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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Thirtieth Legislature

Thursday, July 23, 2020

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, made a statement recognizing the accomplishments of Her Honour the Honourable Lois Mitchell as her term as Lieutenant Governor of Alberta concludes.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding the New Democratic Party's report on an alternative relaunch plan for Alberta schools.

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding comments made by the Leader of the Official Opposition concerning Alberta's public parks system.

Mr. Yaseen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Dr. Abdul Quddus Qureshi.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the United Conservative Party's application for federal wage subsidies.

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding divisive comments made by New Democratic Party members and staff.

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, made a statement regarding the Alberta Anti-Racism Education Committee and the need for more Black Canadian history in the education curriculum.

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding Government investment in Lethbridge's agri-food industry.

Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the Government's economic recovery plan.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement regarding comments made by Gil McGowan, President, Alberta Federation of Labour.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks:

7 photographs depicting wildlife species found in Alberta

Sessional Paper 299/2020

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Hundreds of letters to Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Education, requesting the inclusion of Black Canadian history and anti-racism in Alberta's school curriculum

Sessional Paper 300/2020

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

New York Times website article dated February 26, 2006, entitled "As Canada's Slow-Motion Public Health System Falters, Private Medical Care Is Surging," relating to comments made by Mr. Neudorf during Second Reading debate on Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020

Sessional Paper 301/2020

Wikipedia article, undated, entitled "Publicly funded health care," relating to comments made by Mr. Neudorf during Second Reading debate on Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020

Sessional Paper 302/2020

Report dated May 1997, revised February 2001, entitled "Public- and Private-sector Involvement in Health-care Systems: a Comparison of OECD Countries," relating to comments made by Mr. Neudorf during Second Reading debate on Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020

Sessional Paper 303/2020

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Report dated July 23, 2020, entitled "Safe Schools, Successful Students: an Alternative Relaunch Plan for Alberta Schools," prepared by the New Democratic Party Caucus

Sessional Paper 304/2020

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Health Quality Council of Alberta Act, cH-7.2, s24(2):

Health Quality Council of Alberta Annual Report 2019-2020

Sessional Paper 305/2020

Royal Assent

Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Assembly and being seated on the Throne,

The Speaker addressed Her Honour in the following words:

May it please your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly has, at its present sitting, passed certain Bills to which, and in the name of the Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the titles of the Bills that had been passed as follows:

- 21 Provincial Administrative Penalties Act
- 22 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2020
- 23 Commercial Tenancies Protection Act
- 25 Protecting Alberta Industry from Theft Act, 2020
- 26 Constitutional Referendum Amendment Act, 2020
- 27 Alberta Senate Election Amendment Act, 2020
- 28 Vital Statistics (Protecting Albertans from Convicted Sex Offenders) Amendment Act, 2020
- 29 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 2020
- 31 Environmental Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2020
- 34 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2020

To these Bills, Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Bills.

Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor then retired from the Assembly.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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 sitting day.

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 Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, on behalf of Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on July 22, 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 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

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: 6

Carson Irwin Shepherd Eggen Sabir Sweet Against the amendment: 26

Aheer Kenney Savage
Allard Lovely Sawhney
Amery Luan Schow

Armstrong-Homeniuk Neudorf Sigurdson (Highwood)

DreeshenNixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)SmithGetsonPonTurtonGotfriedReidWilliamsGuthrieRowswellWilson

Issik Rutherford

Debate continued on the main motion.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, 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 but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

Sessional Paper 306/2020

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: 6

Dach Irwin Shepherd Eggen Sabir Sweet

Against the amendment: 24

Aheer Lovely Rutherford
Allard Luan Savage
Armstrong-Homeniuk Madu Schow

Dreeshen Neudorf Sigurdson (Highwood)

Getson Pon Smith
Gotfried Rehn Turton
Guthrie Reid Wilson
Issik Rowswell Yao

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: 25

Aheer Luan Savage Allard Madu Schow

Armstrong-Homeniuk Neudorf Sigurdson (Highwood)

DreeshenPonSmithGetsonRehnTurtonGotfriedReidWilliamsGuthrieRowswellWilsonIssikRutherfordYao

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Against the motion: 7

Carson Irwin Shepherd Dach Sabir Sweet

Eggen

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 Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, on July 22, 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 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

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

Carson Irwin Shepherd Dach Sabir Sweet

Eggen

Against the amendment: 24

Aheer Lovely Savage Armstrong-Homeniuk Luan Schow

Dreeshen Madu Sigurdson (Highwood)

Getson Neudorf Smith
Gotfried Pon Turton
Guthrie Rehn Williams
Hanson Rowswell Wilson
Issik Rutherford Yao

Debate continued on the main motion.

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 32, Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

Sessional Paper 307/2020

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

Carson Irwin Shepherd Dach Sabir Sweet

Eggen

Against the amendment: 25

Aheer Loewen Rutherford
Armstrong-Homeniuk Lovely Savage
Copping Luan Schow

Dreeshen Madu Sigurdson (Highwood)

GetsonNeudorfSmithGotfriedPonTurtonGuthrieRehnWilsonHansonRowswellYao

Issik

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: 25

Aheer Loewen Rutherford
Armstrong-Homeniuk Lovely Savage
Copping Luan Schow

Dreeshen Madu Sigurdson (Highwood)

Getson Neudorf Smith
Gotfried Pon Turton
Guthrie Rehn Wilson
Hanson Rowswell Yao

Issik

Against the motion: 7

Carson Irwin Shepherd Dach Sabir Sweet

Eggen

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

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

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

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.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 33 Alberta Investment Attraction Act — Hon. Ms Fir

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:17 p.m. until Monday, July 27, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper, Speaker

Title: Thursday, July 23, 2020