



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 102

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Thirtieth Legislature

Thursday, April 22, 2021

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement regarding the Government's lack of support for Albertans during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Goodridge, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche, made a statement regarding rural health care.

Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Cochrane, made a statement regarding the proposed R-Star program to incentivize the cleanup of abandoned oil wells.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding Earth Day and the Government's environmental policies.

Mr. Walker, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding recent investments in Alberta's Industrial Heartland.

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement regarding the need for affordable, licensed child care in Alberta.

Mr. Williams, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding the effect of COVID-19 restrictions on families who live apart.

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding cancel culture.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Guthrie, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented the following reports:

2019 Annual Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, April 2021

Sessional Paper 666/2020-21

2020 Annual Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, April 2021

Sessional Paper 667/2020-21

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 215, Seniors Advocate Act, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, April 2021

Sessional Paper 668/2020-21

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.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given April 21, 2021:

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

On motion by Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

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

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Schow, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s20(2):

Report of the Auditor General of Alberta dated April 2021, entitled "Alberta Health Services, Use of Publicly Funded CT and MRI Services"

Sessional Paper 669/2020-21

Royal Assent

Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Assembly and being seated on the Throne,

The Speaker addressed Her Honour in the following words:

May it please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly has, at its present sitting, passed certain Bills to which, and in the name of the Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the titles of the Bills that had been passed as follows:

- 54 Irrigation Districts Amendment Act, 2021
- 55 College of Alberta School Superintendents Act
- 61 Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2021
- 71 Employment Standards (COVID-19 Vaccination Leave) Amendment Act, 2021
- 211 Municipal Government (Firearms) Amendment Act, 2020

To these Bills, Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Bills.

Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor then retired from the Assembly.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

76. Oral notice having been given April 21, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. McIver:

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.

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 68 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Madu

Hon. Mr. Madu 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

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

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

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

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(6) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Madu, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:28 p.m. until Monday, May 3, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker