

No. 51

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Thirtieth Legislature

Monday, July 27, 2020

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, made a statement regarding Bill 32, Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020.

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding the need to put a limit on class sizes when Alberta schools re-open during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of John "Jack" William Royal Lewis.

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding Government priorities and the reopening of schools during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Yaseen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North, made a statement regarding the need to eradicate racism.

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

Mr. Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement regarding regulatory changes to Alberta's emergency medical services system.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding Government and union responses to the COVID-19 outbreak at the Cargill meat-processing plant in High River.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of Rosemary Imlah.

Notices of Motions

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

- **33.** Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.
- **34.** Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 30, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.
- **35.** Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 32, Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.
- **36.** Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 32, Restoring Balance in Alberta's Workplaces Act, 2020, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.
- **37.** Be it resolved that a special sitting of the Assembly be held on Thursday, August 27, 2020, for the purpose of receiving and holding a debate on the Government of Alberta's 2020-21 First Quarter Fiscal and Economic Update and that on that day
 - (a) despite Standing Order 7, there is no daily routine;
 - (b) despite Standing Order 8 and 29, the only business for consideration under Orders of the Day is a special debate on the 2020-21 First Quarter Fiscal and Economic Update during which the order of debate and the time limits on speaking are as follows:
 - (i) the President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance may table the 2020-21 First Quarter Fiscal and Economic Update and make the first statement not exceeding 30 minutes;

- (ii) immediately following the President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance's statement, a Member of the Official Opposition may make a statement not exceeding 10 minutes;
- (iii) immediately following the statement by a member of the Official Opposition under subclause (ii) and for a period not exceeding 60 minutes
 - (A) Members of the Official Opposition may ask questions on matters relevant to the 2020-21 First Quarter Fiscal and Economic Update and the statement made by the President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, and
 - (B) the President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, or any other member of the Executive Council, may respond to those questions;
- (iv) immediately following the expiry of the 60- minute period referred to in subclause (iii) and for a period not exceeding 20 minutes
 - (A) private Members of the Government caucus may ask questions on matters relevant to the 2020-21 First Quarter Fiscal and Economic Update and the statement made by the President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, and
 - (B) the President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, or any other member of the Executive Council, may respond to those questions;
- (v) a Member who asks a question or a member of the Executive Council who responds in accordance with subclause (iii) or (iv) is limited to a period of 2 minutes at one time to ask that question or make a response;
- (c) officials of the Government may be seated in the Assembly during the debate to assist members of the Executive Council;
- (d) despite Standing Order 3(1) and 4, the Assembly commences its sitting at 10:00 a.m. and the sitting concludes immediately after all statements and related periods for questions and responses have concluded, at which time
 - the debate is considered concluded without decision, and

(ii) subject to Standing Order 3(8), the Assembly stands adjourned until the commencement of the 2020 Fall Sitting.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Copy of a petition directed to Members of the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, containing thousands of signatures expressing concern regarding pensions in Alberta

Sessional Paper 308/2020

Copy of a petition directed to the Minister of Finance, containing thousands of signatures expressing concern regarding pensions in Alberta

Sessional Paper 309/2020

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland:

Document, undated, entitled "Write up for Legislature: John Williams Royal Lewis, September 5, 1931, to May 16, 2020," relating to comments made by Mr. Getson during his Member's Statement on July 27, 2020

Sessional Paper 310/2020

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

27 e-mail messages from Albertans expressing concern regarding the Government's school re-entry plan during the COVID-19 pandemic

Sessional Paper 311/2020

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

CBC News website article dated July 13, 2020, entitled "N.W.T. ignored in Alberta monitoring suspension despite agreement: leaked emails"

Sessional Paper 312/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 204 Voluntary Blood Donations Repeal Act — Mr. Yao

A debate followed.

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the afternoon.

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

For the motion: 30

Aheer Jones Sawhney
Allard Lovely Schow
Amery Luan Schulz

Dreeshen Madu Sigurdson (Highwood)

Fir Nally Smith Getson Neudorf Stephan Guthrie Orr Walker Hanson Rehn Williams Horner Rowswell Wilson Issik Rutherford Yao

Against the motion: 7

Dach Loyola Schmidt

Feehan Nielsen Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Gray

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

Bill 204 Voluntary Blood Donations Repeal Act — Mr. Yao

Motions Other Than Government Motions

509. Moved by Mr. Nielsen:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce a Bill to expressly ban unpaid internships in order to support youth employment, strengthen fair pay, and improve labour standards and working conditions in Alberta.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

Adjournment

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

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 33 Alberta Investment Attraction Act — Hon. Ms Fir

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Nixon 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)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, on behalf of Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, moved that the Bill be amended in section 2(5)(a), in the proposed section 8(1.1), by adding the following immediately after clause (c):

- (c.1) impact of the provision of the insured surgical services as contemplated under the proposed agreement on the publicly funded and publicly administered health system in Alberta
- (c.2) expected public benefit in providing the insured surgical services as contemplated under the proposed agreement, considering
 - (i) quality of service,
 - (ii) flexibility, and
 - (iii) the efficient use of existing capacity;

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Carson Goehring Renaud
Dang Gray Shepherd

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Against the amendment: 25

Amery Lovely Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk Luan Sawhney
Barnes Madu Schow
Dreeshen McIver Schulz

Fir Neudorf Sigurdson (Highwood)

Getson Orr Smith
Glasgo Rehn Walker
Horner Reid Wilson

Jones

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, on behalf of Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, moved that the Bill be amended by striking out

- (a) sections 1(3) and (4), and
- (b) section 4.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Eggen Hoffman Renaud Goehring Phillips Shepherd

Gray

Against the amendment: 23

Amery Lovely Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk Luan Schow
Barnes Madu Schulz

Getson McIver Sigurdson (Highwood)

Glasgo Neudorf Smith Hanson Orr Walker Horner Rehn Wilson

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

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

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

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

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 32 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 313/2020

Amendment to Bill 30 (A1-SA1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud)
— Defeated

Sessional Paper 314/2020

Amendment to Bill 30 (A1-SA2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 315/2020

Amendment to Bill 30 (A1) (Hon. Minister of Health) — Agreed to Sessional Paper 316/2020

Amendment to Bill 30 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 317/2020

Amendment to Bill 30 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre on behalf of Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader) — Adjourned Sessional Paper 318/2020

Amendment to Bill 32 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods on behalf of Official Opposition House Leader) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 319/2020

Third Reading

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

Bill 33 Alberta Investment Attraction Act — Hon. Ms Fir

A debate followed.

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 25

AmeryLovelyRowswellArmstrong-HomeniukLuanSawhneyBarnesMaduSchowDreeshenMcIverSchulz

Getson Neudorf Sigurdson (Highwood)

Glasgo Orr Smith Hanson Rehn Walker Horner Reid Wilson

Jones

Against the motion: 7

Deol Gray Renaud Eggen Phillips Shepherd

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The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 33 Alberta Investment Attraction Act — Hon. Ms Fir

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2), Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no morning sitting on July 28, 2020.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:35 a.m. Tuesday, July 28, 2020, until 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper, Speaker