



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Thirtieth Legislature

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding misinformation with respect to Alberta's energy industry.

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding Budget 2021.

Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding the harmful effects of cancel culture.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the lack of kosher food options in Alberta's correctional facilities.

Mrs. Allard, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement recognizing the achievements of two Albertans from the Grande Prairie constituency.

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to reintroduce an eviction ban and rent freeze during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding federal government policies affecting Alberta.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to invest in diversifying the agriculture industry.

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the electricity system in Alberta.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud:

Copy of a petition from 1,140 Albertans urging the Government to continue the early learning and child care program (also known as the \$25-a-day childcare program) or to create an extension of the Early Learning and Child Care program that will support families beyond the March 31, 2021, scheduled end date

Sessional Paper 598/2020-21

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Alberta Farmer Express website article dated March 22, 2021, entitled “The plant protein ship hasn’t sailed – but time is running out,” relating to comments made by Ms Sweet during Second Reading debate on Bill 60, Appropriation Act, 2021, on March 23, 2021

Sessional Paper 599/2020-21

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, on behalf of Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs:

Copies of more than 150 form letters to Hon. Mrs. Aheer, Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women, from community leagues and associations from Edmonton and Calgary, expressing concern regarding Budget 2021 and the Community Facility Enhancement Program

Sessional Paper 600/2020-21

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

CBC News website article dated March 23, 2021, entitled “ ‘Not asking for the moon’: CBE trustees worry what lack of capital funding means for future,” relating to comments made by Ms Hoffman during Oral Question Period on March 24, 2021

Sessional Paper 601/2020-21

Calgary Herald website article dated March 23, 2021, entitled “CBE pushes wish list amid no capital funding and \$173 million in deferred maintenance,” relating to comments made by Ms Hoffman during Oral Question Period on March 24, 2021

Sessional Paper 602/2020-21

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

191 e-mail messages to Mr. Loyola regarding the United Nurses of Alberta calling on the Government to reverse the proposed cuts to health care worker positions

Sessional Paper 603/2020-21

36 e-mail messages to Mr. Loyola asking that Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, rescind a recent ministerial order regarding AIMCo and the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund

Sessional Paper 604/2020-21

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Madu, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, pursuant to the Statutes Repeal Act, cS-19.3, s2(1):

Report, undated, entitled "Statutes Repeal Act – 2021 List"

Sessional Paper 605/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

65. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), for the duration of the 2021 Spring Sitting of the Second Session of the 30th Legislature, the Assembly shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings for consideration of Government business unless the Government House Leader, or a member of the Executive Council on the Government House Leader's behalf, advises the Assembly that there shall be no evening sitting by providing notice during Notices of Motions in the Daily Routine or at any time no later than 6 p.m. on the sitting day on which the evening sitting will be cancelled.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 54 Irrigation Districts Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Dreeshen

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

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

Bill 58 Freedom to Care Act — Hon. Mrs. Aheer

Hon. Mrs. Aheer moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

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, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:56 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Motions

70. Oral notice having been given March 23, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly express profound dismay at the revocation of the permit issued by the President of the United States authorizing the Keystone XL Pipeline border crossing, as the Assembly is of the view the decision will:

- a) lead to the loss of an estimated 60,000 direct, indirect and induced jobs associated with the Keystone XL project, in both Canada and the United States;
- b) undermine North American energy security, making the United States more dependent on OPEC oil imports in the future;
- c) damage the critically important Canada-US bilateral relationship; and

be it further resolved that the Assembly express its gratitude to the majority of members of the United States Senate and the coalition of state governments who are seeking a reversal of this decision; and

that the Assembly call upon the Government of the United States to compensate the Government of Alberta and TC Energy for damages created by the arbitrary revocation of the Presidential permit.

A debate followed.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, moved that the motion be amended by adding the following after “Presidential permit”:

Be it further resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of Alberta to immediately publish

- (a) a complete estimate of the potential claim for damages by the Government of Alberta as a result of the revocation of the Presidential permit, and
- (b) a detailed breakdown of the financial commitments made by the Government of Alberta and TC Energy, including equity investments, loan guarantees, and reimbursement plans, under the agreement between those parties that was entered into in 2020 in respect of the Keystone XL project.

Sessional Paper 606/2020-21

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 8

Dang	Phillips	Schmidt
Irwin	Renaud	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Pancholi	Sabir	

Against the amendment: 25

Aheer	Issik	Savage
Allard	Jones	Schow
Amery	Loewen	Schulz
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Nally	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Barnes	Neudorf	Smith
Copping	Nicolaides	Toews
Dreeshen	Nixon (Calgary-Klein)	Toor
Fir	Panda	Yaseen
Horner		

Debate continued on the main motion.

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

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, 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 Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 53 Service Alberta Statutes (Virtual Meetings) Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

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

Ms Lovely, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 53 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 607/2020-21

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 53 Service Alberta Statutes (Virtual Meetings) Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Glubish

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nally, Associate Minister of Natural Gas and Electricity, the Assembly adjourned at 10:29 p.m. until Thursday, March 25, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker