



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 41

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Thirtieth Legislature

Wednesday, July 8, 2020

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 33 Alberta Investment Attraction Act — Hon. Ms Fir

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 27 Alberta Senate Election Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, MLA Loyola speaking.

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

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

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2.1), the Assembly adjourned at 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2020 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding the Government's accomplishments since being elected 15 months ago.

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the ineffectiveness of the Government's economic recovery plans.

Ms Glasgo, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding Alberta's agriculture industry and the Government's infrastructure plan.

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement regarding the views and actions of United Conservative Party members.

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement regarding the value of transportation infrastructure.

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, made a statement regarding the need to fund a new high school in the Edmonton-Meadows constituency.

Ms Issik, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the need to improve road safety for cyclists.

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding Bill 32, Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding Alberta's economic recovery plan in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Ellis, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, presented the following report:

Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills Final Report, Bill 203, Pension Protection Act, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, March 2020

Sessional Paper 252/2020

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to the report that the Bill not proceed.

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Issik, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, presented a petition from 519 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation to amend the Traffic Safety Act, or make amendments to the regulations under that Act, to implement the following changes to make cycling safer: 1) require safe passing distances of one metre at speeds of 60 km/hour or less and 1.5 metres at speeds greater than 60 km/hour; 2) allow two abreast riding, when not impeding the flow of traffic; and 3) require cyclists to ride as far to the right as is safe versus as is practicable.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given July 6, 2020:

Bill 34 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Notice having been given:

Bill 204 Voluntary Blood Donations Repeal Act — Mr. Yao

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees in order to request a debate on the motion to concur in the report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

24. Oral notice having been given June 16, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Kenney:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- a) condemns racism and all forms of bigotry and hatred;
- b) affirms the commitment of Alberta to human dignity and equality of all before the law;
- c) acknowledges the pernicious and durable nature of anti-Black racism;
- d) acknowledges a tragic history of racism directed at Indigenous people in Canada; and

- e) urges the Government to consider these issues in its ongoing review of the Police Act.

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, on June 18, 2020, that the motion be amended by striking out clause (e) and substituting the following:

- (e) urges the Government to ensure that these issues, and the voices of racialized communities, are considered in its ongoing review of the Police Act by immediately establishing an advisory panel
 - (i) to conduct hearings throughout the Province to examine, and make recommendations in respect of, systemic racism in Alberta,
 - (ii) that consists of members of the Anti-Racism Advisory Council, provincial Indigenous leadership, and Black Lives Matter chapters of Alberta, and
 - (iii) to publish a report with its findings and recommendations no later than October 1, 2020.

Sessional Paper 208/2020

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 26 Constitutional Referendum Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Schweitzer

Bill 28 Vital Statistics (Protecting Albertans from Convicted Sex Offenders) Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:56 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 32 Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Copping

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

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

Bill 30 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

A debate followed.

Acting Speaker's Ruling – Unparliamentary Language

The Acting Speaker ruled that comments made by Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, during Second Reading debate on Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, were unparliamentary, and he invited Ms Renaud to withdraw her remarks and apologize.

Naming a Member

Ms Renaud withdrew her remarks but did not offer an apology.

Ms Renaud was then named by the Acting Speaker for the remainder of the day. Ms Renaud then left the Chamber.

Debate resumed.

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

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

Bill 31 Environmental Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Mr. Getson on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon

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

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 28 Vital Statistics (Protecting Albertans from Convicted Sex Offenders) Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 23 Commercial Tenancies Protection Act — Hon. Ms Fir

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Ms Lovely, 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 22 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 253/2020

Amendment to Bill 23 (A1) (Hon. Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Tourism) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 254/2020

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2), Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no morning sitting on July 9, 2020.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:36 p.m. until Thursday, July 9, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker