



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Thirtieth Legislature

Monday, March 16, 2020

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

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.

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to proceed immediately to Messages from Her Honour the Administrator.

Messages From Her Honour the Administrator

Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, delivered certain Messages from Her Honour the Administrator.

The Speaker read the Messages to the Assembly (the Members standing).

Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related documents:

2020-21 Government Estimates (Revised), General Revenue Fund
Sessional Paper 66/2020

Pursuant to the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, ss1(2) and 4(4),
Budget 2020, Fiscal Plan Update, 2020-23

Sessional Paper 67/2020

Members' Statements

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding the Government's healthcare policies.

Ms Glasgow, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding people helping to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and Alberta's healthcare system.

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on seniors.

Mr. Walker, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on workers.

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, made a statement regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Presenting Petitions

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

of Lorimer B. Dawson, QC, on behalf of the Sisters of the Precious Blood of Edmonton, for the Sisters of the Precious Blood of Edmonton Repeal Act.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Legislative Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, that the Legislative Assembly express its support for the Government's efforts, as guided by expert health professionals and officials, to undertake every possible action within its power to protect Albertans from the growing global COVID-19 pandemic and its related economic consequences.

Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral notice of her intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Legislative Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the Government of Alberta's response to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, including measures to prevent its spread and to treat affected Albertans, to address the economic impact of the outbreak, and to provide economic support to Albertans financially compromised by the pandemic.

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

- 10.** A. Be it resolved that despite any Standing Order, practice of the Legislative Assembly or the 2020 sessional calendar
- (a) at any time during the 2020 Spring Sitting of the Second Session of the 30th Legislature the Government House Leader may
 - (i) advise the Assembly that the public interest requires that the Assembly adjourn, or
 - (ii) if the Assembly stands adjourned, advise the Speaker that the public interest requires the period of adjournment to continueand the Speaker shall give notice that the Assembly shall remain in a period of adjournment until the Government advises the Speaker that the Assembly must meet to transact its business;
 - (b) if the Assembly stands adjourned or a period of adjournment is continued in accordance with clause (a),
 - (i) the Government House Leader may, following consultation with the Opposition House Leaders, file a revised sessional calendar with the Clerk and the Clerk shall publish the revised sessional calendar as soon as possible after it is received, and
 - (ii) during the period of adjournment, documents may be deposited in accordance with Standing Order 38.1 despite the period of adjournment not being continued to a specified date;
 - (c) despite the Government advising the Speaker that the Assembly must meet to transact its business under clause (a), the Government House Leader may advise the Speaker of an extended adjournment before the Assembly has reconvened, or, following the reconvening of the Assembly, may advise the Speaker or the Assembly in accordance with clause (a) of a further adjournment or continuation of an adjournment;

- (d) Standing Order 39(1) does not apply to members of the Executive Council, who may move a motion or introduce a Bill immediately upon providing to the Official Opposition House Leader a copy of the notice that would otherwise be required under that Standing Order;
- (e) the 2020-21 Government Estimates (Revised) tabled by the Minister of Finance and President of Treasury Board on March 16, 2020, replace for all purposes the 2020-21 Government Estimates tabled on February 27, 2020;
- (f) the main estimates of ministries stand referred to the Committee of Supply;
- (g) the Committee of Supply shall meet to consider the main estimates of ministries on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, in the following manner:
 - (i) the main estimates of ministries for which a Legislative Policy Committee has completed its consideration of the 2020-21 Government Estimates tabled on February 27, 2020, are deemed to be completed for the purpose of the 2020-21 Government Estimates (Revised);
 - (ii) the main estimates of the remaining ministries shall be considered for a maximum of 3 hours by the Committee of Supply;
 - (iii) only Members of the Official Opposition and members of the Executive Council may speak;
 - (iv) all speaking times are limited to 10 minutes at one time;
 - (v) if an amendment is moved to the main estimates in the Committee of Supply, the vote on the amendment stands deferred until the end of the consideration of the main estimates;
 - (vi) amendments moved to the 2020-21 Government Estimates tabled on February 27, 2020, in a Legislative Policy Committee are, upon notice given by the mover of the amendment to the Clerk of the Assembly, considered to have been moved during Committee of Supply consideration of the 2020-21 Government Estimates (Revised);
 - (vii) the vote on the main estimates shall be held when the time allotted for the Committee of Supply's consideration of the main estimates has concluded or there are no Members who wish to speak;

- (h) the afternoon sitting on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, shall continue beyond 6:00 p.m. if the Assembly has not adjourned by that time, and if the afternoon sitting is not adjourned prior to 7:30 p.m., the sitting shall continue until it is adjourned and there shall be no evening sitting that day;
- (i) upon receiving first reading, Bill 6, Appropriation Act, 2020, shall be moved immediately for second reading and debated without amendment by the mover of the Bill and no more than one Member of the Official Opposition and, if the motion is carried, is deemed to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on division, deemed considered in Committee of the Whole, deemed reported without amendment, deemed concurred in on report of the Committee of the Whole on division, deemed read a third time and passed on division;
- (j) Bill 5, Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act, 2020, may receive second and third reading and advance 2 or more stages in one day.

B. And be it further resolved that

- (a) this motion takes effect immediately on passage,
 - (b) clause (a) and (c) of Part A expire at 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2020,
 - (c) clause (b) of Part A expires at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, October 25, 2020, and
 - (d) clause (d) of Part A expires at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2020.
11. Be it resolved that pursuant to Standing Order 4(1) and subject to Government Motion 10, commencing upon the passage of this motion, the Assembly shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings for consideration of Government business for the duration of the 2020 Spring Sitting of the Second Session of the 30th Legislature, unless the Government House Leader notifies the Assembly that there shall be no evening sitting that day by providing notice under Notices of Motions in the Daily Routine or at any time prior to 6 p.m.
12. Be it resolved that when further consideration of Government Motion 10 is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the motion, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the motion shall be put forthwith.
13. Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 5, Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act, 2020, 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.

14. Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 5, Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act, 2020, 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.
15. Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 5, Fiscal Measures and Taxation Act, 2020, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.
16. Be it resolved that for the duration of the 30th Legislature the following committees may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period of prorogation:
 - (a) the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services;
 - (b) the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader:

Revised 2020-21 Main Estimates Schedule

Sessional Paper 68/2020

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s28(1):

Office of the Ethics Commissioner, Province of Alberta, Report of the Investigation under the Conflicts of Interest Act by Hon. Marguerite Trussler, QC, Ethics Commissioner, into allegations involving Shane Getson, Member of Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, March 11, 2020

Sessional Paper 69/2020

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations:

Responses to questions raised by Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, on November 7, 2019, Executive Council, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 70/2020

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Insurance Act, cI-3, s601(2):

Alberta Automobile Insurance Rate Board Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2019

Sessional Paper 71/2020

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Mr. Schow, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Election Act, cE-1, s4(6):

2019 General Election, a Report of the Chief Electoral Officer, Volume I
Sessional Paper 72/2020

2019 General Election, a Report of the Chief Electoral Officer, Volume II
Sessional Paper 73/2020

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested leave, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Legislative Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, that the Legislative Assembly express its support for the Government's efforts, as guided by expert health professionals and officials, to undertake every possible action within its power to protect Albertans from the growing global COVID-19 pandemic and its related economic consequences.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was in order. Leave being granted, the question was put to the Assembly. When more than 15 Members rose in their places or indicated otherwise, the Speaker called upon Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, to speak to the motion.

A debate on the motion followed pursuant to Standing Order 30(5).

Debate concluded pursuant to Standing Order 30(5)(a).

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, the Assembly adjourned at 5:35 p.m. until Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker