



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Thirtieth Legislature

Monday, March 8, 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 Ty Lund, Member for Rocky Mountain House, 1989 to 2012, who passed away on February 28, 2021, and Janice Sarich, Member for Edmonton-Decore, 2008 to 2015, who passed away on February 26, 2021.

Members' Statements

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding International Women's Day.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding a lack of Government action to support women in Alberta.

Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement recognizing Sergeant Andrew Harnett of the Calgary Police Service, who was killed during a traffic stop on December 31, 2020.

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to develop a plan for Calgary's economy.

Mrs. Allard, Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement regarding International Women's Day and the MLA Youth Council.

Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement regarding a COVID-19 outbreak and mouse infestation at the Churchill Manor retirement home.

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding freedom of speech and healthy debate within and between political parties.

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding Social Work Week and the effects of Government policies on social workers.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding initiatives in the Camrose constituency that support and give back to seniors.

Notices of Motions

Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, 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 fact that Alberta has the highest number of per-capita variant cases in Canada, saw a record number of new variant cases on March 7, and efforts to fight this are undermined by: contradictory Government caucus communications about the efficacy of public health measures, interference with evidence-based decision making during a public health emergency, and lack of transparency around public health recommendations and COVID-19 modelling.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, on behalf of Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

Briefing note dated June 10, 2020, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills to Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, providing a summary of the changes proposed in Bill 203, Pension Protection Act

Sessional Paper 571/2020-21

Tablings to the Clerk

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

Alberta College of Paramedics 2019-2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 572/2020-21

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Insurance Act, cI-3, s601(2):

Alberta Automobile Insurance Rate Board Annual Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Sessional Paper 573/2020-21

Speaker's Statement – Commonwealth Day

The Speaker made a statement and read a message from Her Majesty the Queen in recognition of Commonwealth Day 2021.

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, requested leave 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 fact that Alberta has the highest number of per-capita variant cases in Canada, saw a record number of new variant cases on March 7, and efforts to fight this are undermined by: contradictory Government caucus communications about the efficacy of public health measures, interference with evidence-based decision making during a public health emergency, and lack of transparency around public health recommendations and COVID-19 modelling.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was not in order.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Ms Issik, 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.

Subamendment to Bill 205 (A1-SA1) (Hon. Member for Peace River) —
Adjourned

Sessional Paper 574/2020-21

Motions Other Than Government Motions

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to replace the version of Motion 516 currently standing on the Order Paper in her name with the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take into consideration the views of the residents of Calgary, Lethbridge, and Red Deer, who are well served by a local, integrated model of emergency dispatch, and immediately take steps to reverse the decision to implement the centralization of the dispatch of emergency medical services.

516. Moved by Ms Phillips:

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A debate followed.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Debate adjourned, Ms Phillips speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker