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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Thursday, November 5, 2020

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

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to read correspondence sent on behalf of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, for the letter to be tabled immediately following it being read, and for the text of the letter to appear in the Votes and Proceedings for November 5, 2020.

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, then read the letter, dated October 16, 2020, as follows:

Your Honour,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the reintroduction of singing God Save the Queen in the Alberta Legislature. I have shown your letter to The Queen, who was grateful to be kept informed.

This message comes to you with Her Majesty's warm good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Laing-Baker,

Assistant Private Secretary to The Queen

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**Members' Statements**

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding Remembrance Day.

Mr. Rutherford, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding Remembrance Day.

Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement recognizing those in the armed forces and the many sacrifices they make.

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement regarding Government policies and petrochemical diversification in Alberta.

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, made a statement regarding the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Campaign.

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement recognizing several recent religious festivities celebrated by Albertans belonging to the Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, and Jain faiths.

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding comments made by Members of the Official Opposition concerning changes to the provincial parks system.

Ms Issik, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the live events industry.

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding socialism.

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

Mr. Schow, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members Public Bills, presented the following report:

Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members Public Bills Final Report, Bill 205, Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month Act, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, November 2020

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Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to the report that the Bill proceed.

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

Mr. Neudorf, Chair, Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future, presented the following reports:

Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future, Report Respecting the Presentation Received from the Alberta Construction Association by the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future on July 31, 2020

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

Oral notice having been given November 4, 2020:

Bill 46 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Bill 47 Ensuring Safety and Cutting Red Tape Act, 2020 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Copping

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter dated October 26, 2020, from Shauna Gibbons, Chair, Ross Sheppard High School, School Council, to Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Education, regarding the decision to make grade 12 diploma exams optional during October and November 2020, and recommending that the decision be applied to the remainder of the 2020-21 school year, relating to comments made by Ms Hoffman during Oral Question Period on November 5, 2020

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CBC News website article dated October 6, 2020, entitled "Edmonton Public Schools will ask province to cancel diploma exams during pandemic," relating to comments made by Ms Hoffman during Oral Question Period on November 5, 2020

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Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, on behalf of Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday:

Report dated November 4, 2020, entitled "Earnings Update: Intact Financial Corp.," prepared by CIBC, relating to comments made by Mr. Carson during Oral Question Period on November 5, 2020

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Mr. Schow, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s20(1):

Report of the Auditor General, November 2020

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Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

CBC News website article dated October 25, 2019, entitled “ ‘I felt betrayed’: Gaming companies unsure of future in Alberta after tax credit axed,” relating to comments made by Mr. Nielsen during Second Reading debate on Bill 35, Tax Statutes (Creating Jobs and Driving Innovation) Amendment Act, 2020, on November 3, 2020

Sessional Paper 452/2020

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, on behalf of Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View:

Report dated April 3, 2020, entitled “Advice to Minister – For Information: COVID-19 Impacts to Global Affairs Canada Operations and Related Implications for Alberta’s International Offices,” prepared by Alberta Economic Development, Trade and Tourism, relating to comments made by Ms Ganley during Oral Question Period on November 5, 2020

Sessional Paper 453/2020

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Letter dated November 2, 2020, from Suzanne Hermary, Co-ordinator, Red Deer Arts Council, to Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing concern regarding the decision to close the Hub on Ross in Red Deer

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## **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Allard, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, cM-26, s708.09:

Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board 2019-2020 Annual Report

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Calgary Metropolitan Region Board 2019 Annual Report

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Pursuant to the Special Areas Act, cS-16, s19(2), Special Areas Trust Account Financial Statements, December 31, 2019

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Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Dreeshen, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, pursuant to the Farm Implement Act, cF-7, s42(2):

Farmers’ Advocate Office Annual Report 2019-2020

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Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Madu, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General:

Alberta Law Enforcement Review Board 2019 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 459/2020

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

#### **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.

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, moved 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 because the Assembly is of the view that a reduction in the corporate income tax rate that rewards foreign shareholders is an ineffective strategy to create jobs, relative to the alternatives.

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A debate followed on the amendment.

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2), Hon. Mr. Nally, Associate Minister of Natural Gas and Electricity, advised the Assembly that there would be no morning sittings on Tuesday, November 17, 2020; Wednesday, November 18, 2020; and Thursday, November 19, 2020.

Debate adjourned on the amendment, Ms Pancholi speaking.

## **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Orders 3(6) and 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, November 16, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,  
Speaker