



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

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## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Second Session

Thirtieth Legislature

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Wednesday, March 17, 2021

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, made a statement regarding opponents of the oil and gas industry.

Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement regarding the Government's lack of support for workers.

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, made a statement regarding Bill 52, Recall Act.

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the need to prioritize COVID-19 vaccines for cancer patients and their caregivers.

Mr. Milliken, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the economic importance of Alberta's energy industry.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to support community organizations.

Mrs. Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie-East, made a statement regarding the upcoming parole review of a convicted criminal who has stated a desire to live in Bowden.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the absence of a Government plan to address the economic downturn in Calgary.

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement regarding Alberta Francophonie Month (remarks made in French).

## **Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees**

Mr. Schow, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, presented the following report:

Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills Final Report, Bill 212, Official Sport of Alberta Act, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, March 2021

Sessional Paper 588/2020-21

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to the report that the Bill proceed.

A Member rose to speak to the motion. The Speaker advised that debate on the motion for concurrence will take place on the next available Monday.

## **Notices of Motions**

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 61 Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

urge the Government to address the current jobs emergency in Alberta as evidenced by the province lagging behind all other Canadian jurisdictions in economic recovery, the province holding the 2nd-highest unemployment rate in the country, and the loss of 1,000 jobs in the last 24 hours by:

- a) committing to fully fund the Alberta Jobs Now program including securing Alberta's \$185 million share of the Workforce Development Agreements from the Federal Government in a timely manner;
- b) tabling a detailed jobs strategy with cost estimates in the Legislative Assembly no later than May 15, 2021; and
- c) committing to not exacerbating the job loss emergency by eliminating public-sector jobs.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Williams, Hon. Member for Peace River:

41 recent e-mail messages from Albertans to Mr. Williams, Hon. Member for Peace River, requesting that COVID-19 public health restrictions be lifted  
Sessional Paper 589/2020-21

## **Motions Under Standing Order 42**

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

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- c) committing to not exacerbating the job loss emergency by eliminating public-sector jobs.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)**

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Mr. Neudorf, Chair, Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future, presented the following report:

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(10), the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future has reviewed the 2021-22 proposed estimates and business plans for the ministries of Advanced Education; Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women; Jobs, Economy and Innovation; Executive Council; Infrastructure; and Labour and Immigration.

Ms Goodridge, Chair, Standing Committee on Families and Communities, presented the following report:

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(10), the Standing Committee on Families and Communities has reviewed the 2021-22 proposed estimates and business plans for the ministries of Children’s Services, Community and Social Services, Education, Health, Justice and Solicitor General, Seniors and Housing, and Service Alberta.

MLA Ceci, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, presented the following report:

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(10), the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship has reviewed the 2021-22 proposed estimates and business plans for the ministries of Agriculture and Forestry, Energy, Environment and Parks, Indigenous Relations, Municipal Affairs, Transportation, and Treasury Board and Finance.

MLA Ceci then presented a proposed amendment to the 2021-22 estimates for the Ministry of Energy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.03(1)(a), the following amendment was voted on:

The question being put on amendment A1, proposed by Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, that the 2021-22 Main Estimates of the Ministry of Energy be reduced for Industry Advocacy under reference 2.3 at page 81 by \$26,999,000, so that the amount to be voted at page 79 for Expenses is \$1,595,957,000, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 6

Ceci	Ganley	Hoffman
Feehan	Gray	Loyola

Against the amendment: 26

Ellis	Madu	Sawhney
Getson	McIver	Singh
Glasgo	Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)	Toews
Goodridge	Orr	Turton
Gotfried	Pon	Walker
Guthrie	Reid	Williams
Hunter	Rosin	Wilson
Kenney	Rowswell	Yao
LaGrange	Rutherford	

Amendment to the Main Estimates for the Ministry of Energy (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 590/2020-21

The question being put on the resolutions for the 2021-22 Government Estimates, General Revenue Fund for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 25

Ellis	Madu	Rutherford
Getson	McIver	Sawhney
Glasgo	Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)	Singh
Goodridge	Orr	Toews
Gotfried	Pon	Turton
Guthrie	Reid	Walker
Hunter	Rosin	Williams
Kenney	Rowswell	Wilson
LaGrange		

Against the motion: 7

Ceci	Ganley	Hoffman
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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 2021-22 Offices of the Legislative Assembly and the 2021-22 Government Estimates for the 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, 2022, for the departments and purposes indicated:

<b>Support to the Legislative Assembly</b>	\$65,915,000
<b>Office of the Auditor General</b>	\$26,250,000
<b>Office of the Ombudsman</b>	\$3,847,000
<b>Office of the Chief Electoral Officer</b>	\$11,213,000
<b>Office of the Ethics Commissioner</b>	\$932,000
<b>Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner</b>	\$6,998,000
<b>Office of the Child and Youth Advocate</b>	\$14,922,000
<b>Office of the Public Interest Commissioner</b>	\$1,030,000

**Advanced Education**

Expense	\$2,607,219,000
Capital Investment	\$25,000
Financial Transactions	\$731,100,000

**Agriculture and Forestry**

Expense	\$627,227,000
Capital Investment	\$13,262,000
Financial Transactions	\$1,310,000

**Children's Services**

Expense	\$1,384,557,000
Capital Investment	\$350,000

**Community and Social Services**

Expense	\$3,912,305,000
Capital Investment	\$547,000

**Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women**

Expense	\$225,808,000
Capital Investment	\$2,331,000
Financial Transactions	\$1,995,000

**Education**

Expense	\$4,906,896,000
Capital Investment	\$1,433,000
Financial Transactions	\$17,297,000

**Energy**

Expense	\$1,622,956,000
Capital Investment	\$500,000
Financial Transactions	\$96,970,000

**Environment and Parks**

Expense	\$556,295,000
Capital Investment	\$119,764,000
Financial Transactions	\$4,019,000

**Executive Council**

Expense	\$18,255,000
Capital Investment	\$25,000

**Health**

Expense	\$21,755,542,000
Capital Investment	\$28,230,000
Financial Transactions	\$70,676,000

**Indigenous Relations**

Expense	\$214,671,000
Capital Investment	\$25,000

**Infrastructure**

Expense	\$446,767,000
Capital Investment	\$1,993,913,000
Financial Transactions	\$21,137,000

**Jobs, Economy and Innovation**

Expense	\$380,010,000
Capital Investment	\$1,825,000
Financial Transactions	\$25,000,000

**Justice and Solicitor General**

Expense	\$1,275,644,000
Capital Investment	\$18,258,000

**Labour and Immigration**

Expense	\$331,588,000
Capital Investment	\$1,102,000

**Municipal Affairs**

Expense	\$1,703,019,000
Capital Investment	\$9,188,000
Financial Transactions	\$7,990,000

**Seniors and Housing**

Expense	\$670,526,000
Capital Investment	\$25,000
Financial Transactions	\$19,700,000

**Service Alberta**

Expense	\$529,051,000
Capital Investment	\$97,327,000
Financial Transactions	\$5,500,000

## **Transportation**

Expense	\$1,412,152,000
Capital Investment	\$1,533,845,000
Financial Transactions	\$114,679,000

## **Treasury Board and Finance**

Expense	\$211,096,000
Capital Investment	\$25,000
Contingency	\$2,500,000,000

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 60 Appropriation Act, 2021 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Toews

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 59 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2021 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Toews

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 55 College of Alberta School Superintendents Act — Hon. Min. LaGrange

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 59 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2021 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Toews

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 64(3), at 5:45 p.m. the Speaker interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper for Second Reading, which was agreed to.



The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 59 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2021 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Toews

Bill 211 Municipal Government (Firearms) Amendment Act, 2020 — Ms Glasgo

### **Adjournment**

On motion by MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, the Assembly adjourned at 5:46 p.m. until Thursday, March 18, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,  
Speaker