



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Thirtieth Legislature

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

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

Hon. Mrs. Savage, 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

Second Reading

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

Bill 1 Critical Infrastructure Defence Act — Hon. Mr. Kenney

Government Motions

19. Oral notice having been given May 6, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

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.

A debate followed.

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, moved that the motion be amended

- (a) in clause (d) by striking out "any other member of the Executive Council may" and substituting "the Minister of Health, the President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, the Minister of Labour and Immigration, and the Minister of Education may each then";
- (b) in clause (e)
 - (i) by adding "under clause (d)" immediately after "Member of the Executive Council",
 - (ii) by striking out "15 minutes" and substituting "50 minutes";
- (c) by adding the following immediately after clause (e):
 - (e.1) immediately after the statements and related periods for questions referred to in clauses (d) and (e) have concluded, any other member of the Executive Council may make a statement not exceeding 10 minutes;
 - (e.2) immediately following each statement made by a member of the Executive Council under clause (e.1) and for the 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;
- (d) in clause (f) by striking out “clause (c) or (e)” and substituting “clause (c), (e) or (e.2)”,
- (e) by adding the following after clause (g):
- (h) Government officials may be seated in the Assembly during the debate to assist members of the Executive Council;
 - (i) if the debate is not concluded at the ordinary hour of adjournment during a morning or afternoon sitting, the debate shall resume as the first item of business under Orders of the Day at the Assembly’s next sitting.

Sessional Paper 145-A/2020*

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

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

A debate followed on the COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to Government Motion 19, agreed to as amended on May 27, 2020.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 12:01 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2020 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

The Speaker made a statement and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Ralph Sorenson, Member for Sedgewick-Coronation, 1971 to 1975, who passed away on May 15, 2020.

Speaker’s Statement – Shannon Dean

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of Shannon Dean, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, who was recently honoured with the Queen’s Counsel designation.

Speaker's Statement – Legislative Assembly Response to COVID-19

The Speaker made a statement regarding changes to the handling of House documents that will be implemented in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Members' Statements

Mr. Yaseen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North, made a statement recognizing the festival of Eid al-Fitr and the public health guidance for places of worship during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding the effects of Government policies on Albertans.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Ralph Sorenson, former MLA from 1971 to 1975.

Mr. Feehan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the potential effects of Bill 1, Critical Infrastructure Defence Act, on Alberta's Indigenous population.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement regarding Ramadan and the celebration of Eid al-Fitr during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the closures of many of Alberta's provincial parks and recreation areas as a result of Government policies.

Mrs. Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie-East, made a statement regarding the importance of supporting local businesses.

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the challenges faced by socially isolated seniors, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Rosin, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, made a statement regarding National Tourism Week.

Notices of Motions

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

21. A. Be it resolved that, despite Standing Orders 13(7), 16 and 32(4)(b), for the duration of the Spring Sitting of the Second Session of the 30th Legislature, and to allow for appropriate physical distancing within the Chamber during that time, all Members may sit, speak and vote in any seat that has not been assigned to them provided that they immediately relinquish that seat on the request of
- (a) the Member who has been assigned that seat, or
 - (b) the Speaker.
- B. And be it further resolved that this motion take effect immediately upon passage.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given March 5, 2020:

Bill 7 Responsible Energy Development Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mrs. Savage

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Memorandum dated May 20, 2020, from Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, to the Clerk of the Assembly, providing dates for a revised 2020 Sessional Calendar for the 2nd Session, 30th Legislature, pursuant to Government Motion 10, agreed to as amended on March 17, 2020

Sessional Paper 146/2020

Memorandum dated May 20, 2020, from the Clerk of the Assembly to all Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, providing the Revised 2020 Sessional Calendar for the 2nd Session, 30th Legislature

Sessional Paper 147/2020

Memorandum dated May 20, 2020, from Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, providing a revised Projected Sitting Days calendar up to and including July 23, 2020

Sessional Paper 148/2020

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Labour and Immigration:

Pursuant to the Agrology Profession Act, cA-13.5, s4(2), Alberta Institute of Agrologists 2019 Annual General Meeting Report dated April 15, 2020
Sessional Paper 149/2020

Pursuant to the Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act, cE-11, s12(4), Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta 2019 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 150/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Debate continued on the COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to Government Motion 19, agreed to as amended on May 27, 2020.

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 4(2) in order to allow the Assembly to continue debate on the COVID-19 pandemic past 6:00 p.m.

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

Debate concluded pursuant to Government Motion 19, agreed to as amended on May 27, 2020.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 11, agreed to on March 17, 2020; Government Motion 19, agreed to as amended on May 27, 2020; and on motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 6:39 p.m. until Thursday, May 28, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, May 27, 2020