



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 25

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Thirtieth Legislature

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Wilson, Minister of Indigenous Relations, made a statement regarding the first anniversary of the Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

Mr. Feehan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Hanson, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, made a statement regarding rural physicians and the Alberta Medical Association.

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement regarding the political parties receiving wage subsidies.

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the need to appropriately fund air rescue services in southern Alberta.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement regarding the Government's lack of assistance for post-secondary institutions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding Red Shirt Day and his grandson Ezra.

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding Filipino Heritage Month.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding National AccessAbility Week.

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the Government's decision to stop funding drivers' medical exams for seniors.

Mr. Rutherford, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding comments made by Gil McGowan, president, Alberta Federation of Labour.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 21 Provincial Administrative Penalties Act — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 20 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader:

Letter dated June 3, 2020, from Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, responding to his request that all communications between them be done in writing

Sessional Paper 158/2020

2 pieces of correspondence and an online message relating to United Conservative Party fundraising efforts

Sessional Paper 159/2020

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Report dated October 2018, entitled "Rethinking Criminal Justice in Canada, Round Table Report," prepared by the Institute for Research on Public Policy

Sessional Paper 160/2020

Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek:

4 recent letters to Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, expressing support for Bill 201, Strategic Aviation Advisory Council Act

Sessional Paper 161/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 15 Choice in Education Act, 2020 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

A debate followed.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 15, Choice in Education Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly is of the view that the engagement document entitled “Choice in Education” provided by the Government during its media release in respect of Bill 15 does not support the content of the proposed legislation.

Sessional Paper 162/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

Ms Issik moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Government Motions

20. Oral notice having been given May 8, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

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).

A debate followed.

Hon. Mrs. Savage moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 4 Fiscal Planning and Transparency (Fixed Budget Period) Amendment Act,
2020 — Hon. Mr. Toews

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, on June 2, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 4, Fiscal Planning and Transparency (Fixed Budget Period) Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 164/2020

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

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

Bill 4 Fiscal Planning and Transparency (Fixed Budget Period) Amendment Act,
2020 — Hon. Mr. Toews

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:48 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 19 Tobacco and Smoking Reduction Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon.
Mr. Shandro

Government Motions

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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).

A debate followed.

Ms Issik moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 16 Victims of Crime (Strengthening Public Safety) Amendment Act, 2020 —
Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, on June 1, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 16, Victims of Crime (Strengthening Public Safety) Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

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Hon. Mr. McIver moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2), Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no morning sitting on June 4, 2020.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:15 a.m. Thursday, June 4, 2020, until 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, June 3, 2020