



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 79

## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Second Session

Thirtieth Legislature

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Thursday, February 25, 2021

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Members James Henderson, Member for Leduc, 1963 to 1971, and Member for Wetaskiwin-Leduc, 1971 to 1975, who passed away on June 29, 2020; L. Barry Pashak, Member for Calgary-Forest Lawn, 1986 to 1993, who passed away on February 3, 2021; and Elaine McCoy, Member for Calgary-West, 1986 to 1993, who passed away on December 29, 2020.

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Government Motions.

### **Government Motions**

62. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that, despite Standing Orders 13(7), 16, and 32(4)(b), for the duration of the 2021 Spring Sitting of the Second Session of the 30th Legislature, and to allow for appropriate physical distancing within the Chamber during that time, all Members may sit, speak, and vote in any seat that has not been assigned to them provided that they immediately relinquish that seat on the request of

- (a) the Member who has been assigned that seat, or
- (b) the Speaker.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## **Members' Statements**

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the Government's Critical Worker Benefit.

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, made a statement regarding several Government policies to address the health and economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding Ken Fowler and Hannelie Eder, two Albertan aviators who passed away on September 26, 2020.

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, made a statement regarding a lack of Government action to address racism in Alberta.

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, made a statement regarding Pink Shirt Day.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement regarding Government funding for post-secondary institutions.

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding federal and provincial COVID-19 vaccination distribution.

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement regarding the Government's Critical Worker Benefit.

Mr. Orr, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding private-sector innovation in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

## **Statement by the Speaker — Table Officer**

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of Stephanie LeBlanc, Clerk Assistant and Senior Parliamentary Counsel, whose last day as a Table Officer in the Chamber is today, and thanking her for her service to the Legislative Assembly.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader:

2021-22 Main Estimates Schedule, Second Session, 30th Legislature  
Sessional Paper 565/2020-21

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Motions

63. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the membership of the Assembly's committees be replaced as follows:

- A. on the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, that Mr. Rowswell replace Mr. Getson and Mr. Rowswell replace Mr. Getson as Deputy Chair, Ms Issik replace Ms Glasgo, and Mr. Yaseen replace Mr. Turton;
- B. on the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, that Ms Rosin replace Mr. Nixon, Mr. Smith replace Mr. van Dijken, and Mr. Yaseen replace Mr. Walker;
- C. on the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, that Mr. Dang replace Ms Ganley, Mr. Amery replace Mr. Horner, Mr. Rutherford replace Mr. Neudorf, and Mr. Getson replace Mr. Nixon;
- D. on the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing, that Mr. Barnes replace Ms Issik, Ms Ganley replace Ms Pancholi, and Mr. Gotfried replace Mr. Yao;
- E. on the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, that Mr. Guthrie replace Mr. Gotfried as Deputy Chair, Mr. Walker replace Mr. Gotfried, Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk replace Mr. Barnes, Ms Pancholi replace Mr. Dach, Mr. Neudorf replace Mr. Reid, Ms Lovely replace Ms Rosin, Mr. Singh replace Mr. Stephan, and Mr. Turton replace Mr. Toor;
- F. on the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services, that Mr. Sigurdson replace Mr. Walker;
- G. on the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future, that Ms Sweet replace Mr. Dang, Mr. van Dijken replace Mr. Horner, Mr. Rowswell replace Mr. Stephan, and Mr. Walker replace Mr. Toor;
- H. on the Standing Committee on Families and Communities, that Ms Lovely replace Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Gotfried replace Mr. Nixon, and Mr. Smith replace Mr. Yao;
- I. on the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, that Mr. Guthrie replace Ms Fir, Ms Issik replace Mr. Rehn, and Mr. Turton replace Mr. Smith.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

64. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

A. Be it resolved that temporary amendments be made to the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, effective February 10, 2021, as follows:

- (a) Standing Order 3 is amended
  - (i) in suborder (4) by striking out "(8) or (9)" and substituting "(8), (9) or (10)", and
  - (ii) by adding the following after suborder (9):
    - (10) Subject to suborder (12), the Speaker may extend a period of adjournment in accordance with suborder (11) if the Speaker is satisfied that either of the following applies:
      - (a) the Assembly should not meet on that specific date or time due to an emergency event;
      - (b) it is in the public interest for the period of adjournment to be extended.
    - (11) The Speaker may extend an adjournment by, after consulting with the Government House Leader and the Official Opposition House Leader,
      - (a) specifying the date and time until which the adjournment is extended, and
      - (b) providing notice of that date and time when the Assembly shall next meet to transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that date and time.
    - (12) A period of adjournment extended under suborder (11) may be superseded by subsequent notification from the Government under suborder (8) that the Assembly must meet.
- (b) Standing Order 5 is amended
  - (i) in suborder (1) by striking out "20 Members" and substituting "12 Members", and
  - (ii) by striking out suborder (2) and substituting the following:
    - (2) If, during a sitting of the Assembly, a question of quorum arises, the Speaker shall, on determining that a quorum is lacking
      - (a) order the bells to ring for no longer than 15 minutes,
      - (b) conduct a count of the Members present immediately after the bells are rung, and

(c) if quorum is still lacking on conclusion of the count, declare a recess or adjourn the Assembly until the next sitting day.

B. Be it further resolved that the temporary amendments in this motion come into force on passage and expire at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, June 4, 2021.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**66.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that Bill 211, Municipal Government (Firearms) Amendment Act, 2020, be moved to Government Bills and Orders on the Order Paper.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

### **Temporary Recess**

The Speaker recessed the Assembly at 3:00 p.m. until 3:15 p.m.

### **Budget Address / Messages From Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor**

Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, delivered certain Messages from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker read the Messages to the Assembly (the Members standing).

Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related documents:

Pursuant to the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, s4.1(1):

2021-22 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, General Revenue Fund  
Sessional Paper 566/2020-21

2021-22 Government Estimates, General Revenue Fund  
Sessional Paper 567/2020-21

Pursuant to the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, ss1(2) and 5(4):

Budget 2021 Government of Alberta 2021-24 Strategic Plan  
Sessional Paper 568/2020-21

Budget 2021 Ministry Business Plans  
Sessional Paper 569/2020-21

## **Government Motions**

Prior to moving Government Motion 61, Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related document, pursuant to the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, ss1(2) and 4(4):

Budget 2021-24 Fiscal Plan

Sessional Paper 570/2020-21

**61.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Toews:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the business plans and fiscal policies of the Government, as presented in the Assembly on February 25, 2021.

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

## **Intersessional Deposits**

Pursuant to Standing Order 38.1(3), the following documents were deposited with the Clerk of the Assembly and are deemed to have been laid before the Assembly:

Hon. Mrs. Sawhney, Minister of Community and Social Services, pursuant to the Protection Against Family Violence Act, cP-27, s19(2):

Family Violence Death Review Committee 2019/2020 Annual Report, deposited on January 6, 2021

Sessional Paper 551/2020-21

Mr. Schow, Chair of the Select Special Democratic Accountability Committee, pursuant to Government Motion 25, agreed to on June 18, 2020:

Select Special Democratic Accountability Committee Final Report, Review of the Election Act and the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, January 2021, deposited on January 8, 2021

Sessional Paper 552/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Pursuant to a motion agreed to by the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services on January 20, 2021, Special Standing Committee on Members' Services Subcommittee to Review the Members' Services Committee Orders and Expenditure Guidelines Interim Report, Review of the Constituency Services Order, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, January 2021, deposited on January 20, 2021

Sessional Paper 553/2020-21

Pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s39(3), Special Standing Committee on Members' Services Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 33), Order No. MSC 01/21, deposited on January 20, 2021

Sessional Paper 554/2020-21

Mr. Schow, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Child and Youth Advocate Act, cC-11.5, s21(4):

Standing Committee on Legislative Offices Report on the Review of the Office of the Child and Youth Advocate 2019-2020 Annual Report, January 2021, deposited on January 27, 2021

Sessional Paper 555/2020-21

Ms Goodridge, Chair, Standing Committee on Families and Communities, pursuant to the Advocate for Persons with Disabilities Act, cA-5.5, s6(5):

Standing Committee on Families and Communities Review of the Office of the Advocate for Persons with Disabilities Evaluation Summary Report, October 2020, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, January 2021, deposited on January 27, 2021

Sessional Paper 556/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta Dental Association and College Annual Report 2019, deposited on January 29, 2021

Sessional Paper 557/2020-21

College and Association of Respiratory Therapists of Alberta Annual Report 2020, deposited on January 29, 2021

Sessional Paper 558/2020-21

College of Dental Technologists of Alberta 2019 Annual Report, deposited on January 29, 2021

Sessional Paper 559/2020-21

College of Hearing Aid Practitioners of Alberta 2019-20 Annual Report, deposited on January 29, 2021

Sessional Paper 560/2020-21

College of Podiatric Physicians of Alberta 2019 Annual Report, deposited on January 29, 2021

Sessional Paper 561/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Dreeshen, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, pursuant to the Livestock Identification and Commerce Act, cL-16.2, s90(3) and the Stray Animals Act, cS-20, s33(3):

Livestock Identification Services Ltd., Report to the Minister and Summary of Activities, April 1, 2019, to March 31, 2020, deposited on February 5, 2021

Sessional Paper 562/2020-21

Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Education, pursuant to the Teaching Profession Act, cT-2, s15(2):

Alberta Teachers' Association 2019 Annual Report, deposited on February 12, 2021

Sessional Paper 563/2020-21

Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Alberta Annual Report 2019-2020, deposited on February 16, 2021

Sessional Paper 564/2020-21

## **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Orders 3(6) and 4(2), and on motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:53 p.m. until Monday, March 8, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,  
Speaker