman	Renaud
Dach	Irwin	Schmidt
Feehan	Notley	Shepherd

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Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly express its opposition to the practice of Members changing their caucus affiliation unless that Member is to sit as an independent or has resigned and been returned to the Assembly after being re-elected in a by-election under the new affiliation.

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: 29

Aheer	Lovely	Schow
Amery	Luan	Schulz
Barnes	Madu	Schweitzer
Dreeshen	Neudorf	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Fir	Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)	Singh
Glasgo	Orr	Smith
Hanson	Rehn	Stephan
Horner	Rosin	Walker
Hunter	Rowswell	Wilson
Loewen	Sawhney	

Against the motion: 12

Bilous	Gray	Phillips
Ceci	Hoffman	Renaud
Dach	Irwin	Schmidt
Feehan	Notley	Shepherd

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 13 Alberta Senate Election Act — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

A debate followed.

The question being 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: 30

Aheer	Lovely	Sawhney
Amery	Luan	Schow
Barnes	Madu	Schulz
Dreeshen	Neudorf	Schweitzer
Fir	Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Glasgo	Orr	Singh
Hanson	Pitt	Smith
Horner	Rehn	Stephan
Hunter	Rosin	Walker
Loewen	Rowswell	Wilson

Against the motion: 11

Bilous	Gray	Phillips
Ceci	Hoffman	Renaud
Dach	Irwin	Schmidt
Feehan	Notley	

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

Bill 13 Alberta Senate Election Act — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

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)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Mr. Hanson, Acting 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 2 (A2) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West on June 25, 2019) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 133/2019

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2), Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no morning sitting on Wednesday, July 3, 2019.

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 the remainder of the evening, including during Committee of the Whole.

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, on June 25, 2019, that the Bill be amended as follows:

- A. The title is amended by striking out “An Act to Make Alberta Open for Business” and substituting “Employment Standards and Labour Relations Statutes Amendment Act, 2019”.
- B. In the following provisions “An Act to Make Alberta Open for Business” is struck out wherever it occurs and “Employment Standards and Labour Relations Statutes Amendment Act, 2019” is substituted:
 - section 2(4), in the proposed section 34(11) and (12);
 - section 4(3).

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

For the amendment: 12

Bilous	Gray	Phillips
Ceci	Hoffman	Renaud
Dach	Irwin	Schmidt
Feehan	Notley	Shepherd

Against the amendment: 30

Aheer	Lovely	Sawhney
Amery	Luan	Schow
Barnes	Madu	Schulz
Dreeshen	Neudorf	Schweitzer
Fir	Nixon (Calgary-Klein)	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Glasgo	Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)	Singh
Hanson	Orr	Smith
Horner	Rehn	Stephan
Hunter	Rosin	Walker
Loewen	Rowswell	Wilson

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, moved that the Bill be amended in section 1(3) in the proposed section 26 by adding the following after subsection (2):

- (3) For the purposes of this Division, and notwithstanding section 27, Christmas Day shall be deemed to be a day that would normally have been a work day for an employee.

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

For the amendment: 10

Bilous	Hoffman	Renaud
Ceci	Irwin	Schmidt
Dach	Phillips	Shepherd
Gray		

Against the amendment: 29

Aheer	Lovely	Schow
Amery	Luan	Schulz
Barnes	Madu	Schweitzer
Dreeshen	Neudorf	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Fir	Nixon (Calgary-Klein)	Singh
Glasgo	Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)	Smith
Hanson	Rehn	Stephan
Horner	Rosin	Walker
Hunter	Rowswell	Wilson
Loewen	Sawhney	

Mr. Bilous, Official Opposition House Leader, on behalf of Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, moved that the Bill be amended by striking out section 1(2).

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

For the amendment: 10

Bilous	Hoffman	Renaud
Ceci	Irwin	Schmidt
Dach	Phillips	Shepherd
Gray		

Against the amendment: 30

Aheer	Lovely	Sawhney
Amery	Luan	Schow
Barnes	Madu	Schulz
Dreeshen	Neudorf	Schweitzer
Fir	Nixon (Calgary-Klein)	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Glasgo	Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)	Singh
Hanson	Orr	Smith
Horner	Rehn	Stephan
Hunter	Rosin	Walker
Loewen	Rowswell	Wilson

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, on behalf of Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, moved that the Bill be amended by adding the following after section 3:

Review by committee of the Legislative Assembly

3.1 On or before October 1, 2021, a committee of the Legislative Assembly must begin a comprehensive review of the amendments made by this Act and must submit to the Assembly, within one year after beginning the review, a report that includes any amendments recommended by the committee.

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

For the amendment: 10

Bilous	Hoffman	Renaud
Ceci	Irwin	Schmidt
Dach	Phillips	Shepherd
Gray		

Against the amendment: 30

Aheer	Lovely	Sawhney
Amery	Luan	Schow
Barnes	Madu	Schulz
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Fir	Nixon (Calgary-Klein)	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Glasgo	Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)	Singh
Hanson	Orr	Smith
Horner	Rehn	Stephan
Hunter	Rosin	Walker
Loewen	Rowswell	Wilson

The question was put that Bill 2, An Act to Make Alberta Open for Business, be reported, which was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 31

Aheer	Lovely	Sawhney
Amery	Luan	Schow
Barnes	Madu	Schulz
Dreeshen	Neudorf	Schweitzer
Fir	Nixon (Calgary-Klein)	Sigurdson (Highwood)
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Hanson	Orr	Smith
Horner	Rehn	Stephan
Hunter	Rosin	Walker
Kenney	Rowswell	Wilson
Loewen		

Against the motion: 10

Bilous	Hoffman	Renaud
Ceci	Irwin	Schmidt
Dach	Phillips	Shepherd
Gray		

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

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

Mr. Hanson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

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Amendment to Bill 2 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Defeated on division

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Amendment to Bill 2 (A4) (Official Opposition House Leader on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 163/2019

Amendment to Bill 2 (A5) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 164/2019

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2), and on motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:39 a.m. Wednesday, July 3, 2019, until 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, July 2, 2019