



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 54

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Thirtieth Legislature

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

The Speaker took the Chair at 10:00 a.m.

Speaker's Statement – COVID-19 Chamber Protocols

The Speaker made a statement regarding the continuing modifications to the handling of House documents during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Government Motions

38. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that, despite Standing Orders 13(7), 16, and 32(4)(b), for the duration of the 2020 Fall Sitting of the Second Session of the 30th Legislature, and to allow for appropriate physical distancing within the Chamber during that time, all Members may sit, speak, and vote in any seat that has not been assigned to them provided that they immediately relinquish that seat on the request of

- (a) the Member who has been assigned that seat, or
- (b) the Speaker.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

41. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the membership of the Assembly's committees be replaced as follows:

- A. on the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, that Mr. Turton replace Hon. Mrs. Allard, Ms Gray replace MLA Loyola, and Ms Phillips replace Mr. Nielsen;
- B. on the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, that MLA Ceci replace Mr. Schmidt, and MLA Loyola replace Ms Gray;
- C. on the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, that Ms Ganley replace Ms Pancholi;
- D. on the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing, that Mr. Reid replace Mr. Schow as Deputy Chair, Ms Pancholi replace Ms Ganley, Mr. Carson be removed, Mr. Schow be removed, and Mr. Turton be removed;
- E. on the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, that Mr. Schmidt replace Ms Hoffman;
- F. on the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services, that Mr. Sabir replace Ms Ganley;
- G. on the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future, that Ms Rosin replace Hon. Mrs. Allard;
- H. on the Standing Committee on Families and Communities, that Mr. Sabir replace Ms Ganley;
- I. on the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, that Ms Ganley replace Mr. Sabir, and Ms Fir replace Ms Rosin.

A debate followed.

Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, moved that the motion be amended by adding the following after Part I:

- J. on the Select Special Democratic Accountability Committee, that Ms Fir replace Hon. Mrs. Allard.

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The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

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

39. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), for the duration of the 2020 Fall Sitting of the Second Session of the 30th Legislature, the Assembly shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings for consideration of Government business unless the Government House Leader, or a member of the Executive Council on the Government House Leader's behalf, advises the Assembly that there shall be no evening sitting by providing notice during Notices of Motions in the Daily Routine or at any time no later than 6 p.m. on the sitting day on which the evening sitting will be cancelled.

The question being put, the motion 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 Wednesday, October 21, 2020; Thursday, October 22, 2020; Tuesday, October 27, 2020; Wednesday, October 28, 2020; Thursday, October 29, 2020; Tuesday, November 3, 2020; Wednesday, November 4, 2020; and Thursday, November 5, 2020.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:12 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Members Robert A. “Butch” Fischer, Member for Wainwright, 1982 to 2001, who passed away on August 9, 2020; Hon. Nicholas W. Taylor, Member for Westlock-Sturgeon, 1986 to 1996, and Redwater, 1993 to 1996, who passed away on October 3, 2020; and Stanley S. Schumacher, Member for Drumheller, 1986 to 1997, who passed away on October 10, 2020.

Speaker’s Statement – Member’s Anniversary

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the fifth anniversary of Hon. Mr. Panda, Minister of Infrastructure, who was elected to the Legislative Assembly in a by-election on September 3, 2015.

Members’ Statements

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding the New Democratic Party’s economic strategy for Alberta.

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding the comments and actions of Gil McGowan, President, Alberta Federation of Labour, toward businesses that support the United Conservative Party.

Mr. Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement regarding the Government’s economic recovery plan.

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding Government actions concerning the provincial parks system.

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding commuting and employee mobility.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding difficulties faced by Albertans relying on AISH.

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, made a statement regarding the 2020 harvest season and Alberta's farming families.

Mr. Orr, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding Vesta Energy.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding a recent event recognizing volunteers in the Camrose constituency.

Notices of Motions

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, gave oral notice of her intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, (a) the critical rate of unemployment in Alberta and the consequential impact on Albertans' lives and livelihoods, including in respect of commercial and residential vacancy rates, mortgage deferrals and low business confidence, and (b) the immediate need for the Government to reconsider its economic plan to address the unemployment crisis that takes into account the prevailing economic realities facing Albertans.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 35 Tax Statutes (Creating Jobs and Driving Innovation) Amendment Act, 2020
— Hon. Mr. Toews

Bill 36 Geothermal Resource Development Act — Hon. Mrs. Savage

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, (a) the critical rate of unemployment in Alberta and the consequential impact on Albertans' lives and livelihoods, including in respect of commercial and residential vacancy rates, mortgage deferrals and low business confidence, and (b) the immediate need for the Government to reconsider its economic plan to address the unemployment crisis that takes into account the prevailing economic realities facing Albertans.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was not in order.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

42. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly commend the tremendous efforts of Albertans to protect lives and livelihoods throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and the consequent global recession, and urge the Government to pursue prudent policies that protect the vulnerable while supporting the broader social, economic, mental and physical health of Albertans.

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Schmidt speaking.

Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Motions

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A debate followed.

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

Intersessional Deposits

Pursuant to Standing Order 38.1(3), the following documents were deposited with the Clerk of the Assembly and are deemed to have been tabled before the Assembly:

Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Combined Laboratory and X-Ray Technologists Annual Report 2019, deposited on September 2, 2020

Sessional Paper 372/2020

College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta 2019 Annual Report, deposited on September 2, 2020

Sessional Paper 373/2020

College of Medical Laboratory Technologists of Alberta 2019 Annual Report, deposited on September 2, 2020

Sessional Paper 374/2020

Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance:

Pursuant to the Securities Act, cS-4, s20(2), Alberta Securities Commission 2020 Annual Report, deposited on September 3, 2020

Sessional Paper 375/2020

Pursuant to the Financial Administration Act, cF-12, s42.1, Alberta Capital Finance Authority Annual Report 2019, deposited on September 3, 2020

Sessional Paper 376/2020

Hon. Mrs. Sawhney, Minister of Community and Social Services, pursuant to the Advocate for Persons with Disabilities Act, cA-5.5, s4(2):

Office of the Advocate for Persons with Disabilities 2019-2020 Annual Report, deposited on September 9, 2020

Sessional Paper 377/2020

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 114:

Legislative Assembly Office Annual Report 2019-2020, deposited on September 14, 2020

Sessional Paper 378/2020

Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Occupational Therapists 2019-2020 Annual Report, deposited on September 18, 2020

Sessional Paper 379/2020

Alberta College of Optometrists 2019 Annual Report to Government, deposited on September 25, 2020

Sessional Paper 380/2020

Hon. Mr. Dreeshen, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, pursuant to the Agriculture Financial Services Act, cA-12, s15(2):

Agriculture Financial Services Corporation 2019-20 Annual Report, deposited on September 25, 2020

Sessional Paper 381/2020

Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College of Pharmacy 2019-20 Annual Report, deposited on September 25, 2020

Sessional Paper 382/2020

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Child and Youth Advocate Act, cC-11.5, s9.1(5):

Office of the Child and Youth Advocate Alberta Mandatory Reviews into Child Deaths, April 1, 2019, to September 30, 2019, deposited on September 29, 2020

Sessional Paper 383/2020

Mr. Schow, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s20(2):

Report of the Auditor General of Alberta dated September 2020, entitled “Alberta Municipal Affairs, Provincial Hazard Assessment for Emergency Management,” deposited on September 29, 2020

Sessional Paper 384/2020

Hon. Mrs. Sawhney, Minister of Community and Social Services, pursuant to the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Act, cP-21, s7(2):

Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Annual Report 2019/2020, deposited on October 5, 2020

Sessional Paper 385/2020

Hon. Mr. Madu, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s5(4):

Law Society of Alberta 2019 Annual Report, deposited on October 8, 2020

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Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Ombudsman Act, cO-8, s28:

Alberta Ombudsman 2019-20 Annual Report, deposited on October 15, 2020

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Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta 2018 Annual Report, deposited on October 16, 2020

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Physiotherapy Alberta College and Association 2019 Annual Report, deposited on October 19, 2020

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Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Nally, Associate Minister of Natural Gas and Electricity, the Assembly adjourned at 9:25 p.m. until Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker