



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 71

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Thirtieth Legislature

Wednesday, November 25, 2020

The Speaker took the Chair at 9:00 a.m.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, on November 24, 2020, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 47, Ensuring Safety and Cutting Red Tape Act, 2020, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta’s Economic Future in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 490/2020

Ms Hoffman moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

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. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 46, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2), be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 491/2020

A debate followed on the amendment.

Debate adjourned on the amendment, Mr. Dang speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 11:59 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2020 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

Ms Issik, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence.

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding Bill 47, Ensuring Safety and Cutting Red Tape Act, 2020.

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, made a statement regarding the historical significance of the Newbrook Observatory.

Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement regarding Government policies and comments from the Government concerning public sector front-line workers.

Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding socialism.

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the Government's response to the surge in the number of seniors infected with COVID-19.

Mr. Walker, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding a pilot program for international travellers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding the Premier's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, made a statement regarding the proposed federal economic reset.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Schulz, Minister of Children's Services:

Business Council of Alberta website article dated August 14, 2020, entitled "The surprising picture of women's economic recovery – it's not what you think," relating to comments made by Hon. Ms Schulz during Oral Question Period on November 25, 2020

Sessional Paper 492/2020

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Document dated November 13, 2020, entitled "Information and Privacy Commissioner Comments on Amendments to the Health Information Act," relating to comments made by Ms Hoffman during Second Reading debate on Bill 46, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2), on November 25, 2020

Sessional Paper 493/2020

Canadian Association of Journalists blog dated April 28, 2020, entitled "Code of Silence Award goes to Alberta Government," relating to comments made by Ms Hoffman during Second Reading debate on Bill 46, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2), on November 25, 2020

Sessional Paper 494/2020

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

9 recent e-mail messages to Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, expressing opposition to the Government's closure, partial closure, and privatization of 184 provincial parks and recreation areas

Sessional Paper 495/2020

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Alberta Health Act, cA-19.5, s6(2), and the Mental Health Act, cM-13, s47(2):

Office of the Alberta Health Advocates (Health Advocate and Mental Health Patient Advocate) 2019-20 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 496/2020

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Supplementary Supply Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair and Mrs. Pitt reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2020-21 Supplementary Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021, for the purposes indicated:

Advanced Education

Expense \$65,389,000

Agriculture and Forestry

Expense \$72,608,000
Financial Transactions \$500,000

Children's Services

Expense \$53,781,000

Community and Social Services

Expense \$118,492,000

Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women

Expense \$3,215,000

Education

Expense \$469,826,000

Energy

Expense \$513,594,000
Financial Transactions \$104,000,000

Environment and Parks

Expense \$302,984,000

Health

Expense \$1,303,227,000

Indigenous Relations

Financial Transactions \$500,000

Jobs, Economy and Innovation

Expense \$282,500,000
Financial Transactions \$25,000,000

Justice and Solicitor General

Capital Investment \$10,835,000

Labour and Immigration

Expense \$325,943,000

Municipal Affairs

Expense \$1,289,685,000

Financial Transactions \$76,800,000

Seniors and Housing

Expense \$31,100,000

Transportation

Expense \$133,764,000

Capital Investment \$468,383,000

Treasury Board and Finance

Expense \$2,436,000

Committee of Supply has also approved the following amounts to be transferred:

Transfer from **Advanced Education** Expense vote
to **Transportation** Expense vote \$1,000,000

Transfer from **Labour and Immigration** Expense vote
to **Agriculture and Forestry** Expense vote \$3,000,000

Transfer from **Community and Social Services** Expense vote
to **Transportation** Expense vote \$1,000,000

Transfer from **Labour and Immigration** Expense vote
to **Transportation** Expense vote \$1,000,000

Transfer from **Indigenous Relations** Financial Transactions vote
to **Seniors and Housing** Financial Transactions vote \$1,389,000

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 50 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2020 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Toews

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, the Assembly adjourned at 5:51 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Government Bills and Orders

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 Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 45 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 2020 (No. 2) — Hon. Mrs. Allard

Mr. Neudorf, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 38 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) —
Defeated

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Amendment to Bill 38 (A3) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) —
Defeated

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Amendment to Bill 38 (A4) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall) —
Defeated

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Amendment to Bill 39 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on
behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud on November 24,
2020) — Defeated

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Amendment to Bill 39 (A4) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 500/2020

Amendment to Bill 39 (A5) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 501/2020

Amendment to Bill 39 (A6) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 502/2020

Amendment to Bill 39 (A7) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 503/2020

Amendment to Bill 39 (A8) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 504/2020

Amendment to Bill 39 (A9) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 505/2020

Amendment to Bill 39 (A10) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 506/2020

Amendment to Bill 45 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 507/2020

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

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

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

Government Motions

46. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that:

1. The October 2020 Evaluation Summary Report of the Office of the Advocate for Persons with Disabilities (Sessional Paper 431/2020) be referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities for review;
2. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued;

3. In accordance with section 6(5) of the Advocate for Persons with Disabilities Act, the Committee shall report back to the Assembly within 90 days of the report being referred to it if the Assembly is then sitting or, if it is not then sitting, within 15 days after the commencement of the next sitting.

A debate followed.

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 sitting on Thursday, November 26, 2020.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(1.2) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:50 p.m. until Thursday, November 26, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker