



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 49

## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Second Session

Thirtieth Legislature

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Wednesday, July 22, 2020

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

The Speaker made a statement and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the life and legacy of Robert C. Clark, Member for Didsbury, 1960 to 1963, and Member for Olds-Didsbury, 1963 to 1981, who passed away on July 10, 2020.

### **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Robert C. Clark, Member for Didsbury, 1960 to 1963, and Member for Olds-Didsbury, 1963 to 1981, who passed away on July 10, 2020.

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(8), Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, provided notice to the Assembly that the Daily Routine shall continue beyond 3:00 p.m.

### **Members' Statements**

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding Alberta's economic recovery plan in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding Alberta teachers' reactions to the Government's plans to re-open schools during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Rehn, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding Government investment in infrastructure projects.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement regarding the Government's plans to re-open schools during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the need for highway repairs and enhancements in the West Yellowhead area.

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

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, made a statement regarding the Alberta Parenting for the Future Association.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the need for greater diversity and leadership roles for women in the workplace.

Mr. Orr, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding spending by the previous New Democratic Party Government.

### **Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees**

Mr. Orr, Chair, Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, presented the following report pursuant to Standing Order 55 and the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, cA-23, s6(4)(c):

Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund 2019 Committee Annual Report, July 2020

Sessional Paper 292/2020

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 204, Voluntary Blood Donations Repeal Act, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, July 2020

Sessional Paper 293/2020

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to the report that the Bill proceed.

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

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Horse Racing Alberta Act, cH-11.3, s10(2):

Horse Racing Alberta Annual Report 2019

Sessional Paper 294/2020

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Motions**

32. Oral notice having been given July 21, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the 2020 Spring Sitting of the Assembly be extended beyond July 23, 2020 until such time as, or when, the Government House Leader advises the Assembly that the business for the sitting is concluded and at such time the Assembly stands adjourned.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

### **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.

Sessional Paper 275/2020

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

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, on July 20, 2020, 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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Debate adjourned on the amendment.

## **Adjournment**

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

## **Government Motions**

**31.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

A. Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta effective February 26, 2020, be amended

(a) in Standing Order 7(1)

(i) by adding the following immediately after “O Canada (First sitting day of each week)”:

God Save the Queen (Thursday)

(ii) by striking out “Deferred Divisions (Thursdays)” and substituting “Deferred Divisions (Thursday)”,

and

(b) in Standing Order 32.1 by striking out suborder (3) and substituting the following:

(3) If a division is deferred, the Clerk shall conduct the division when “Deferred Divisions” is called during the daily routine

(a) if notice is provided under suborder (1) during a Thursday morning sitting, on that Thursday afternoon, or

(b) if notice under suborder (1) is provided at any other time, on the Thursday that immediately follows the day on which notice is provided.

B. And be it further resolved that the amendments in this motion come into force on passage.

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the duration of the evening.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Third Reading**

On the motion that the following Bills be now read a Third time:

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

A debate followed.

### **Conflict of Interest**

Hon. Mr. Wilson, Minister of Indigenous Relations, declared a potential conflict of interest regarding Bill 31, Environmental Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, and absented himself from consideration and the vote on the motion.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 31 Environmental Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Nixon

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

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute during Committee of the Whole for the duration of the evening.

### **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 Bill:

Bill 33 Alberta Investment Attraction Act — Hon. Ms Fir

Mr. Smith, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 33 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat on July 21, 2020) — Adjourned

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

For the amendment: 8

Carson	Feehan	Shepherd
Dach	Goehring	Sweet
Eggen	Renaud	

Against the amendment: 24

Aheer	Nicolaides	Schow
Amery	Orr	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Glasgo	Rehn	Singh
Goodridge	Reid	Smith
Horner	Rosin	Stephan
Loewen	Rowswell	Turton
Lovely	Rutherford	Walker
Neudorf	Sawhney	Wilson

Debate continued on the main motion.

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, on behalf of Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, moved 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 because the Assembly is of the view that the Government has provided insufficient evidence to prove that the implementation of the provisions of the Bill, if passed, will not result in barriers to Albertans’ ability to access health care.

Sessional Paper 295/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, on July 20, 2020, 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.

Sessional Paper 284/2020

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

For the amendment: 8

Carson	Feehan	Renaud
Dach	Goehring	Sweet
Eggen	Notley	

Against the amendment: 29

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Amery	Neudorf	Shandro
Barnes	Nicolaides	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Dreeshen	Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)	Singh
Fir	Orr	Smith
Goodridge	Rehn	Stephan
Hanson	Rosin	Turton
Horner	Rowswell	Walker
Kenney	Rutherford	Wilson
Loewen	Sawhney	

Debate continued on the main motion.

Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, 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 because the Assembly is of the view that a thorough consultation by the Government with Alberta’s workers for the purpose of identifying all potential impacts of the proposed changes is required before the Assembly can further consider the Bill.

Sessional Paper 296/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

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

### **Committee of the Whole**

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 33 Alberta Investment Attraction Act — Hon. Ms Fir

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 33 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat on July 21, 2020) — Agreed to

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Subamendment to Bill 33 (A1-SA1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview) — Defeated

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Amendment to Bill 33 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 298/2020



## **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(2.1) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:37 a.m. Thursday, July 23, 2020, until 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,  
Speaker