



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 12

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Thirtieth Legislature

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

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

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow Members to sit, speak, and vote from any seat in the Chamber.

Members' Statements

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding temporary layoffs in the education system during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mrs. Allard, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement recognizing the willingness of Albertans to support one another during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement recognizing the actions of businesses, workers, healthcare staff, and other citizens to support and protect Albertans during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding the conduct of the Minister of Health.

Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Cochrane, made a statement regarding the need to rebuild the economy in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement recognizing the efforts of Albertans during the COVID-19 pandemic and regarding the need to re-examine priorities following the crisis.

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding Government actions to alleviate economic hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Williams, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding the need to follow the public health recommendations of Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement recognizing the efforts of organizations and their volunteers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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.

Notices of Motions

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

17. Be it resolved that, despite any Standing Order and immediately on the passage of this motion, the Assembly is to debate the urgent public matter of the COVID-19 pandemic in the following manner:
 - (a) the Premier may make the first statement not exceeding 45 minutes;
 - (b) immediately following the Premier's statement, the Leader of the Official Opposition may make a statement not exceeding 30 minutes;
 - (c) immediately following the Leader of the Official Opposition's statement and for a period not exceeding 30 minutes
 - (i) the Leader of the Official Opposition may ask questions on matters relevant to the Premier's statement, and
 - (ii) the Premier may respond to those questions;
 - (d) any other member of the Executive Council may make a statement not exceeding 10 minutes;
 - (e) immediately following each statement made by a member of the Executive Council and for a period not exceeding 15 minutes
 - (i) Members who are not a member of the Executive Council may ask questions on matters relevant to the statement, and
 - (ii) the member of the Executive Council who made the statement may respond to those questions;
 - (f) a Member who asks a question or a member of the Executive Council who responds in accordance with clause (c) or (e) is limited to a period of 5 minutes at one time to ask that question or make a response;
 - (g) immediately after all statements and related periods for questions and responses have concluded, the debate is considered to have been concluded by the Assembly without decision.

18. Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) acknowledges that the oil and gas industry will continue to play an important role in global energy demand for the foreseeable future and that world oil prices will not remain depressed in perpetuity;
- (b) urge the Government to plan for the future and continue to play an important role in ensuring Alberta's oil and gas industry can meet global energy demand;
- (c) recognize that increased export options for Alberta energy results in better prices, which benefits workers, employers and all Albertans by providing critical financial support for public services; and
- (d) express its support for the Government's plan to provide an investment, through a \$1.5 billion equity stake and \$6 billion loan guarantees, in the Keystone XL pipeline project.

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly support educational assistants and other school staff, who bring value to all aspects of learning, by urging the Government to immediately reverse its decision to reduce funding for K to 12 education because this decision offends the principles and values of the Education Act and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms by

- (a) being inconsistent with the statutory powers and responsibilities of school boards as provided under the Education Act, specifically sections 11(3) and (4) and sections 33(1)(d) and (e),
- (b) by reversing the Ministry of Education's commitment, as publicly announced by the Minister of Education on March 15, 2020, to maintain then-existing levels of education funding to ensure that school boards could, during the COVID-19 pandemic, continue to deliver educational learning through effective distance education, and
- (c) severely and disproportionately impacting students with special needs and disabilities given their need for, and the resulting lack of, specialized supports and services to ensure that these students continue to have equal access to ongoing educational learning.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 10 Public Health (Emergency Powers) Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Bill 11 Tenancies Statutes (Emergency Provisions) Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated March 20, 2020, from Hon. Marguerite Trussler, QC, Ethics Commissioner, to Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, regarding complaints concerning Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health
Sessional Paper 94/2020

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, pursuant to the Statutes Repeal Act, cS-19.3, s2(1):

Report, undated, entitled “Statutes Repeal Act – 2020 List”
Sessional Paper 95/2020

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Sawhney, Minister of Community and Social Services:

Responses to questions raised by Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, on March 3, 2020, Ministry of Community and Social Services, 2020-21 Main Estimates debate
Sessional Paper 96/2020

Motions Under Standing Order 42

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

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- (c) severely and disproportionately impacting students with special needs and disabilities given their need for, and the resulting lack of, specialized supports and services to ensure that these students continue to have equal access to ongoing educational learning.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 77(1) in order to proceed immediately to Second Reading of Bill 11, Tenancies Statutes (Emergency Provisions) Amendment Act, 2020.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 11 Tenancies Statutes (Emergency Provisions) Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

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.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 11 Tenancies Statutes (Emergency Provisions) Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 77(1) in order to proceed immediately to Third Reading of Bill 11, Tenancies Statutes (Emergency Provisions) Amendment Act, 2020.

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 11 Tenancies Statutes (Emergency Provisions) Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 10)

Moved by Mr. Neudorf and seconded by Ms Goodridge:

That an humble address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To Her Honour Lois Mitchell, CM, AOE, LLD, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Motions

9. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Savage on behalf of Hon. Mr. Kenney:

Be it resolved that the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be engrossed and presented to Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor by such Members of the Assembly as are members of Executive Council.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 11, agreed to on March 17, 2020, Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no evening sitting today.

Intersessional Deposits

Pursuant to Standing Order 38.1(3), the following document was deposited with the Clerk of the Assembly and was deemed to have been laid before the Assembly:

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Child and Youth Advocate Act, cC-11.5, s9.1(5):

Office of the Child and Youth Advocate Alberta: Mandatory Reviews into Child Deaths, April 1, 2019, to September 30, 2019, deposited on March 24, 2020
Sessional Paper 93/2020

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 11, agreed to on March 17, 2020, and on motion by Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:54 p.m. until Wednesday, April 1, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, March 31, 2020