

No. 61

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Thirtieth Legislature

Monday, November 2, 2020

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mrs. Sawhney, Minister of Community and Social Services, made a statement regarding Family Violence Prevention Month.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Ms Glasgo, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding suicide prevention efforts in Medicine Hat.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding a recent COVID-19 outbreak at the Foothills Medical Centre in Calgary and comments made by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge concerning healthcare workers.

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding several claims made by Members of the Official Opposition.

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding proposed changes to Alberta's provincial parks system.

Mr. Jones, Hon. Member for Calgary-South East, made a statement regarding the Alberta Petrochemical Incentive Program.

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.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the effects of Government policies on rural Alberta.

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding comments made by the Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West and AUPE members concerning the COVID-19 pandemic in Lethbridge.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding Bill 40, Forests (Growing Alberta's Forest Sector) Amendment Act, 2020, and job creation.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement regarding the need to include and support small business owners as part of Alberta's economic recovery.

Notices of Motions

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

- Bill 43 Financing Alberta's Strategic Transportation Act Hon. Mr. McIver
- Bill 44 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 Hon. Mr. Toews

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 42 North Saskatchewan River Basin Water Authorization Act — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

6 recent e-mail messages from Lethbridge-West constituents to Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, expressing concern regarding proposed changes to Alberta's provincial parks system

Sessional Paper 407/2020

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

3 recent e-mail messages, one from Jacob Lee Bachinger of Edmonton to Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Education; one from Scott McCracken of Calgary to Mr. Milliken, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora and Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Education; and one from Avery Teo to Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Education, all expressing concern regarding the ongoing kindergarten to grade 12 curriculum review

Sessional Paper 408/2020

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South:

CBC News website article dated June 18, 2014, entitled "Province rejects P3 approach for building 19 new schools"

Sessional Paper 409/2020

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health:

Pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2), College of Alberta Psychologists Annual Report 2019-20

Sessional Paper 410/2020

Pursuant to the Health Disciplines Act, cH-2, s4(5), Health Disciplines Board 2019 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 411/2020

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act, cG-1, s30(2):

Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Annual Report 2019-20

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

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 Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 204 Voluntary Blood Donations Repeal Act — Mr. Yao

Motions Other Than Government Motions

511. Moved by MLA Loyola:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly affirm that it is unquestionably in Alberta's interest to remain part of the Canadian federation and unequivocally denounce calls for Alberta to become a state that is independent of a strong and united Canada.

A debate followed.

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, moved, pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), that Motion Other Than a Government Motion 511 be moved to the bottom of the relevant item of business on the Order Paper.

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: 23

Aheer Madu Toor Neudorf Turton Amery Armstrong-Homeniuk Nicolaides van Dijken Dreeshen Walker Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Ellis Wilson Pon Yao Fir Savage Goodridge Sawhney Yaseen Long Schow

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Against the motion: 8

Dach Loyola Schmidt
Feehan Notley Sweet

Goehring Phillips

Government Motions

29. Oral notice having been given July 6, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Madu on behalf of Hon. Mr. Kenney:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- a) affirm its loyalty to a united Canadian federation, and
- b) urge the Government to obtain a fair deal for Alberta within the Canadian federation.

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

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 77(1) in order to proceed immediately to Third Reading of Bill 204, Voluntary Blood Donations Repeal Act.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:07 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 41 Insurance (Enhancing Driver Affordability and Care) Amendment Act, 2020
 — Hon. Mr. Toews

A debate followed.

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

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.

Hon. Mrs. Allard moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

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

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

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

A debate followed.

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

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, on October 28, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 35, Tax Statutes (Creating Jobs and Driving Innovation) Amendment Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 400/2020

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

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Schweitzer, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:59 p.m. until Tuesday, November 3, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper, Speaker

Title: Monday, November 2, 2020