



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 103

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Thirtieth Legislature

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 10:00 a.m.

Government Motions

77. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that pursuant to Standing Order 3(9) the 2021 Spring Sitting is extended until Thursday, June 17, 2021, unless on an earlier date the Government House Leader advises the Assembly that its business for the Sitting is concluded.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

79. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

- A. Be it resolved that the temporary amendments to the Standing Orders passed by the Assembly on February 25, 2021, pursuant to Government Motion 64, remain effective until 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2021.
- B. Be it further resolved that Standing Order 32(3) is suspended for the duration of the 2021 Spring Sitting of the Second Session of the 30th Legislature.
- C. Be it further resolved that the following temporary amendments be made to the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly, effective February 25, 2021:
 - (a) by adding the following after Standing Order 20(1):

(1.01) Immediately on a Member moving an amendment, the Member must

(a) provide the Clerk with 45 paper copies of the amendment, and

(b) ensure that an electronic copy of the amendment is provided to the Clerk.

(1.02) If a division is called on a vote on an amendment, an electronic copy of the amendment is to be distributed to all Members immediately on the calling of the division.

(b) by adding the following after Standing Order 32:

Remote voting during division

32.01(1) Notwithstanding any other Standing Order or practice of the Assembly, a Member who is not physically present in the Chamber when a division is called may vote in that division only if

(a) the Member votes

(i) using the electronic means made available by the Speaker to all Members for the purpose of remote voting, and

(ii) in the manner directed by

(A) in the case of business under consideration by the Committee of the Whole, the Deputy Speaker or Deputy Chair of Committees, as the case may be, or

(B) in any other case, the Speaker, and

(b) the Member connects to that electronic means before the final division bells for the division have ceased ringing.

(2) Notwithstanding any practice of the Assembly and for the purpose of the application of this Standing Order,

(a) a Member who casts a vote remotely in accordance with this Standing Order is not considered to be present in the Legislative Assembly for the purpose of determining whether quorum of the Assembly is met under Standing Order 5,

(b) a Member who casts a vote remotely under this Standing Order is considered, for the purpose of Standing Order 10, to have attended the service of the Assembly on the day that the Member casts that vote, and

(c) any Assembly staff who are required to assist in carrying out the remote voting procedure under this Standing Order are not considered to be strangers to the Assembly, as referred to in Standing Order 14, while they are providing such assistance.

(3) The Speaker is empowered to exercise discretion, in consultation with the House Leaders or their designates, in the interpretation of any Standing Order, including this Standing Order,

that may require leniency or alteration to allow all Members to fully exercise their duties and rights during a division to which this Standing Order applies.

- D. Be it further resolved that
- (a) Parts A and B come into force on passage of this motion, and
 - (b) Part C comes into force on the passage of this motion and the temporary amendments in this Part remain effective until the conclusion of the 2021 Spring Sitting of the Second Session of the 30th Legislature.

A debate followed.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, moved that the motion be amended in clause (b) of Part D by adding “or until such earlier date as agreed to by the Government and Opposition House Leaders based on regularly reoccurring consultations” immediately after “the 2021 Spring Sitting of the Second Session of the 30th Legislature.”

Sessional Paper 671/2020-21

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

The question being put, the motion as amended was agreed to.

Speaker’s Statement – Virtual Voting

Honourable Members, I would like to provide some guidance with respect to the temporary Standing Orders that have just been adopted by the Assembly, in particular in reference to virtual voting.

The temporary Standing Orders provide Members with the ability to vote remotely, in addition to being able to vote in the Chamber. The means to participate in a virtual vote is for Members to join a Microsoft Teams meeting, the link for which will be sent out to all Members before each sitting of the Assembly – that is, each morning, afternoon and evening sitting. Members may join the meeting at any point during the proceedings and view what is happening through Teams. When a division is called, the Journals unit of the Legislative Assembly Office will send out an e-mail to all Members indicating a division has been called, the subject matter of the division, and the time at which the division is to take place. If the division is on an amendment, the amendment will also be sent out. Once a division is called, the division countdown clock will appear in Teams so that Members will know how much time is left before the voting commences.

Members, it is important to note that while you have 15 minutes once a division has been called to join the Teams meeting, it is highly advisable to join the meeting as soon as possible if you intend to vote. This will ensure that you have time to resolve any technical difficulties should you encounter them, and it will also help the Table compile a list of virtual voting participants.

Once the 15-minute period has elapsed, the doors in the Chamber are closed, and similarly, the ability for Members to join the Teams meeting will likewise end. In other words, Members may not participate in the virtual vote if they do not join within the 15-minute period, just like they would not be able to come into the Chamber to vote once the doors are closed.

The division will commence with a vote in the Chamber, following the usual way of conducting divisions. After the “yeas” and the “nays” have been recorded in the Chamber, the virtual vote will start. This vote will be conducted by calling the Members who have joined the Teams meeting in alphabetical order by last name. Once a Member’s name is called, they must unmute their mic and indicate “yes” or “no” clearly and loudly. Then they must then mute their mics again.

After the roll call voting is completed, the Presiding Officer will ask all those online who wish to vote whether they have done so. If a Member encounters difficulties voting and was not able to vote when called upon, or perhaps if a Member was missed, then this is the point at which they should unmute and speak up to indicate their vote.

As an important reminder, Members voting remotely must ensure that their video is on for the entire voting period. Also, if you are having Internet connection difficulties that cannot be resolved, it is recommended that you use your LAO-issued device – cellphone or tablet – and connect to the Teams meeting that way.

Once all Members have voted, the votes from the Chamber and the Teams meeting will be tallied and the result will be announced, as per the usual practice.

I would also like to point out that Members who intend to participate in the proceedings and vote in the Chamber should not join the Teams meeting.

A tip sheet on virtual voting has been posted to the House Business Portal on OurHouse. I would recommend Members read these materials to become fully familiar with the virtual voting process.

As well, green sheets will be distributed shortly in the Chamber and will be posted to the House Business Portal for Members’ reference. The green sheets contain the temporary Standing Order amendments that have been passed pursuant to Government Motion 79, which include the ability for Members to vote virtually.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, on April 19, 2021, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 64, Public Lands 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 655/2020-21

Debate adjourned on the amendment, Ms Sigurdson speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2.1), the Assembly adjourned at 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021 — 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE

Members' Statements

Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, made a statement regarding Government actions to keep schools safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, made a statement regarding Alberta Rural Health Week.

Ms Issik, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the importance of standing against anti-Semitism.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding the Premier's recent comments and actions concerning the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Toor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding racist bullying.

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement regarding Early Childhood Educator Day and the need to recognize early childhood educators as critical workers.

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding Tourism Week and National RV and Camping Week.

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding United Conservative Party principles and policies.

Mr. Hanson, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, made a statement regarding the development permit application process within the Ministry of Transportation.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

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 216, Fire Prevention and Fire Services Recognition Act, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, May 2021

Sessional Paper 672/2020-21

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to the report that the Bill proceed.

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

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 Pr2, The United Church of Canada Amendment Act, 2021, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, May 2021

Sessional Paper 673/2020-21

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to the report that the Bill proceed.

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

Notices of Motions

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

- 81.** Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 64, Public Lands 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.

82. Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 64, Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly agrees that:

- (a) the spread of the COVID-19 virus negatively impacts the health of Albertans, the economy and businesses;
- (b) Albertans have made important efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19, but experience and evidence have shown that Albertans must remain vigilant against transmission;
- (c) the spread of the COVID-19 virus is slowed when individuals who are sick stay home;
- (d) paid sick days are the best method to ensure workers do not have to choose between staying home when sick and providing for their families; and
- (e) legislated paid sick days are one of the best tools the Provincial Government has to keep Albertans healthy, keep people working, and help our economy recover as this pandemic continues.

Be it further resolved that the Legislative Assembly urges the Government to follow the lead of British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, and Yukon and immediately introduce a Bill to provide for legislated paid sick leave for all Alberta workers.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 72 Preserving Canada's Economic Prosperity Act — Hon. Mrs. Savage

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance:

Response to Written Question WQ3, asked for by Ms Phillips on November 30, 2020:

How many applications for public agency board positions were received by the Public Agency Secretariat between April 20, 2019, and October 19, 2020?

Sessional Paper 674/2020-21

Returns to Orders of the Assembly MR12 and MR13, both asked for by Ms Phillips on November 30, 2020:

MR12. Copies of the competition matrix for each position posted between April 20, 2019, and October 19, 2020, on the Public Agency Secretariat public agency board opportunities website.

Sessional Paper 675/2020-21

MR13. A list of public agency board opportunities posted, including competition number, opening date, closing date, job description, and the Ministry, agency, board, or commission seeking applicants between April 20, 2019, and October 19, 2020, for which an executive or professional search firm was contracted.

Sessional Paper 676/2020-21

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Savage, Minister of Energy:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR6, asked for by Ms Ganley on November 30, 2020:

Copies of all documents, including but not limited to business plans, agendas, minutes, Ministerial Orders, and directives, prepared by the Government between April 16, 2019, and October 16, 2019, relating to the incorporation of the Canadian Energy Centre as a provincial corporation under the Financial Administration Act.

Sessional Paper 677/2020-21

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, March 16, 2021, Ministry of Energy 2021-22 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 678/2020-21

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Aheer, Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women:

Response to Written Question WQ2, asked for by Mr. Deol on November 30, 2020:

How many agendas, minutes, and reports on key measurement targets have been produced by Alberta's Anti-Racism Advisory Council from May 1, 2019, to October 19, 2020?

Sessional Paper 679/2020-21

Motions Under Standing Order 42

Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly agrees that:

- (a) The spread of the COVID-19 virus negatively impacts the health of Albertans, the economy and businesses;

- (b) Albertans have made important efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19, but experience and evidence have shown that Albertans must remain vigilant against transmission;
- (c) The spread of the COVID-19 virus is slowed when individuals who are sick stay home;
- (d) Paid sick days are the best method to ensure workers do not have the choose between staying home when sick and providing for their families; and
- (e) Legislated paid sick days are one of the best tools the Provincial Government has to keep Albertans healthy, keep people working, and help our economy recover as this pandemic continues.

Be it further resolved that the Legislative Assembly urges the Government to follow the lead of British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, and Yukon and immediately introduce a Bill to provide for legislated paid sick leave for all Alberta workers.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, on April 19, 2021, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after “that” and substituting the following:

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Sessional Paper 655/2020-21

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: 9

Bilous	Eggen	Sabir
Carson	Goehring	Shepherd
Deol	Gray*	Sweet

Against the amendment: 36

Aheer	Jones	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Allard	Long	Singh*
Amery*	Lovely	Smith
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Nally	Stephan*
Copping	Neudorf	Toews
Dreeshen	Nicolaides	Toor
Fir	Nixon (Calgary-Klein)	Turton*
Goodridge*	Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)	van Dijken
Gotfried*	Panda	Walker*
Hanson	Savage	Williams*
Horner	Schow	Yao*
Issik	Schulz	Yaseen

* Member voted remotely

Debate adjourned.

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

Bill 52 Recall Act — Hon. Mr. Madu

Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Motions

80. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 64, Public Lands 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.

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(3), Hon. Mr. Nixon and Mr. Feehan commented on the time allocation motion.

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: 33

Aheer	Jones	Rowswell*
Allard	Long	Rutherford*
Amery*	Lovely	Savage
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Nally	Schow
Copping	Neudorf	Schulz
Dreeshen	Nicolaides	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Fir	Nixon (Calgary-Klein)	Smith
Guthrie*	Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)	Toews
Hanson	Panda	Toor
Horner	Reid*	van Dijken
Issik	Rosin*	Yaseen

Against the motion: 8

Ceci	Feehan	Hoffman
Dach	Ganley	Loyola
Eggen*	Gray	

* Member voted remotely

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 80, agreed to on May 25, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 9:01 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 64, Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021, which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 35

Aheer	Long	Rowswell*
Allard	Lovely	Rutherford*
Amery	Milliken	Savage
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Nally	Schow
Copping	Neudorf	Schulz
Dreeshen	Nicolaides	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Fir	Nixon (Calgary-Klein)	Smith
Guthrie*	Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)	Toews
Hanson	Panda	Turton*
Horner	Rehn	van Dijken
Issik	Reid*	Yaseen
Jones	Rosin*	

Against the motion: 7

Ceci	Ganley	Hoffman
Dach	Gray	Loyola
Feehan		

** Member voted remotely*

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

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

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 Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

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

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

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

Mr. Hanson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 64 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Adjourned
Sessional Paper 680/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 56 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) —
Adjourned

Sessional Paper 681/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 57 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Indigenous
Relations on April 21, 2021) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 664/2020-21

Intersessional Deposits

Pursuant to Standing Order 38.1(3), the following document was deposited with the
Clerk of the Assembly and is deemed to have been laid before the Assembly:

Hon. Mr. Shandro, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7,
s4(2):

Alberta College of Social Workers Annual Report 2020, deposited on May 14,
2021

Sessional Paper 670/2020-21

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nally, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly
adjourned at 12:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 26, 2021, until 9:00 a.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker