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Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Thirtieth Legislature

Monday, April 12, 2021

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

Speaker's Statement – Passing of His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

The Speaker made a statement and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, who passed away on April 9, 2021.

Members' Statements

Mr. Yaseen, Hon. Member for Calgary-North, made a statement regarding impaired driving.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding recent comments made by United Conservative Caucus Members concerning COVID-19 restrictions.

Mr. Hanson, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, made a statement regarding the need for more students from rural communities in Alberta medical schools.

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding Ramadan.

Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding the potential value of regional policing in Alberta.

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the Premier's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Fir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Peigan, made a statement regarding the recently proposed Alberta kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding Ramadan and the need to take a stand against Islamophobia.

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the Spruceview Lodge in Whitecourt.

Speaker's Statement – Impartiality of the Chair

Members, in my first remarks to this Assembly upon being elected as your Speaker just shy of two years ago, I shared with you some guiding words of my grandmother, that I have reflected upon greatly over the past few days. Those words were this: in our haste to do good, we must never forget to be good for our families, our communities, our province, and to each other. In haste, I engaged on a matter of political discourse that may have raised questions about the impartiality of the Chair. Upon quiet reflection and given the benefit of time, I have regret for my error in judgment.

I have always believed in the fundamental sanctity of our democracy and its institutions that are built to uphold it. It is my job to serve you in my role as Speaker and ensure the privileges you enjoy as elected Members are upheld and treated with that same sanctity of the institution. The principle of the impartiality of the Chair is fundamental to a healthy, functioning democracy. I deeply regret my actions, that they may have jeopardized the importance and supremacy of this principle.

I serve the Legislature at the pleasure and in the confidence of its Members. I do not take this responsibility lightly. I apologize to each and every one of you for crossing a line that the Speaker ought not cross. My goal as Speaker has always been to bring forward momentum, learning, and improving. I can assure my colleagues that I have taken significant learnings from this event, and I recommit to you to give you my best at every turn, and I apologize unreservedly.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motions:

72. Hon. Mr. Kenney to propose that an humble address be presented to Her Majesty The Queen as follows:

To Her Majesty The Queen:

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, wish to express the deepest sympathies of this Assembly on the death of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and the heartfelt thanks of this Assembly and the Province of Alberta for his unfailing dedication to Canada and the Commonwealth, exemplified in his distinguished service in the Royal Navy in the Second World War, his commitment to young people in setting up the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, his passionate commitment to the environment, and his unstinting support to Your Majesty throughout his life.

73. Hon. Mrs. Savage to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 56, Local Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2021, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Second Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

74. Hon. Mrs. Savage to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 56, Local Measures Statutes Amendment Act, 2021, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given April 6, 2021:

Bill 64 Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Bill 66 Public Health Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Notice having been given:

Bill Pr2 The United Church of Canada Amendment Act, 2021 — Ms Phillips

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Report dated February 2, 2021, entitled “Summary of Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) Survey,” prepared by the office of Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert

Sessional Paper 628/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 206 Property Rights Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Ms Glasgo

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Milliken in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 28

Aheer	Issik	Pancholi
Allard	Loewen	Panda
Amery	Long	Phillips
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Lovely	Renaud
Dang	Nally	Rutherford
Dreeshen	Neudorf	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Ellis	Nicolaides	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Fir	Nielsen	van Dijken
Hanson	Nixon (Calgary-Klein)	Yaseen
Irwin		

Against the motion: 0

Pursuant to Standing Order 78.1 and on motion by Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, the following Bill was referred to the Select Special Committee on Real Property Rights for the Committee’s review:

Bill 206 Property Rights Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Ms Glasgo

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

Bill 207 Reservists’ Recognition Day Act — Mr. Rutherford

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, MLA Irwin speaking.

The following Bill was read a Second time:

Bill 206 Property Rights Statutes Amendment Act, 2020 — Ms Glasgo

Motions Other Than Government Motions

517. Moved by Mr. Dang (amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to *denounce the display and use of all symbols and insignia associated with racism and hate speech in all public spaces and further denounce all demonstrations, marches and rallies meant to terrorize and promote racism, including recent rallies held in Alberta during which some attendees carried symbols associated with racism such as tiki torches.*

A debate followed.

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

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

For the motion: 28

Aheer	Issik	Renaud
Allard	Long	Savage
Amery	Lovely	Shepherd
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Neudorf	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Copping	Nicolaides	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Dang	Nielsen	Smith
Dreeshen	Nixon (Calgary-Klein)	Toor
Ellis	Pancholi	van Dijken
Fir	Phillips	Yaseen
Irwin		

Against the motion: 0

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:43 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Government Bills and Orders

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

A debate followed.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, on behalf of Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, 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 because the Assembly is of the view that municipalities cannot sustain the reduction in funding proposed by the Bill without making substantial cuts to services or substantial increases to property taxes.

Sessional Paper 629/2020-21

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

Mr. Sabir 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

Debate adjourned.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nally, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:59 p.m. until Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker

Title: Monday, April 12, 2021