



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 55

## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Second Session

Thirtieth Legislature

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Wednesday, October 21, 2020

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding Small Business Week.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding healthcare funding and statements made by the Minister of Health.

Ms Glasgo, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding Government investment in irrigation infrastructure.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement regarding post-secondary education funding.

Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding police reform and the need to maintain funding for community policing.

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the right-to-work resolution adopted at the recent United Conservative Party annual general meeting.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding Navaratri.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement and read a letter from an Albertan regarding proposed changes to AISH funding.

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the federal government's clean fuel standards.

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

Mr. Milliken, Chair, Select Special Public Health Act Review Committee, presented the following report:

Select Special Public Health Act Review Committee Review of the Public Health Act, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, October 2020

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### **Notices of Motions**

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bills:

Bill 39 Child Care Licensing (Early Learning and Child Care) Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Ms Schulz

Bill 40 Forests (Growing Alberta's Forest Sector) Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Dreeshen

### **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 37 Builders' Lien (Prompt Payment) Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Bill 38 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Madu

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

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

A debate followed.

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

## Government Motions

### 40. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

A. Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, effective July 22, 2020, be amended

(a) in Standing Order 3

(i) by striking out suborder (1) and substituting the following:

(1) Unless otherwise ordered, the sitting hours of the Assembly shall be as follows:

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| Monday:    | 1:30 – 6 p.m.    |
| Tuesday:   | 1:30 – 6 p.m.    |
| Wednesday: | 1:30 – 6 p.m.    |
| Thursday:  | 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. |

(ii) by striking out suborder (1.1) and (1.2), and

(iii) in suborder (8) by striking out “on a certain date” and substituting “at a certain time”;

(b) in Standing Order 4

(i) by striking out the heading and substituting “Morning and evening sittings and adjournment”;

(ii) by striking out suborder (1) and substituting the following:

(1) Despite Standing Order 3 and subject to suborder (1.1), on passage of a Government motion, which may be made upon one day’s notice and is not subject to debate or amendment, the Assembly may meet to consider those items of business listed in Standing Order 8(2) at any of the following times as specified in the motion:

- (a) Tuesday morning commencing at 10 a.m.;
- (b) Wednesday or Thursday morning commencing at 9 a.m.;
- (c) Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evening commencing at 7:30 p.m.

(1.1) The Assembly shall not meet for a morning sitting during the period that commences on the first day of main estimates consideration by the Legislative Policy Committees and ends on the day on which the Committee of Supply votes on the main estimates.

- (c) in Standing Order 8
  - (i) in suborder (1.2) by striking out “the Assembly may grant unanimous consent to proceed to an additional Motion other than a Government Motion or to any other item of business that is not yet due for consideration by the Assembly” and substituting “the Assembly may consider the motion other than a Government motion that is next in precedence on the Order Paper on passage of a motion made by the sponsor of that motion other than a Government motion”;
  - (ii) by adding the following after suborder (1.2):

(1.3) A motion made in accordance with suborder (1.2) to proceed to the motion other than a Government motion that is next in precedence on the Order Paper may be made without notice and is not subject to debate or amendment.
  - (iii) in suborder (2) by striking out “During morning sittings and”;
  - (iv) in suborder (6) by adding “and the Assembly has not yet considered motions other than Government motions that day” after “4:55 p.m.”;
- (d) in Standing Order 38.1 by striking out suborder (1) and (2) and substituting the following:
  - (1) If the Assembly adjourns to a day that is more than 14 days following the sitting day on which it adjourned, a Member may deposit any of the following documents with the Clerk of the Assembly during that period of adjournment:
    - (a) a return, report or other periodic statement that is required to be laid before the Assembly in accordance with an Act, regulation, or Standing Order or resolution of the Assembly;
    - (b) a member of the Executive Council’s written response to a question raised during consideration by a committee of the Assembly of the interim, supplementary or main estimates of that Member’s ministry.
  - (1.1) The day on which a document is deposited with the Clerk in accordance with suborder (1) is to be considered the day on which the Member laid the document before the Assembly.
  - (2) In respect of each document deposited under this Standing Order during a session, the Clerk must, as soon as practicable after the document is deposited, enter a description of the document on a list made public by the Clerk that shows all documents deposited for that session.
- (e) in Standing Order 52(1)(a) by striking out “15 Members” and substituting “12 Members”;

- (f) in Standing Order 52.01(1)(b) by striking out “Economic Development, Trade and Tourism” and substituting “Jobs, Economy and Innovation”.
- B. Be it further resolved that temporary amendments be made to Standing Order 5 of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, effective July 22, 2020 as follows:
- (a) in suborder (1) by striking out “20 Members” and substituting “5 Members”, and
  - (b) by replacing suborder (2) with the following:
    - (2) If, during a sitting of the Assembly, a question of quorum arises, the Speaker shall, on determining that a quorum is lacking
      - (a) order the bells to ring for no longer than 15 minutes,
      - (b) conduct a count of the Members present immediately after the bells are rung, and
      - (c) if quorum is still lacking on conclusion of the count, declare a recess or adjourn the Assembly until the next sitting day.
- C. Be it further resolved that
- (a) the amendments set out in Part A, clause (a)(i) and (ii), (b) and (c)(iii) come into force on December 18, 2020,
  - (b) the amendments set out in Part A, clause (a)(iii), (c)(i), (ii) and (iv), (d), (e) and (f) come into force on the passage of this motion, and
  - (c) the temporary amendments in Part B come into force on the passage of this motion and remain effective until the conclusion of the 2020 Fall Sitting of the Second Session of the 30th Legislature.

A debate followed.

Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, moved that the motion be amended

- (a) by striking out Part B and substituting the following:
  - B. Be it further resolved that temporary amendments be made to the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, effective July 22, 2020, as follows:
    - (a) Standing Order 3 is amended
      - (i) in suborder (4) by striking out "(8) or (9)" and substituting "(8), (9) or (10)",
      - (ii) by adding the following after suborder (9):

(10) If the Assembly stands adjourned until a specified date or time and at any time during that adjournment the Speaker is satisfied that either of the following applies, the Speaker may, in accordance with suborder (11), extend that adjournment beyond that specified date or time unless the Government has advised the Speaker under suborder (8) that the Assembly must meet:

(a) the Assembly should not meet on that specific date or time due to an emergency event, or

(b) it is not in the public interest for the Assembly to meet on that specific date or time.

(11) The Speaker may extend an adjournment by, after consulting with the Government House Leader and the Leader of the Official Opposition,

(a) specifying the date and time until which the adjournment is extended, and

(b) providing notice of that date and time when the Assembly shall next meet to transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that date and time.

(b) Standing Order 5 is amended

(i) in suborder (1) by striking out "20 Members" and substituting "12 Members", and

(ii) by replacing suborder (2) with the following:

(2) If, during a sitting of the Assembly, a question of quorum arises, the Speaker shall, on determining that a quorum is lacking

(a) order the bells to ring for no longer than 15 minutes,

(b) conduct a count of the Members present immediately after the bells are rung, and

(c) if quorum is still lacking on conclusion of the count, declare a recess or adjourn the Assembly until the next sitting day.

(b) in Part C, clause (c) by striking out "the conclusion of the 2020 Fall Sitting of the Second Session of the 30th Legislature" and substituting "February 9, 2021".

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Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that, pursuant to Government Motion 39, agreed to on October 20, 2020, there would be no evening sitting today.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

Debate continued on the motion as amended.

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

## **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2); Government Motion 39, agreed to on October 21, 2020; and on motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:11 p.m. until Thursday, October 22, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,  
Speaker