



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 69

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

(Revised*)

Second Session

Thirtieth Legislature

Monday, November 23, 2020

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

The Speaker offered a prayer in recognition of the fifth anniversary of the death of former Member Manmeet Bhullar, Member for Calgary-Montrose, 2008 to 2012, and Calgary-Greenway, 2012 to 2015, who passed away on November 23, 2015.

Members' Statements

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding the New Democratic Party's response to the Alberta to Alaska transportation corridor.

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding the Premier's response to the recent surge in Alberta's COVID-19 cases.

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the achievements of the Minister of Indigenous Relations and the Associate Minister of Red Tape Reduction.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the Government's approach to the economy and public health.

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding the good work being done by businesses and non-profits in the Central Peace-Notley constituency.

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the Premier's response to the recent surge in Alberta's COVID-19 cases.

Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding the recent decision of Calgary city council to reduce police funding.

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding National Housing Day and the need for Government to support affordable housing.

Mr. Milliken, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the many uses of petrochemical products.

Notices of Motions

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

47. Be it resolved that the Message from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2020-21 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.
48. Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 61(2), the Committee of Supply shall be called to consider the 2020-21 Supplementary Supply Estimates for three hours on Wednesday, November 25, 2020.
49. Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly
 - (a) acknowledge the recent increase in COVID-19 cases in Alberta,
 - (b) express its support for the Government in any future actions that will help protect the public, and
 - (c) urge the Government to
 - (i) continue to provide the necessary supports to small- and medium-sized businesses to assist in their economic recovery, and
 - (ii) encourage Albertans to follow all future actions taken by the Government in order to help relieve the pressure on our health care system.

Ms Sweet, Official Opposition House Leader, on behalf of Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, 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, the alarming and rapid increase in cases in Alberta over the weekend; the federal release on Friday of modelling that indicates an expectation that COVID-19 spread in Alberta will continue to rapidly grow exponentially based on current trajectories; the dangerous levels of pressure being experienced in our healthcare sector due to the recent increases; and the recently growing need for economic supports for small- and medium-sized businesses in the province to survive the pandemic.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre:

South Peace News website article dated November 23, 2020, entitled “Breaking provincial news from Peace River UCP AGM: provincial COVID testing questioned,” relating to comments made by Mr. Shepherd during Oral Question Period on November 23, 2020

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MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood:

Letter, undated, from Roxanne Bampton, unaddressed, expressing concern regarding possible changes to AISH eligibility requirements

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Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Labour and Immigration, pursuant to the Chartered Professional Accountants Act, cC-10.2, s28(2):

Chartered Professional Accountants Alberta Annual Report 2019/2020

Sessional Paper 478/2020

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive all necessary Standing Orders to allow the Leader of the Official Opposition and any member of Executive Council who spoke previously in debate on Government Motion 42 to speak a second time to that motion.

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, notified the Assembly that she would not be proceeding with her motion to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to transfer the sponsorship of Bill 206, Property Rights Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, to Ms Glasgo, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat.

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

Bill 206 Property Rights Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Ms Glasgo

Conflict of Interest

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, declared a potential conflict of interest regarding Bill 206, Property Rights Statutes Amendment Act, 2020, and withdrew from the proceedings without participating in the consideration of the motion.

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Williams speaking.

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

Bill 205 Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month Act —
Mr. Singh

Motions Other Than Government Motions

513. Moved by Ms Hoffman:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider (a) restoring per-student provincial funding in the Ministry of Education budget in line with levels during the 2018-2019 fiscal year, and (b) providing additional support to school boards to address the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on Alberta's students.

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.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2020 — 7:30 P.M.

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.

Ms Notley moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 44 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. Toews

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Mr. Sigurdson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 39 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein) — Adjourned
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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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, on November 17, 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 it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

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The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question being immediately put on the motion for Second Reading, the motion was agreed to.

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

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nally, Associate Minister of Natural Gas and Electricity, the Assembly adjourned at 12:59 a.m. Tuesday, November 24, 2020, until 10:00 a.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker

*Sponsor of Bill 206 corrected