



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Thirtieth Legislature

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

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

Members' Statements

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement recognizing the 95th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, made a statement regarding the need to keep schools open and students safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Glasgo, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the need to improve political discourse in Alberta.

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the Government's coal mining policies and protecting the eastern slopes.

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, made a statement regarding recent racist attacks in Edmonton and denouncing racism.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the need to invest in rural Alberta and the agricultural sector.

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, made a statement regarding the recently introduced federal budget 2021.

Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement regarding the need for mandatory paid leave for employees to access COVID-19 vaccines.

Mr. Rutherford, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding Alberta's COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from over 1,900 Albertans urging the Government to resurface highway 55 from Main Street in Athabasca to the junction of highway 63.

Notices of Motions

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

Bill 70 COVID-19 Related Measures Act — Mr. Gotfried

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

- 76.** 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 must sit on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings for consideration of Government business unless under Notices of Motions or at any time before the Assembly adjourns on a sitting day the Government House Leader, or a member of the Executive Council on the Government House Leader's behalf, advises the Assembly of the morning sittings that are no longer required.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung:

Copies of three photographs depicting poor road conditions on highway 55
Sessional Paper 661/2020-21

E-mail message dated April 15, 2021, from Maxine Winder attaching a copy of a letter submitted on behalf of highway 55 petition signatories to all Members of the Legislative Assembly, which accompanied the petition presented by Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, on April 21, 2021
Sessional Paper 662/2020-21

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Several recent e-mail messages from Albertans to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the recently proposed Alberta kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum
Sessional Paper 663/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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 Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 57 Metis Settlements Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Wilson

Mr. Reid, 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 57 (A1) (Hon. Minister of Indigenous Relations) —
Adjourned

Sessional Paper 664/2020-21

Second Reading

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

Bill 62 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Hunter

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 65 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

A debate followed.

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 65, Health 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 Families and Communities in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 665/2020-21

Ms Hoffman moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 62 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Hunter

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Madu, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:50 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Labour and Immigration, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 39(1)(d) in order to introduce Bill 71, Employment Standards (COVID-19 Vaccination Leave) Amendment Act, 2021.

Hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Labour and Immigration, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(2) in order to revert to Introduction of Bills.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

The notice requirement under Standing Order 39(1)(d) having been waived by unanimous consent of the Assembly:

Bill 71 Employment Standards (COVID-19 Vaccination Leave) Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Copping

Hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Labour and Immigration, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 77(1) in order to proceed immediately to Second Reading of Bill 71, Employment Standards (COVID-19 Vaccination Leave) Amendment Act, 2021.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 71 Employment Standards (COVID-19 Vaccination Leave) Amendment Act,
2021 — Hon. Mr. Copping

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 Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 71 Employment Standards (COVID-19 Vaccination Leave) Amendment Act,
2021 — Hon. Mr. Copping

Hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Labour and Immigration, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 77(1) in order to proceed immediately to Third Reading of Bill 71, Employment Standards (COVID-19 Vaccination Leave) Amendment Act, 2021.

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 71 Employment Standards (COVID-19 Vaccination Leave) Amendment Act,
2021 — Hon. Mr. Copping

Second Reading

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

Bill 65 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, on April 21, 2021, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 65, Health 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 Families and Communities in accordance with Standing Order 74.2.

Sessional Paper 665/2020-21

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

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

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, on April 20, 2021, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 66, Public Health Amendment Act, 2021, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

Sessional Paper 660/2020-21

Mr. Dang moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

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

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Madu, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:23 a.m. Thursday, April 22, 2021, until 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker