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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Monday, November 30, 2020

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

**Members' Statements**

Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the airline sector and the effects of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.

Ms Gray, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding the federal wage top-up for essential workers.

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, made a statement regarding Adoption Awareness Month.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding Government policies.

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding small businesses and the recent COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.

Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement regarding the New Democratic Party's plan to support small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Cochrane, made a statement regarding the dedication of RCMP, sheriffs and municipal forces and proposed plans to defund them.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding comments made by the Premier concerning the number of COVID-19 cases in the constituency of Calgary-McCall.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding his Member's Statement on October 28, 2020, and freedom of speech.

### **Tablings to the Clerk**

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s37(4), and the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s16(5):

Report of Selected Payments to the Members and Former Members of the Legislative Assembly and Persons Directly Associated with Members of the Legislative Assembly, Year Ended March 31, 2020

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## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(1) in order to proceed immediately to Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 205, Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month Act, and, if time remains, to return to Written Questions at the conclusion of Committee of Whole consideration.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

### **Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were accepted:

**WQ2.** Asked for by Mr. Deol:

How many agendas, minutes, and reports on key measurement targets have been produced by Alberta's Anti-Racism Advisory Council from May 1, 2019, to October 19, 2020?

**WQ3.** Asked for by Ms Phillips:

How many applications for public agency board positions were received by the Public Agency Secretariat between April 20, 2019, and October 19, 2020?

The following Written Question was rejected:

**WQ1.** Moved by Mr. Shepherd:

How much was spent by the Government to cancel the Edmonton lab hub project?

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(1) and proceed immediately to Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 205, Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month Act, and, if time remains, to return to Motions for Returns at the conclusion of Committee of Whole consideration.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

## **Motions for Returns**

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

**MR6.** Proposed by Ms Ganley:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of all documents, including but not limited to business plans, agendas, minutes, Ministerial Orders, and directives, prepared by the Government between April 16, 2019, and October 16, 2019, relating to the incorporation of the Canadian Energy Centre as a provincial corporation under the Financial Administration Act.

**MR12.** Proposed by Ms Phillips:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of the competition matrix for each position posted between April 20, 2019, and October 19, 2020, on the Public Agency Secretariat public agency board opportunities website.

**MR13.** Proposed by Ms Phillips:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A list of public agency board opportunities posted, including competition number, opening date, closing date, job description, and the Ministry, agency, board, or commission seeking applicants, between April 20, 2019, and October 19, 2020, for which an executive or professional search firm was contracted.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

- MR1.** Moved by Mr. Feehan on behalf of MLA Loyola:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A list of all service level changes in provincial highways maintenance contracts between March 31, 2019, and October 19, 2020.
- MR2.** Moved by Mr. Feehan on behalf of MLA Loyola:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of all documents prepared by the Ministry of Transportation between March 31, 2019, and October 19, 2020, containing or related to service level changes for provincial highway maintenance contracts.
- MR3.** Moved by Ms Phillips on behalf of MLA Loyola:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of briefing materials, SMS messages, and email messages providing advice to the Minister of Transportation, including media preparation materials, prepared between May 1, 2019, and October 29, 2019, relating to Mandatory Entry-level Training for class 1 and 2 commercial drivers.
- MR7.** Moved by Mr. Schmidt on behalf of Mr. Shepherd:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of documents prepared for and by the Ministry of Health between May 1, 2019, and October 19, 2020, relating to the Alberta Dental Association and College's dental fee guide.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, on behalf of the motions' sponsors, advised that Motions for Return MR4 and MR5 would not proceed.

The following Motions for Returns were not moved and were removed from the Order Paper:

- MR4.** Mr. Dang to propose the following motion:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of all purchase orders, invoices, and other transaction records from May 1, 2019, to October 19, 2020, relating to the purchase of new furniture and amenities for offices in the Legislature Building.
- MR5.** Mr. Bilous to propose the following motion:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of all Ministerial Orders issued by each Ministry between January 1, 2019, and October 19, 2020, excluding those items that fall within the exceptions to disclosure provisions in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Debate on the following Motion for a Return was adjourned:

**MR8.** Moved by Mr. Sabir on behalf of Mr. Shepherd:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of all reports received by the Ministry of Health from Alberta Health Services between May 1, 2019, and October 19, 2020, relating to medical device reprocessing.

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Sabir speaking.

## **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**514.** Moved by Mr. Bilous:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly (a) recognize that technology companies are essential to Alberta's economic future, and (b) urge the Government to support the growth of these companies by (i) immediately adopting and investing in an industry-led approach to developing and commercializing artificial intelligence, machine learning, and data science technology; (ii) ensuring province-wide access to high speed internet; and (iii) attracting a globally recognized technology accelerator to Alberta.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## **Adjournment**

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2020 — 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 Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, pursuant to Standing Order 64(4), at 10:15 p.m. the Chair interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper referred to Committee of the Whole, which was agreed to.

The Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

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

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 43 Financing Alberta's Strategic Transportation Act — Hon. Mr. McIver

Mr. Horner, 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 43 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-South) —  
Defeated

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Amendment to Bill 43 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-South) —  
Adjourned

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## Government Motions

44. Oral notice having been given November 17, 2020, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

A. Be it resolved that despite any Standing Order, practice of the Legislative Assembly or the 2020 sessional calendar, at any time during the Second Session of the 30th Legislature the Government House Leader may, upon providing a minimum of 24 hours' written notice to the Speaker, or by notifying the Assembly no later than the time of adjournment on the preceding sitting day, advise that the public interest requires the Assembly to sit extended hours

(a) on Thursday beyond the normal adjournment hour, or

(b) on Friday, Saturday or Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. commencing with prayers followed by

(i) the ordinary daily routine to consist of those items set out in Standing Order 7(1), with Oral Question Period commencing at 10:20 a.m. and, for the purpose of Standing Order 7(7) and (8), the Daily Routine shall be deemed completed at 11:30 a.m., and

(ii) Orders of the Day to consist of those items of business set out in Standing Order 8(2)

and the Speaker shall give notice that the Assembly shall meet at that time to transact its business;

- B. And be it further resolved that this motion (a) takes effect immediately on passage, and (b) expires at 11:59 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2021.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Third Reading**

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

Bill 38 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Hon. Mr. McIver on behalf of  
Hon. Mr. Madu

A debate followed.

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: 24

Aheer	Issik	Stephan
Ceci	Loewen	Sweet
Dang	Long	Toor
Ellis	McIver	Turton
Fir	Pancholi	van Dijken
Ganley	Pon	Wilson
Goodridge	Shepherd	Yao
Hunter	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)	Yaseen

Against the motion: 0

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

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

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

### **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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, on November 25, 2020, 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.

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The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, 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 because the Assembly is of the view that it jeopardizes the confidential health information of Albertans by failing to put adequate safeguards in place for the use of that information.

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Ms Ganley 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 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.

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The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, moved 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 because the Assembly is of the view that the proposed legislation will not ensure the safety of workers in Alberta and therefore additional consultation is required.

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A debate followed on the amendment.

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

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 2:01 a.m. Tuesday, December 1, 2020, until 10:00 a.m.

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Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,  
Speaker