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Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Thirtieth Legislature

Friday, May 8, 2020

The Speaker took the Chair at 10:00 a.m.

Speaker's Statement – 75th Anniversary of VE Day

The Speaker made a statement recognizing May 8, 2020, as the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day and recognizing the sacrifices made by service members in defence of Canada.

Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, 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.

Members' Statements

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, made a statement recognizing Mental Health Week.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, made a statement regarding the need for Government Members to respond to their constituents' concerns.

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding support from organizations and individuals during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Alberta farmers.

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, made a statement regarding Alberta's agri-food sector.

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding the operation of farmers' markets during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the role of faith-based organizations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding Alberta's relaunch strategy during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement recognizing Mental Health Week.

Notices of Motions

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

20. Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) recognize that the criminal use of firearms primarily involves unlicensed individuals, often using illegally smuggled firearms;
- (b) express its opposition to the Government of Canada's recent decision to amend regulations to the Criminal Code to prohibit the possession, transportation and sale of certain types of legally-acquired firearms by licensed, law-abiding citizens; and
- (c) urge the Government of Alberta to take all necessary steps to assert provincial jurisdiction in connection with these matters, including replacing the Chief Firearms Officer having jurisdiction for Alberta as designated by the federal Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness with a chief firearms officer for Alberta designated by the Government of Alberta in accordance with the Firearms Act (Canada).

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)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

- (a) section 1 is amended
 - (i) in clause (b) by striking out “June 18, 2020” and substituting “March 18, 2021, or as otherwise prescribed in the regulations”,
 - (ii) in clause (d) by striking out “June 19, 2021 and ending on June 18, 2022” and substituting “March 19, 2022 and ending March 18, 2023, or as otherwise prescribed in the regulations”, and
 - (iii) in clause (e) by striking out “June 19, 2020 and ending June 18, 2021” and substituting “March 19, 2021 and ending on March 18, 2022, or as otherwise prescribed in the regulations”;
- (b) section 6(2) is amended by striking out “June 18, 2021” and substituting “the day the repayment period ends”;
- (c) section 11 is amended
 - (i) in subsection (1) by striking out “June 19, 2021” and substituting “the day the rate rider period begins”,
 - (ii) in subsection (2)(a) by striking out “June 18, 2021” and substituting “the day the repayment period ends”, and
 - (iii) in subsection (3) by striking out “June 18, 2021” and substituting “on the day the repayment period ends”;
- (d) section 16(2) is amended by striking “June 18, 2021” and substituting “the day the repayment period ends”;
- (e) section 21 is amended
 - (i) in subsection (1) by striking out “June 19, 2021” and substituting “the day the rate rider period begins”, and
 - (ii) in subsection (2)
 - (A) in clause (a)(i) by striking out “June 18, 2021” and substituting “the day the repayment period ends”, and
 - (B) in clause (b) by striking out “June 18, 2021” and substituting “the day the repayment period ends”;
- (f) section 29 is amended by adding the following immediately after clause (a):
 - (a.1) prescribing
 - (i) the end date of the period referred to in section 1(b), no earlier than March 18, 2021

- (ii) the start and end dates of the period referred to in section 1(d), with the start date of the period no earlier than the day after the end of the repayment period and the end date of the period no earlier than March 18, 2023, and
 - (iii) the start and end dates of the period referred to in section 1(e), with the start date of the period no earlier than the day after the end of the deferral period and the end date of the period no earlier than March 18, 2022;
- (g) section 33 is amended by striking out “June 18, 2023” and substituting “March 18, 2024, unless it is continued for a further period by an order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council”.

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

Ceci	Irwin	Sabir
Deol	Renaud	Sweet

Against the amendment: 24

Allard	Jones	Rowswell
Amery	Long	Schweitzer
Ellis	Nally	Smith
Getson	Neudorf	Stephan
Glasgo	Nixon (Calgary-Klein)	Toor
Guthrie	Orr	Turton
Horner	Reid	Walker
Issik	Rosin	Yaseen

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

- (a) section 7 is amended by striking out subsection (2) and substituting the following:
 - (2) A deferral account approved by the Commission under subsection (1) must use the weighted average cost of capital to determine the carrying costs that may be collected in respect of the deferred payments, excluding the cost of interest.
- (b) section 11 is amended by adding the following immediately after subsection (6):
 - (7) The Commission may not approve a rate rider under subsection (2) that includes the cost of interest.
- (c) section 17 is amended by striking out subsection (4) and substituting the following:

(4) A deferral account approved by the Commission under this section must use the weighted average cost of capital to determine the carrying costs that may be collected in respect of the deferent payments, excluding the cost of interest.

(d) section 21 is amended

(i) in subsection (2) by adding “, subject to subsection (5),” immediately after “transmission providers and gas distributors, and”, and

(ii) by adding the following immediately after subsection (4):

(5) The Commission may not initiate a proceeding to establish a rate rider under subsection (2) that includes the cost of interest.

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

Dang	Loyola	Sabir
Gray	Nielsen	Schmidt

Against the amendment: 20

Amery	Milliken	Rutherford
Getson	Nally	Singh
Glasgo	Neudorf	Smith
Gotfried	Orr	Stephan
Guthrie	Rehn	Turton
Horner	Rosin	Yaseen
McIver	Rowswell	

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

- (a) section 8(4) is amended by striking out “interest-free”;
- (b) section 18(4) is amended by striking out “an interest-free loan” and substituting “a loan”.

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

Dang	Loyola	Sabir
Gray	Nielsen	Schmidt

Against the amendment: 20

Getson	McIver	Rutherford
Glasgo	Nally	Singh
Gotfried	Neudorf	Smith
Guthrie	Orr	Stephan
Horner	Rehn	Turton
Hunter	Rosin	Yaseen
Lovely	Rowswell	

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, moved that the Bill be amended by striking out section 28.

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

Dang	Loyola	Sabir
Gray	Nielsen	Schmidt

Against the amendment: 22

Amery	Lovely	Rowswell
Ellis	McIver	Rutherford
Getson	Nally	Singh
Glasgo	Neudorf	Smith
Gotfried	Orr	Stephan
Guthrie	Rehn	Turton
Horner	Rosin	Yaseen
Hunter		

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

The following Bill was reported:

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

Mr. Smith, 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 14 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 139/2020

Amendment to Bill 14 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) —
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 140/2020

Amendment to Bill 14 (A3) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) —
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 141/2020

Amendment to Bill 14 (A4) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 142/2020

Amendment to Bill 14 (A5) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) —
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 143/2020

Amendment to Bill 14 (A6) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 144/2020

Amendment to Bill 14 (A7) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) —
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 145/2020

Third Reading

Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy 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 day.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 10, agreed to as amended on March 17, 2020, Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, advised the Assembly at 4:55 p.m. that the public interest requires the Assembly to adjourn.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker