



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 18

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Thirtieth Legislature

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

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

Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy 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.

Government Bills and Orders

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)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 3 Mobile Home Sites Tenancies Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on behalf of Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, on April 8, 2020, that the Bill be amended by striking out section 4.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 6

Eggen	Goehring	Sabir
Ganley	Hoffman	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Against the amendment: 14

Allard	Jones	Schow
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Loewen	Turton
Getson	Lovely	van Dijken
Glasgo	McIver	Walker
Gotfried	Reid	

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 8 Protecting Survivors of Human Trafficking Act — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, on behalf of Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, on April 8, 2020, that the Bill be amended in section 22 by striking out “December 31, 2020” and substituting “July 1, 2020”.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to. With Mr. Hanson at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 23

Armstrong-Homeniuk	Hoffman	Sabir
Eggen	Issik	Schow
Ganley	Jones	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Getson	Loewen	Toor
Glasgo	Long	van Dijken
Goehring	Lovely	Williams
Goodridge	McIver	Yao
Gotfried	Reid	

Against the amendment: 0

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 3 Mobile Home Sites Tenancies Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 8 Protecting Survivors of Human Trafficking Act — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 13 Emergency Management Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Madu

Mr. van Dijken, 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 3 (A6) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday on April 8, 2020) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 120/2020

Amendment to Bill 8 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View on April 8, 2020) — Agreed to on division

Sessional Paper 122/2020

Amendment to Bill 13 (A2) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on April 9, 2020) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 123/2020

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:56 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2020 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Members Raymond Reiersen, Member for St. Paul, 1952 to 1971, who passed away on January 30, 2020; Frederick T. Mandeville, Member for Bow Valley-Empress, 1967 to 1971, and Bow Valley, 1971 to 1982, who passed away on April 7, 2020; and Erin Babcock, Member for Stony Plain, 2015 to 2019, who passed away on April 25, 2020.

The Speaker then offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of six Canadian service members who were killed in the line of duty in a helicopter crash while taking part in NATO exercises off the coast of Greece on April 29, 2020.

Members' Statements

Mr. Reid, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the response to the COVID-19 pandemic in the Livingstone-Macleod constituency.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Erin Babcock.

Mr. Yaseen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North, made a statement regarding the Muslim community and the holy month of Ramadan.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding women's unpaid labour during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement regarding flooding in Fort McMurray.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the holy month of Ramadan.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement regarding support for small businesses in Alberta during the COVID-19 pandemic.

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding Government proposals to reopen the Alberta economy during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Cochrane, made a statement regarding global energy markets during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Notices of Motions

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

- 19.** 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, for the purposes of receiving and considering further developments since the Assembly's April 1, 2020, debate relating to the pandemic, in the following manner:
- (a) the Premier may make the first statement not exceeding 30 minutes;
 - (b) immediately following the Premier's statement, the Leader of the Official Opposition may make a statement not exceeding 15 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 2 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.

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) acknowledge the principle that workers' health and safety in the meat processing industry in Alberta is a critical priority and any risk to these workers' health and safety arising from the unmitigated spread of the virus causing COVID-19 at their worksites is unacceptable,
- (b) urge the Government to immediately implement the following measures in the case of a meat processing facility where a worker at that facility tests positive for COVID-19:
 - (i) require the operator of the facility to immediately and temporarily suspend its operations;
 - (ii) prohibit the operator of the facility from restarting operations until
 - (A) the operator engages an independent workplace health and safety expert, chosen by agreement between the operator and the workers or their representatives, to conduct a thorough investigation of the facility,
 - (B) the independent expert provides to the employer and workers an investigation report that includes the independent expert's recommendations on how to mitigate the spread of the virus causing COVID-19 at the facility,
 - (C) the operator implements all recommendations set out in the investigation report,
 - (D) the operator engages the independent expert to conduct an in-person inspection of the facility, with the participation of workers or their representatives, to confirm that the recommendations have been implemented,

- (E) the independent expert confirms that the operator has taken all reasonable measures to ensure that the facility is a healthy and safe workplace to which the workers may return to work, and
 - (F) as an on-going condition of the restarting operations, the operator agrees to engage independent officers recommended by the independent expert for the purpose of implement ongoing monitoring of the spread of the virus causing COVID-19 at the facility,
- (c) urge the Government to, during the period that operations are suspended at a meat processing facility in accordance with these measures, provide the appropriate supports to those members of the Alberta Beef Producers organization who suffer economic losses due to the resulting processing delays, and
- (d) urge the Government to, immediately on the repeal or expiry of the declaration of the public health emergency related to COVID-19, establish a public inquiry into
- (i) the deaths of workers at the Cargill and JBS meat processing facilities in southern Alberta, and
 - (ii) the spread of the virus causing COVID-19 to over 1500 workers at Cargill, JBS, Harmony and any other meat processing facility that experiences a similar crisis.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 14 Utility Payment Deferral Program Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Memorandum dated May 4, 2020, from Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, providing notice that, pursuant to Government Motion 10, agreed to as amended on March 17, 2020, the Assembly must reconvene on Wednesday, May 6, 2020

Sessional Paper 129/2020

Memorandum dated May 4, 2020, from Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly, advising that the Assembly will resume sitting at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2020

Sessional Paper 130/2020

Memorandum dated May 6, 2020, from Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, providing notice pursuant to Government Motion 10, agreed to as amended on March 17, 2020, that the public interest requires the Assembly to sit beyond the normal adjournment hour on Thursday, May 7, 2020, and to sit on Friday, May 8, 2020

Sessional Paper 131/2020

Memorandum dated May 6, 2020, from Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, advising that the Assembly may sit beyond the normal adjournment hour on Thursday, May 7, 2020, and may sit on Friday, May 8, 2020

Sessional Paper 132/2020

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Podiatric Physicians of Alberta 2018 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 133/2020

College of Midwives of Alberta 2018 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 134/2020

Alberta College of Social Workers Annual Report 2019

Sessional Paper 135/2020

Motions Under Standing Order 42

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

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- (b) urge the Government to immediately implement the following measures in the case of a meat processing facility where a worker at that facility tests positive for COVID-19:
 - (i) require the operator of the facility to immediately and temporarily suspend its operations;
 - (ii) prohibit the operator of the facility from restarting operations until
 - (A) the operator engages an independent workplace health and safety expert, chosen by agreement between the operator and the workers or their representatives, to conduct a thorough investigation of the facility,

- (B) the independent expert provides to the employer and workers an investigation report that includes the independent expert's recommendations on how to mitigate the spread of the virus causing COVID-19 at the facility,
 - (C) the operator implements all recommendations set out in the investigation report,
 - (D) the operator engages the independent expert to conduct an in-person inspection of the facility, with the participation of workers or their representatives, to confirm that the recommendations have been implemented,
 - (E) the independent expert confirms that the operator has taken all reasonable measures to ensure that the facility is a healthy and safe workplace to which the workers may return to work, and
 - (F) as an on-going condition of the restarting operations, the operator agrees to engage independent officers recommended by the independent expert for the purpose of implement ongoing monitoring of the spread of the virus causing COVID-19 at the facility,
- (c) urge the Government to, during the period that operations are suspended at a meat processing facility in accordance with these measures, provide the appropriate supports to those members of the Alberta Beef Producers organization who suffer economic losses due to the resulting processing delays, and
 - (d) urge the Government to, immediately on the repeal or expiry of the declaration of the public health emergency related to COVID-19, establish a public inquiry into
 - (i) the deaths of workers at the Cargill and JBS meat processing facilities in southern Alberta, and
 - (ii) the spread of the virus causing COVID-19 to over 1500 workers at Cargill, JBS, Harmony and any other meat processing facility that experiences a similar crisis.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 13 Emergency Management Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Madu

Mr. Nixon, 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 13 (A2) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on April 9, 2020) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 123/2020

Amendment to Bill 13 (A3) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 136/2020

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 13 Emergency Management Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Madu

Intersessional Deposits

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

Hon. Mr. Madu, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Government Organization Act, cG-10, s10(3):

Alberta Boilers Safety Association Annual Report 2019, deposited on April 22, 2020

Sessional Paper 125/2020

Hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Labour and Immigration:

Pursuant to the Regulated Forest Management Profession Act, cR-13, s4(2), College of Alberta Professional Foresters and College of Alberta Professional Forest Technologists Annual Report 2018/19, deposited on April 23, 2020

Sessional Paper 126/2020

Pursuant to the Veterinary Profession Act, cV-2, s6.1(2), Alberta Veterinary Medical Association Annual Report 2019, deposited on April 23, 2020

Sessional Paper 127/2020

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

Office of the Ethics Commissioner of the Province of Alberta Report of the Investigation under the Conflicts of Interest Act by Hon. Marguerite Trussler, QC, Ethics Commissioner, into allegations involving Premier Jason Kenney, MLA, Calgary-Lougheed; Minister Doug Schweitzer, MLA, Calgary-Elbow; Minister Leela Aheer, MLA, Chestermere-Strathmore; Minister Josephine Pon, MLA, Calgary-Beddington; Associate Minister Jason Luan, MLA, Calgary-Foothills; Member Joseph Schow, MLA, Cardston-Siksika; Member Jordan Walker, MLA, Sherwood Park; Member Peter Singh, MLA, Calgary-East; Members of the UCP Caucus at large, April 27, 2020, deposited on April 27, 2020

Sessional Paper 128/2020

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:13 p.m. until Thursday, May 7, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, May 6, 2020