



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 43

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Tuesday, November 19, 2019

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

**Members' Statements**

Mr. Bilous, Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement regarding Holodomor.

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding Holodomor.

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, made a statement regarding the Chops and Crops agricultural event.

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding Barbara Scriver.

Ms Issik, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding interprovincial trade barriers.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding Alberta farmers.

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding urban crime.

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, made a statement regarding federal equalization payments.

## **Speaker's Ruling – Unparliamentary Language**

The Speaker ruled that comments made by Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, during Oral Question Period were unparliamentary, and he invited Ms Notley to withdraw her remarks.

## **Naming a Member**

Ms Notley stated that she did not wish to withdraw her remarks.

Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, was named by the Speaker for the remainder of the day. Ms Notley then left the Chamber.

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding Medicine Hat.

## **Notices of Motions**

Mr. Bilous, 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 consider, pursuant to Standing Order 42, the urgent and pressing matter of the preservation of the public interest with respect to the management and stewardship of records or correspondence pertaining to ongoing investigations currently being undertaken by the Election Commissioner.

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(8), Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, provided notice to the Assembly that the Daily Routine shall continue beyond 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Dreeschen, Hon. Minister for Agriculture and Forestry, 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 of Canada to take all steps necessary to convene the Parliament of Canada as soon as possible to introduce emergency legislation to compel Canadian National Railway employees to return to work in order to prevent the potentially devastating impact of a strike on Alberta's energy and agriculture sectors.

## **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Oral notice having been given November 18, 2019:

Bill 27 Trespass Statutes (Protecting Law-abiding Property Owners) Amendment Act, 2019 — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

Edmonton Journal website article dated November 19, 2019, entitled “Opinion: Bill removes checks on doctors who put conscience over patients’ well-being”  
Sessional Paper 395/2019

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre:

7 recent email messages to Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, expressing opposition to the Government’s proposal to have AIMCo administer the pension fund for Alberta’s teachers  
Sessional Paper 396/2019

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

24 recent letters to Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, regarding teachers’ classroom concerns  
Sessional Paper 397/2019

12 recent email messages to Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, and Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Education, expressing concern regarding the proposed Budget 2019 and the education budget  
Sessional Paper 398/2019

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View:

Media Release dated November 19, 2019, prepared by Lorne Gibson, Election Commissioner  
Sessional Paper 399/2019

34 recent email messages to various Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing opposition to the Government’s proposal to have AIMCo administer the pension fund for Alberta’s teachers  
Sessional Paper 400/2019

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

Letter dated October 30, 2019, from Craig Lukinuk, Reeve, Smoky Lake County, supporting the nomination of the North Saskatchewan River for the Canadian Heritage River System on an interprovincial basis  
Sessional Paper 401/2019

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

53 recent email messages to Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing concern regarding the Government’s proposal to de-index AISH payments  
Sessional Paper 402/2019

Government of Alberta website page entitled “Climate Change in Alberta,” relating to comments made by Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, during Main Estimates consideration on November 19, 2019

Sessional Paper 403/2019

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung:

7 recent email messages to Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, expressing concern regarding the recent cancellation of Rapattack

Sessional Paper 404/2019

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-25, s63(2), Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Alberta, Annual Report 2018-19

Sessional Paper 405/2019

Pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s46(2), Annual Report of the Office of the Ethics Commissioner, April 1, 2018, to March 31, 2019

Sessional Paper 406/2019

## **Motions Under Standing Order 42**

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly consider, pursuant to Standing Order 42, the urgent and pressing matter of the preservation of the public interest with respect to the management and stewardship of records or correspondence pertaining to ongoing investigations currently being undertaken by the Election Commissioner.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

Mr. Dreeshen, Hon. Minister for Agriculture and Forestry, requested unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of Canada to take all steps necessary to convene the Parliament of Canada as soon as possible to introduce emergency legislation to compel Canadian National Railway employees to return to work in order to prevent the potentially devastating impact of a strike on Alberta’s energy and agriculture sectors.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

## **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(5)(b) and the Budget 2019 Main Estimates Schedule, the Assembly adjourned at 3:02 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2019 — 7:30 P.M.

**Committee of Supply** (Main Supply Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Mr. van Dijken, Chair, Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future, presented the following report:

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(10), the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future has reviewed the 2019-20 proposed estimates and business plans for the Ministries of Advanced Education, Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women, Economic Development, Trade and Tourism, Labour and Immigration, and Infrastructure.

Ms Sigurdson, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Families and Communities, presented the following report:

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(10), the Standing Committee on Families and Communities has reviewed the 2019-20 proposed estimates and business plans for the Ministries of Children's Services, Community and Social Services, Education, Health, Justice and Solicitor General, Seniors and Housing, and Service Alberta.

Mr. Hanson, Chair, Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, presented the following report:

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(10), the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship has reviewed the 2019-20 proposed estimates and business plans for the Ministries of Agriculture and Forestry, Energy, Environment and Parks, Indigenous Relations, Municipal Affairs, Transportation, and Treasury Board and Finance.

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Milliken reported as follows:

Madam Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2019-20 Offices of the Legislative Assembly, General Revenue Fund, and the 2019-20 Government Estimates, General Revenue Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020, for the Ministries and purposes indicated:

<b>Support to the Legislative Assembly</b>	\$67,343,000
<b>Office of the Auditor General</b>	\$27,834,000
<b>Office of the Ombudsman</b>	\$4,291,000
<b>Office of the Chief Electoral Officer</b>	\$33,229,000
<b>Office of the Ethics Commissioner</b>	\$945,000
<b>Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner</b>	\$7,578,000
<b>Office of the Child and Youth Advocate</b>	\$15,525,000
<b>Office of the Public Interest Commissioner</b>	\$1,149,000
<b>Office of the Election Commissioner</b>	\$2,021,000
<b>Advanced Education</b>	
Expense	\$2,873,436,000
Capital Investment	\$25,000
Financial Transactions	\$688,800,000
<b>Agriculture and Forestry</b>	
Expense	\$1,145,431,000
Capital Investment	\$15,326,000
Financial Transactions	\$1,310,000
<b>Children's Services</b>	
Expense	\$1,417,598,000
Capital Investment	\$84,000
<b>Community and Social Services</b>	
Expense	\$3,946,626,000
Capital Investment	\$683,000
<b>Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women</b>	
Expense	\$271,546,000
Capital Investment	\$2,331,000
Financial Transactions	\$1,554,000

**Economic Development, Trade and Tourism**

Expense	\$298,367,000
Capital Investment	\$25,000

**Education**

Expense	\$4,916,835,000
Capital Investment	\$751,000
Financial Transactions	\$15,678,000

**Energy**

Expense	\$1,761,001,000
Capital Investment	\$874,000
Financial Transactions	\$98,899,000

**Environment and Parks**

Expense	\$651,209,000
Capital Investment	\$72,110,000
Financial Transactions	\$4,019,000

**Executive Council**

Expense	\$19,619,000
Capital Investment	\$25,000

**Health**

Expense	\$20,982,469,000
Capital Investment	\$22,230,000
Financial Transactions	\$67,819,000

**Indigenous Relations**

Expense	\$198,357,000
Capital Investment	\$25,000
Financial Transactions	\$14,157,000

**Infrastructure**

Expense	\$484,358,000
Capital Investment	\$1,327,268,000
Financial Transactions	\$36,777,000

**Justice and Solicitor General**

Expense	\$1,367,512,000
Capital Investment	\$9,198,000

**Labour and Immigration**

Expense	\$220,860,000
Capital Investment	\$1,150,000

**Municipal Affairs**

Expense	\$1,482,557,000
Capital Investment	\$4,104,000
Financial Transactions	\$48,887,000

**Seniors and Housing**

Expense	\$455,426,000
Capital Investment	\$25,000
Financial Transactions	\$19,700,000

**Service Alberta**

Expense	\$611,233,000
Capital Investment	\$104,720,000
Financial Transactions	\$10,150,000

**Transportation**

Expense	\$1,128,536,000
Capital Investment	\$1,013,507,000
Financial Transactions	\$99,939,000

**Treasury Board and Finance**

Expense	\$240,095,000
Capital Investment	\$25,000
Financial Transactions	\$1,362,000
Contingency and Disaster and Emergency Assistance	\$680,000,000

On the motion to concur in the report of Committee of Supply, the question being put, the report and request for leave to sit again were agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:



For the motion: 36

Aheer	Loewen	Savage
Allard	Long	Sawhney
Amery	Luan	Schow
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Madu	Schulz
Copping	Milliken	Schweitzer
Dreeshen	Neudorf	Shandro
Glubish	Nicolaides	Stephan
Guthrie	Nixon (Calgary-Klein)	Toews
Hanson	Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)	Toor
Hunter	Pon	van Dijken
Jones	Reid	Wilson
LaGrange	Rosin	Yaseen

Against the motion: 10

Dach	Gray	Sabir
Dang	Nielsen	Shepherd
Deol	Phillips	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ganley		

### **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 24 Appropriation Act, 2019 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Toews

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 22 Reform of Agencies, Boards and Commissions and Government Enterprises Act, 2019 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Toews

A debate followed.

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 22, Reform of Agencies, Boards and Commissions and Government Enterprises Act, 2019, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that dissolving the independent Office of the Election Commissioner could have negative impacts on the independence of election administration and the real and perceived integrity of the election process in Alberta.

A debate followed on the amendment.

Ms Gray moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, 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.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 23 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2019 — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 20 Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act, 2019 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Toews

Mr. van Dijken, 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 20 (A2) (Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 407/2019

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:21 a.m. Wednesday, November 21, 2019, until 9:00 a.m.

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Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,  
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, November 19, 2019