

No. 47

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Thirtieth Legislature

Monday, July 20, 2020

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

Members' Statements

Ms Glasgo, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding comments made by Official Opposition Members concerning Alberta's public parks system.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding comments made by Jesse Drwiega, a Queen's Golden Jubilee Award Recipient, concerning support for the arts.

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding Government investment in Lethbridge post-secondary institutions.

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding Kananaskis Country and Government policy concerning Alberta's public parks system.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding rural crime and the use of aerial drones.

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement regarding Bill 32, Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020.

Mr. Reid, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the 125th anniversary of Waterton Lakes National Park.

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding the blood donation system and Bill 204, Voluntary Blood Donations Repeal Act.

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, made a statement regarding the Greater Parkland Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Report dated March 2019, entitled "The Best and Worst Places to be a Woman in Canada 2019," prepared by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives

Sessional Paper 279/2020

Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon:

3 memoranda of understanding, with corresponding letters of intent, and several related pieces of correspondence expressing support for a proposed Alberta economic corridor, relating to comments made by Mr. Smith in his Member's Statement on July 16, 2020

Sessional Paper 280/2020

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Madu, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Pursuant to the Safety Codes Act, cS-1, s25(3), Safety Codes Council 2019 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 281/2020

Pursuant to the Government Organization Act, cG-10, schedule 10, s10(3), Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association Annual Report 2019/2020

Sessional Paper 282/2020

Pursuant to the Government Organization Act, cG-10, schedule 10, s10(3), Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta Annual Report 2019 Sessional Paper 283/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Motions Other Than Government Motions

508. Moved by Mr. Shepherd:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to partner with municipalities across Alberta to invest in the supportive housing required to end chronic homelessness in all communities.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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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

A debate followed.

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 32, Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

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A debate followed on the amendment.

Debate adjourned on the amendment.

Adjournment

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

MONDAY, JULY 20, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

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Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 29 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Madu

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 29 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

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Amendment to Bill 29 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

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Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 23 Commercial Tenancies Protection Act — Hon. Ms Fir

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;
- 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,
 - 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.

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The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, moved that the motion be amended by striking out clause (e) and substituting the following:

- (e) urges the Government
 - to consult with racialized communities as part of its review of the Police Act,
 - (ii) to consider the issues that arise from the Government's consultation in respect of its review of the Police Act, and
 - (iii) to report to the Legislative Assembly on the matters set out in subclauses (i) and (ii) no later than October 1, 2020.

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A debate followed on the amendment.

Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, moved that amendment A2 to the motion be amended in the proposed clause (e) by adding "and" at the end of subclause (i), by striking out "and" at the end of subclause (ii) and by striking out (iii).

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A debate followed on the subamendment.

The question being put, the subamendment was agreed to.

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

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

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2), Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no morning sittings on July 21, 22, and 23, 2020.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, on July 15, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Select Special Public Health Act Review Committee in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

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

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(2.1) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:01 a.m. Tuesday July 21, 2020, until 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper, Speaker