



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 31

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Thirtieth Legislature

Monday, June 15, 2020

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Nicolaides, Minister of Advanced Education, made a statement announcing Alberta 2030, a 10-year strategy for post-secondary education.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the Government's red tape reduction efforts.

Mrs. Allard, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement regarding Alberta's relaunch during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, made a statement regarding public opinion on the Premier's policies and actions.

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement congratulating the graduating class of 2020.

Ms Issik, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the Veterans Association Food Bank.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement regarding the Government's blueprint for post-secondary education.

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding the insurance industry.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the need for Government disaster relief following a hailstorm in Calgary on June 13, 2020.

Notices of Motions

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

23. Be it resolved that

1. A Select Special Public Health Act Review Committee of the Legislative Assembly be appointed to review the Public Health Act, consisting of the following Members:

Milliken (Chair)	Hoffman	Shepherd
Rosin (Deputy Chair)	Long	Turton
Ganley	Lovely	Reid
Gray	Neudorf	Rowswell

2. The Committee may limit its review to sections of the Public Health Act that the Committee selects for consideration;
3. The Committee continues despite a prorogation of a session and may, without leave of the Assembly, meet during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued;
4. Reasonable disbursements by the Committee for advertising, staff assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel, and other expenditures necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities shall be paid, subject to the approval of the Chair;
5. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee may utilize the services of employees of the Legislative Assembly Office or, with the concurrence of the head of a department or an Officer of the Legislature, utilize the services of employees of the public service employed in that department or office;
6. The Committee must submit its report to the Assembly, including any amendments to the Act recommended by the Committee, within 4 months after commencing its review;

7. If the Assembly is not sitting at the time the report of the Committee is completed, the Chair of the Committee may release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk in accordance with Standing Order 38.1 and forwarding a copy to each Member of the Legislative Assembly.

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

Bill 23 Commercial Tenancies Protection Act — Hon. Ms Fir

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

Edmonton Journal website article dated June 12, 2020, entitled “OPINION: Government’s red-tape legislation stumps the NDP and the minister who tabled it,” relating to comments made by Mr. Nielsen during his Member’s Statement on June 15, 2020

Sessional Paper 189/2020

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

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

Sessional Paper 190/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than 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 201 Strategic Aviation Advisory Council Act — Mr. Gotfried

Motions Other Than Government Motions

504. Moved by Mr. Carson:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take measures to better regulate the automobile insurance system in Alberta including, but not limited to, the establishment of reasonable rate caps, to prevent further undue financial hardship for Albertans.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 7

Carson	Gray	Nielsen
Ceci	Loyola	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Feehan		

Against the motion: 25

Armstrong-Homeniuk	Hanson	Nixon (Calgary-Klein)
Copping	Horner	Pon
Ellis	Issik	Reid
Getson	Jones	Toews
Glasgo	Loewen	Turton
Glubish	Long	van Dijken
Goodridge	Nally	Williams
Gotfried	Neudorf	Yaseen
Guthrie		

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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.

Debate adjourned, Ms Sigurdson speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2), Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Deputy Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no morning sitting on June 16, 2020.

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. Rutherford moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 2 Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Hunter

Committee of the Whole

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(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

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

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

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 7 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall on June 10, 2020) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 182/2020

Amendment to Bill 15 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 191/2020

Government Motions

22. Oral notice having been given June 10, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Schweitzer on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that

1. The Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship 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.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 39(1)(b) in order to proceed to Government Motion 23.

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5. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee may utilize the services of employees of the Legislative Assembly Office or, with the concurrence of the head of a department or an Officer of the Legislature, utilize the services of employees of the public service employed in that department or office;
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The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:50 p.m. until Tuesday, June 16, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker