



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 29

## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Wednesday, June 10, 2020

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

### **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Panda, Minister of Infrastructure, made a statement regarding current infrastructure projects and the Government's capital plan during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, commented on the statement.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Yaseen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North, made a statement recognizing Filipino Heritage Month.

Mr. Feehan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding Government policies that have disproportionately affected First Nations, Metis, and Indigenous communities.

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, made a statement recognizing UFA Farmer's Day.

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding AIMCo's management of public-sector pension plans.

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement recognizing National Blood Donor Week.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, made a statement regarding recent layoffs in the education sector.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding the Bethany Group.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the effects of Government education policies on the mental and physical well-being of teachers.

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

## **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from over 1,000 Albertans urging the Government to give student enrolment growth priority consideration in the development of the 2020-2021 budget for the Ministry of Education.

## **Notices of Motions**

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

Bill 22 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Hunter

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

**22.** Be it resolved that

1. The Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act be referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future and the Committee shall be deemed to be the special committee of the Assembly for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive review pursuant to section 37 of that Act;
2. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued;
3. In accordance with section 37 of the Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act, the Committee must submit its report to the Assembly within one year after beginning its review and that report is to include any amendments recommended by the Committee.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Education:

Document, undated, entitled “Expected Operational Funding for 2020/21 School Year”

Sessional Paper 175/2020

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Report dated December 2019, entitled “Aggregate Development in Alberta,” prepared by the Alberta Sand and Gravel Association

Sessional Paper 176/2020

Letter dated October 29, 2019, from 13 residents of Edmonton to all Members of the Legislative Assemblies of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia, regarding public monuments relating to Western Canadian history

Sessional Paper 177/2020

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on behalf of Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

CBC News website article dated June 10, 2020, entitled “Human rights group alleges Indigenous seniors neglected at Slave Lake continuing care facility”

Sessional Paper 178/2020

## **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), Alberta College of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists 2019 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 179/2020

Pursuant to the Public Health Act, cP-37, s7(2), Public Health Appeal Board 2019 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 180/2020

## **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 Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

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

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

Mr. Hanson, 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 4 (A1) (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West) —  
Adjourned

Sessional Paper 181/2020

Amendment to Bill 7 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) —  
Adjourned

Sessional Paper 182/2020

Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Notices of Motions.

## **Notices of Motions**

Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Deputy Government House Leader, provided the following correction to the oral notice of Government Motion 22 given by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, earlier this afternoon: that the reference to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future be replaced with a reference to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 17 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

A debate followed.

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 17, Mental Health 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.

Sessional Paper 183/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

MLA Irwin 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.

Mr. Loewen moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nally, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:54 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

### **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 Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, on June 9, 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 because the Assembly is of the view that additional consultation with organizations providing support to victims of crime is required.  
Sessional Paper 173/2020

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

For the amendment: 7

Dach	Ganley	Nielsen
Dang	Hoffman	Shepherd
Eggen		

Against the amendment: 27

Allard	LaGrange	Pon
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Loewen	Reid
Copping	Long	Rosin
Ellis	Madu	Toews
Getson	Neudorf	Toor
Glubish	Nicolaides	Turton
Goodridge	Nixon (Calgary-Klein)	van Dijken
Issik	Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)	Walker
Jones	Panda	Williams

Debate continued on the main motion.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, moved 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 it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

Sessional Paper 184/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

For the amendment: 7

Dach	Ganley	Nielsen
Dang	Hoffman	Shepherd
Eggen		

Against the amendment: 27

Allard	LaGrange	Pon
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Loewen	Reid
Copping	Long	Rosin
Ellis	Madu	Toews
Getson	Neudorf	Toor
Glubish	Nicolaides	Turton
Goodridge	Nixon (Calgary-Klein)	van Dijken
Issik	Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)	Walker
Jones	Panda	Williams

The question being immediately put, the motion for Second Reading was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 27

Allard	LaGrange	Pon
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Loewen	Reid
Copping	Long	Rosin
Ellis	Madu	Toews
Getson	Neudorf	Toor
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Jones	Panda	Williams

Against the motion: 7

Dach	Ganley	Nielsen
Dang	Hoffman	Shepherd
Eggen		

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

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

A debate followed.

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

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

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

## **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:01 p.m. until Thursday, June 11, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,  
Speaker