

Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 93

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Thirtieth Legislature

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

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

Speaker's Statement – Member's Anniversary

The Speaker made a statement recognizing Hon. Mr. Luan, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, on five years of service as a Member of the Legislative Assembly. The Speaker then presented Hon. Mr. Luan with a five-year Mace pin.

Members' Statements

Ms Rosin, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, made a statement regarding the Government's work to increase investment in environmental conservation.

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding the Premier's handling of the health and economic aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding Yom HaShoah.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the recently proposed Alberta kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum.

Mr. Reid, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the mental health challenges faced by farmers and rural Albertans during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement recognizing the achievements of three young women from northeastern Alberta.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the efforts of the previous New Democratic Party Government to support current and veteran Canadian Forces members and their families.

Mrs. Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie-East, made a statement regarding the need for a fair relationship between Alberta and the federal government.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

- **71.** A. Be it resolved that despite any Standing Order, practice of the Legislative Assembly or the 2021 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, advise that the public interest requires the Assembly to sit extended hours
 - (a) on Thursday beyond the normal adjournment hour, or
 - (b) on Friday or Saturday 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 Friday, June 4, 2021.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given April 6, 2021:

- Bill 63 Police (Street Checks and Carding) Amendment Act, 2021 Hon. Mr. Madu
- Bill 214 Eastern Slopes Protection Act Ms Notley
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Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View:

Copy of a petition containing 351 signatures urging the Legislative Assembly to reverse recent changes to the AISH program payment date

Sessional Paper 622/2020-21

Copy of an online petition containing 281 names regarding recent changes to the AISH program

Sessional Paper 623/2020-21

Copy of an online petition containing 3,990 names regarding recent changes to AISH program payment dates

Sessional Paper 624/2020-21

Copy of online comments made in connection with an online petition regarding recent changes to AISH payment dates

Sessional Paper 625/2020-21

Mr. Reid, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod:

Report, undated, entitled "Submission to the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food: Strengthening Canada's Agricultural Sector – A Canadian Network for Farmer Mental Health," prepared Dr. Andria Jones-Bitton, Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph, relating to comments made by Mr. Reid during his Member's Statement on April 7, 2021

Sessional Paper 626/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 51 Citizen Initiative Act — Hon. Mr. Madu

A debate followed.

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

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

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

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

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

Bill 56 Local Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2021-Hon. Mr. McIver

A debate followed.

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 56, Local Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2021, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2. Sessional Paper 627/2020-21

A debate followed on the amendment.

Debate adjourned on the amendment, Ms Gray speaking.

Adjournment

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021 — 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 Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

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

Second Reading

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

Bill 56 Local Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2021—Hon. Mr. McIver

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Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, on April 7, 2021, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 56, Local Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2021, be not now read a Second time but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 627/2020-21

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Madu, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:59 p.m. until Thursday, April 8, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper, Speaker

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