



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 44

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Thirtieth Legislature

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

The Acting Speaker took the Chair at 9:00 a.m.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 21 Ensuring Fiscal Sustainability Act, 2019 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Toews

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 21 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) —
Adjourned

Sessional Paper 408/2019

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:17 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2019 — 1:30 PM

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding the Stollery Children's Hospital and Stollery Day.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding Holger Petersen.

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, made a statement regarding the Holodomor.

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding lead in drinking water.

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding National Child Day.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the impact of Budget 2019 on Albertans.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding red tape reduction for Alberta's farmers.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding gender equality.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding the fentanyl crisis.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Ellis, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, presented the following report:

Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, Final Report, Bill 206, Workers' Compensation (Enforcement of Decisions) Amendment Act, 2019, Thirtieth Legislature, First Session, November 2019
Sessional Paper 409/2019

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to the report that the Bill proceed.

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given on November 18, 2019:

Bill 26 Farm Freedom and Safety Act, 2019 — Hon. Mr. Dreeshen

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

10 recent email messages to Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, and Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, expressing opposition to the Government's proposal to have AIMCo administer the pension fund for Alberta's teachers

Sessional Paper 410/2019

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

3 recent news reports expressing concern regarding Bill 22, Reform of Agencies, Boards and Commissions and Government Enterprises Act, 2019, relating to comments made by Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, during Oral Question Period on November 20, 2019

Sessional Paper 411/2019

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland:

Report, undated, entitled “Ten Myths About Gun Control,” prepared by the Canadian Shooting Sports Association

Sessional Paper 412/2019

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

27 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 413/2019

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

National Observer website article dated November 2, 2019, entitled “Here’s how climate pollution in provinces Greta marched in compares to Sweden’s”

Sessional Paper 414/2019

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood:

44 recent email messages to various Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding Bill 207, Conscience Rights (Health Care Providers) Protection Act

Sessional Paper 415/2019

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

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

Government Motions

28. Moved by Hon. Mr. McIver on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly express its support for Alberta's oil and gas industry, for the continued responsible development of best-in-class energy resources in accordance with the highest ethical and environmental standards, and for individuals who show their support by wearing their pro-Canadian oil and gas apparel, including when visiting the Alberta Legislature, and urge the Government to continue its efforts to advocate for the reversal of federal and provincial policies that have negatively impacted workers in Alberta's oil and gas industry.

A debate followed.

Mr. Bilous, Official Opposition House Leader, moved that Government Motion 28 be amended as follows:

- (a) by adding "agricultural industry, forestry industry, renewable energy industry and technology sector" after "express its support for Alberta's oil and gas industry," and
- (b) by adding "and other clothing supporting Alberta's industries" after "pro-Canadian oil and gas apparel".

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

A debate followed on the motion as amended.

The question being put, the motion as amended was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(4), the Committee recessed at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

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 20 (A2) (introduced by the Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women on November 19, 2019) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 407/2019

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, on November 19, 2019, 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.

Hon. Mr. Nixon moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 31

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

Against the motion: 10

Bilous	Feehan	Loyola
Carson	Gray	Nielsen
Dach	Irwin	Renaud
Deol		

Government Motions

35. Oral notice having been given on November 18, 2019, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 22, Reform of Agencies, Boards and Commissions and Government Enterprises Act, 2019, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Second Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Nixon and Mr. Bilous commented on the time allocation motion.

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: 27

Aheer	Lovely	Rowswell
Amery	Luan	Rutherford
Barnes	Madu	Sawhney
Dreeshen	Neudorf	Schulz
Ellis	Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Hanson	Orr	Toews
Horner	Pitt	Toor
Hunter	Rehn	Walker
Long	Rosin	Wilson

Against the motion: 10

Bilous	Feehan	Loyola
Carson	Gray	Nielsen
Dach	Irwin	Renaud
Deol		

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, on November 19, 2019, 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.

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 for the duration of Committee of the Whole.

Pursuant to Government Motion 35, agreed to on November 20, 2019, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:04 p.m., the question was immediately put on the amendment to the motion for Second Reading of Bill 22, Reform of Agencies, Boards and Commissions and Government Enterprises Act, 2019, which was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 10

Bilous	Feehan	Loyola
Carson	Gray	Nielsen
Dach	Irwin	Renaud
Deol		

Against the amendment: 29

Aheer	Lovely	Rowswell
Amery	Luan	Rutherford
Barnes	Madu	Sawhney
Dreeshen	McIver	Schulz
Ellis	Neudorf	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Glasgo	Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)	Toews
Hanson	Orr	Toor
Horner	Pitt	Walker
Hunter	Rehn	Wilson
Long	Rosin	

Pursuant to Government Motion 35, agreed to on November 20, 2019, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:09 p.m., the question was immediately put on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 22, Reform of Agencies, Boards and Commissions and Government Enterprises Act, 2019, which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 29

Aheer	Lovely	Rowswell
Amery	Luan	Rutherford
Barnes	Madu	Sawhney
Dreeshen	McIver	Schulz
Ellis	Neudorf	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Glasgo	Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)	Toews
Hanson	Orr	Toor
Horner	Pitt	Walker
Hunter	Rehn	Wilson
Long	Rosin	

Against the motion: 10

Bilous	Feehan	Loyola
Carson	Gray	Nielsen
Dach	Irwin	Renaud
Deol		

Pursuant to Standing Order 64(3), at 10:15 p.m., the Speaker interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper for Second Reading.

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	Luan	Rutherford
Amery	Madu	Sawhney
Barnes	McIver	Schulz
Dreeshen	Neudorf	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Ellis	Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)	Singh
Glasgo	Orr	Smith
Hanson	Pitt	Toews
Horner	Rehn	Toor
Hunter	Rosin	Walker
Long	Rowswell	Wilson
Lovely		

Against the motion: 10

Bilous	Feehan	Loyola
Carson	Gray	Nielsen
Dach	Irwin	Renaud
Deol		

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

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

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

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 Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

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 22 (A1) (Government House Leader) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 416/2019

Government Motions

36. Oral notice having been given on November 18, 2019, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 22, Reform of Agencies, Boards and Commissions and Government Enterprises Act, 2019, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Nixon and Mr. Feehan commented on the time allocation motion.

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: 27

Aheer	Long	Rosin
Amery	Lovely	Rowswell
Barnes	Luan	Rutherford
Dreeshen	Madu	Sawhney
Ellis	Neudorf	Schulz
Glasgo	Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Hanson	Orr	Toor
Horner	Pitt	Walker
Hunter	Rehn	Wilson

Against the motion: 8

Bilous	Feehan	Nielsen
Dach	Gray	Renaud
Deol	Irwin	

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)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

Pursuant to Government Motion 36, agreed to on November 20, 2019, and Standing Order 21(1), at 1:18 a.m., the question was immediately put on the amendment to Bill 22 (A2) introduced by the Hon. Member for St. Albert on November 20, 2019, which was defeated.

Pursuant to Government Motion 36, agreed to on November 20, 2019, and Standing Order 21(1), at 1:18 a.m., the question was immediately put on the remaining clauses of Bill 22, Reform of Agencies, Boards and Commissions and Government Enterprises Act, 2019, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 36, agreed to on November 20, 2019, and Standing Order 21(1), at 1:19 a.m., the question was immediately put on the title and preamble of Bill 22, Reform of Agencies, Boards and Commissions and Government Enterprises Act, 2019, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 36, agreed to on November 20, 2019, and Standing Order 21(1), at 1:19 a.m., the question was immediately put that Bill 22, Reform of Agencies, Boards and Commissions and Government Enterprises Act, 2019, be reported, which was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 27

Aheer	Long	Rowswell
Amery	Lovely	Rutherford
Barnes	Luan	Sawhney
Dreeshen	Madu	Schulz
Ellis	Neudorf	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Glasgo	Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)	Smith
Hanson	Orr	Toor
Horner	Rehn	Walker
Hunter	Rosin	Wilson

Against the motion: 8

Bilous	Feehan	Nielsen
Dach	Irwin	Renaud
Deol	Loyola	

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

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

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 22 (A2) (Hon. Member for St. Albert) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 417/2019

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:23 a.m. Thursday, November 21, 2019, until 9:00 a.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker