



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 50

## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Monday, December 2, 2019

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, made a statement regarding union demonstrations at the recent United Conservative Party annual general meeting.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding proposed cuts in the health care system.

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

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding health care workers.

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding Government fiscal restraint.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the elimination of the Election Commissioner position.

Mrs. Allard, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement regarding the Northern Alberta Development Council.

Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement regarding proposed cuts in the health care system.

Mrs. Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie-East, made a statement regarding small business in Airdrie.

## **Notices of Motions**

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, on behalf of Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, gave oral notice of the intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take immediate steps to protect the public health care system in Alberta by working with Alberta Health Services to cancel the recently announced layoff of health care workers, including nurses, and any plans for the privatization of health care services, which are contrary to the publicly stated goals of the Government.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

17 recent letters to Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, regarding teachers' classroom concerns

Sessional Paper 478/2019

67 recent email messages to Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing opposition to the Government's proposal to have AIMCo administer the pension fund for Alberta's teachers

Sessional Paper 479/2019

Email message dated November 26, 2019, from Joan Tod to Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, expressing concern related to Bill 22, Reform of Agencies, Boards and Commissions and Government Enterprises Act, 2019

Sessional Paper 480/2019

2 email messages, one dated November 28, 2019, from Melissa Guzik and one dated October 29, 2019, from Reverend Quinn Strikwerda, to Hon. Mrs. Sawhney, Minister of Community and Social Services, expressing concern regarding Budget 2019

Sessional Paper 481/2019

Letter dated November 27, 2019, from Kim LeLacheur to Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing concern regarding Budget 2019 and proposed changes to drug coverage

Sessional Paper 482/2019

Nature website article dated November 27, 2019, entitled "Climate tipping points – too risky to be against"

Sessional Paper 483/2019

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

8 recent email messages expressing concern regarding proposed policy 15, debated at the United Conservative Party annual general meeting

Sessional Paper 484/2019

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West:

10 recent email messages to 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 485/2019

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

Email message dated November 1, 2019, from Cassandra Hodgetts, RN, BScN, to Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing concern regarding proposed health care cuts

Sessional Paper 486/2019

Letter, undated, from Breanne Nicholson, to Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing opposition to proposed rollbacks to health care workers' wages

Sessional Paper 487/2019

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Email message dated November 1, 2019, from Sherry Langland to MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing opposition to the Government's proposal to have AIMCo administer the pension fund for Alberta's teachers

Sessional Paper 488/2019

3 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 Budget 2019

Sessional Paper 489/2019

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, on behalf of Mr. Bilous, Official Opposition House Leader:

Email message dated November 6, 2019, from Hector Pothier, Principal, to Mr. Bilous, Official Opposition House Leader, expressing opposition to the Government's proposal to have AIMCo administer the pension fund for Alberta's teachers

Sessional Paper 490/2019

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

7 recent email messages to Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, expressing opposition to the Government's proposal to have AIMCo administer the pension fund for Alberta's teachers

Sessional Paper 491/2019

Edmonton Journal website article dated November 29, 2019, entitled "Firing of elections commissioner not a cost-saver, Elections Alberta budget shows"

Sessional Paper 492/2019

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

3 recent email messages to Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, expressing opposition to the Government's proposal to have AIMCo administer the pension fund for Alberta's teachers

Sessional Paper 493/2019

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

11 recent email messages to Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing opposition to the Government's proposal to have AIMCo administer the pension fund for Alberta's teachers

Sessional Paper 494/2019

Mrs. Allard, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Northern Alberta Development Council Act, cN-4, s8:

Northern Alberta Development Council, Annual Report 2018-19

Sessional Paper 495/2019

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

15 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 496/2019

## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Dreeshen, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, pursuant to the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, cM-4, s14(2):

Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council, Annual Report 2018-2019

Sessional Paper 497/2019

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

## **Motions Under Standing Order 42**

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take immediate steps to protect the public health care system in Alberta by working with Alberta Health Services to cancel the recently announced layoff of health care workers, including nurses, and any plans for the privatization of health care services, which are contrary to the publicly stated goals of the Government.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Motions for Concurrence in Committee Reports on Public Bills Other Than Government Bills**

Debate continued on the motion moved on November 26, 2019, by Mr. Ellis, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, that the Assembly concur in the report of the committee recommending that Bill 207, Conscience Rights (Health Care Providers) Protection Act, not proceed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Williams speaking.

### **Temporary Recess**

The Speaker recessed the Assembly at 3:12 p.m. until 3:21 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:22 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019 — 7:30 P.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.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 29 Municipal Government (Machinery and Equipment Tax Incentives) Amendment Act, 2019 — Hon. Mr. Madu

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 all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 20 (A4) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 498/2019

Amendment to Bill 29 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 499/2019

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 39(1) to allow the Assembly to proceed to debate on Government Motion 43.

## Government Motions

43. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

A. Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta effective October 8, 2019, be amended as follows:

1. Standing Order 7 is amended

(a) in suborder (1) by adding “Deferred Divisions (Thursdays)” after “Tablings to the Clerk”;

(b) by adding the following after suborder (3):

(3.1) Each of the following Members may, immediately after a Ministerial Statement is made, make a statement in response to it:

(a) a member of the Official Opposition for a period of no longer than 3 minutes;

(b) if requested by a Member other than the Member referred to in clause (a), and on the Assembly’s granting of the request by unanimous consent, that Member for a period of no longer than 2 minutes.

(c) in suborder (7) by adding “except in respect of Deferred Divisions” after “items in the ordinary daily routine”.

2. Standing Order 8(1.1) is struck out and the following is substituted:
  - (1.1) Notwithstanding suborder (1), on a Monday afternoon
    - (a) if no items of business under suborder (1) other than Motions other than Government Motions remain on the Order Paper for consideration prior to 5:00 p.m., the Assembly shall proceed to Motions other than Government Motions, and
    - (b) if no items of business under suborder (1) stand on the Order Paper for consideration, the Assembly shall proceed to consideration of any items of Government business under suborder (2).
  - (1.2) Notwithstanding suborder (1.1) and (5), on a Monday afternoon following the conclusion of business for consideration of the Assembly under suborder (1), the Assembly may grant unanimous consent to proceed to an additional Motion other than a Government Motion or to any other item of business that is not yet due for consideration by the Assembly.
3. Standing Order 13 is amended by adding the following after suborder (6):
  - (7) Subject to Standing Order 16 and 32(4)(b), after the Speaker's calling of Orders of the Day a Member may occupy another Member's unoccupied seat during the proceedings but must immediately relinquish the seat on the request of
    - (a) the other Member, or
    - (b) the Speaker.
4. Standing Order 32 is amended by striking out suborder (4) and substituting the following:
  - (4) When Members have been called in for a division
    - (a) there shall be no further debate, and
    - (b) despite Standing Order 13(7), a Member must remain at the Member's seat during the division.
5. The following is added after Standing Order 32:

**Divisions at third reading may be deferred**

32.1(1) A division on the vote on a motion for third reading of a Bill shall be deferred upon either of the following Members providing notice to the Assembly:

  - (a) in the case of a Government Bill, the Government House Leader or a member of the Executive Council acting on the Government House Leader's behalf;
  - (b) in the case of a public Bill other than a Government Bill, the sponsor of the Bill.

- (2) A notice that a division shall be deferred under suborder (1) must be provided prior to the sounding of the division bells for the division.
  - (3) If a division has been deferred, the Clerk shall conduct the division
    - (a) on the Thursday immediately following the day on which notice was provided under suborder (1), and
    - (b) during the daily routine under “Deferred Divisions”.
  - (4) Despite Standing Order 32, if more than one division is to be conducted during the daily routine under “Deferred Divisions”, the Clerk shall
    - (a) sound the division bells only before the first deferred division, and
    - (b) limit the interval between the sounding of the division bells to one minute.
6. Standing Order 41 is amended
- (a) in suborder (4) by striking out “amend the motion” and substituting “amend the motion or replace it in its entirety”,
  - (b) in suborder (5) by striking out “amended motion” and substituting “amended or replaced motion”, and
  - (c) by adding the following after suborder (5):
    - (5.1) A Member may not make a request to the Speaker under suborder (4) with respect to a motion other than a Government motion that has previously been amended or replaced on the Order Paper.
7. The following is added after Standing Order 52.04:
- Motions in committees**
- 52.041(1) The Chair of a standing or special committee may establish deadlines by which a Member who wishes for the committee to consider a proposed substantive motion or proposed amendment to a substantive motion is required to file the proposed substantive motion or proposed amendment with the Committee Clerk.
- (2) On receiving a proposed motion or amendment in accordance with suborder (1), the Committee Clerk shall distribute a copy to each Member of the committee.
  - (3) A Member may not, without the approval of the committee, move a substantive motion or an amendment that was not filed in accordance with suborder (1).



(4) The Chair of a standing or special committee may take all reasonable steps as the Chair considers necessary to facilitate the committee's consideration and disposition of multiple proposed substantive motions or proposed amendments that are before the committee for its consideration.

B. And be it further resolved that the amendments in this motion shall come into force on passage.

A debate followed.

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, moved that the motion be amended in Part A in section 5 in the proposed Standing Order 32.1(4) by striking out "if more than one division is to be conducted" and substituting "if one or more divisions are to be conducted".

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

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

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:37 p.m. until Tuesday, December 3, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.

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Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,  
Speaker

Title: Monday, December 2, 2019