



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 104

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Thirtieth Legislature

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 9:00 a.m.

Government Motions

78. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Savage on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

- A. Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly, effective February 25, 2021, be amended
- (a) in Standing Order 41 by adding the following immediately after suborder (5.1):
 - (5.2) An amendment to a motion other than a Government motion, moved after the motion has been moved, must
 - (a) be approved by Parliamentary Counsel no later than the Thursday preceding the day the motion is moved, and
 - (b) be provided to the mover of the motion no later than 11 a.m. on the day the motion is moved.
 - (b) in Standing Order 42
 - (i) in suborder (1) by striking out “previously explained by the mover”, and
 - (ii) by adding the following immediately after suborder (1):
 - (1.1) A Member may make a request under suborder (1) by explaining, for a period of no longer than 5 minutes, the urgent and pressing necessity for the motion.

(1.2) Immediately after a request is made under suborder (1.1), one of the following Members may make a statement in response, for a period of no longer than 5 minutes, before the request is put to the Assembly:

(a) a Member of the Official Opposition, in the case of a request made by a member of the Executive Council or a private Member of the Government caucus;

(b) a member of the Executive Council, in the case of a request made by

(i) a Member of the Official Opposition,

(ii) a Member of any other party or group in opposition, or

(iii) an independent Member.

(c) in Standing Order 74.11(2) by striking out “8 sitting days” and substituting “12 sitting days”;

(d) in Standing Order 78.2 by striking out suborder (2) and substituting the following:

(2) No public hearings may be conducted under suborder (1) if the Bill has already been the subject of public hearings held by a committee after first reading.

B. Be it further resolved that the amendments set out in this motion come into force on passage of this motion.

A debate followed.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, moved that the motion be amended in Part A by striking out clause (c).

Sessional Paper 682/2020-21

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

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

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.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Ms Lovely, 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) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar on May 25, 2021) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 680/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 64 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 683/2020-21

Second Reading

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

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question being immediately put on the motion for Second Reading, the motion was agreed to.

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

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Savage, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:53 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

ROUTINE

Speaker's Statement – Oral Question Period and Members' Statements Rotations

Honourable Members, please note that there have been modifications to the Oral Question Period and Members' Statements rotations as a result of changes to the composition of caucuses in the Assembly, as indicated in my memo of May 21, 2021.

The Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, who now sits as an Independent, is entitled to one question per week starting with Question 8 on Day 2 of the Oral Question Period rotation, which is today, and is allocated one Member's Statement every three weeks, starting on Day 113, as indicated in the projected sitting days calendar.

The Member for Central Peace-Notley may also ask one question per week, which is Question 8 on Day 3 of the Oral Question Period rotation. This Member is entitled to one Member's Statement during the three-week rotation, and that will occur on Day 105, which is tomorrow.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Allard, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement regarding Early Childhood Educator Day.

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Issik, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the Government's commitment to environmental, social and governance standards in the energy industry.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement regarding the recently proposed Alberta kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum.

Mr. Toor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding schools and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the recent fire at the Citadel Village senior living complex in St. Albert.

Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding the Government's economic recovery plan.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding toll roads.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement regarding the safety of COVID-19 vaccines.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Copy of an online petition containing 10,000 signatures in support of increased access to professional mental health support for all Albertans, prepared by the Expert Psychologists Interagency Clinical Network

Sessional Paper 684/2020-21

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

E-mail message dated April 1, 2021, from Rev. Mark Archibald to Hon. Mrs. Aheer, Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women, expressing concern regarding Government leadership throughout the COVID-19 pandemic

Sessional Paper 685/2020-21

Letter dated February 17, 2021, from Chris Spearman, Mayor, City of Lethbridge, to Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing appreciation for the recent decision by the Government to re-instate the 1976 coal policy

Sessional Paper 686/2020-21

E-mail message dated October 13, 2020, from Katie-Jo Rabbit to Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks, expressing concern regarding proposed changes to Alberta's parks system

Sessional Paper 687/2020-21

E-mail message dated October 11, 2020, from Ken Hakstol to Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks, expressing concern regarding proposed changes to Alberta's parks system

Sessional Paper 688/2020-21

Letter dated February 25, 2021, from Krista Douglas, Chair, South Region Council of Disability Services, to Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, expressing concern regarding critical worker benefit eligibility

Sessional Paper 689/2020-21

Mr. Rehn, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake:

Photograph of road conditions on highway 88

Sessional Paper 690/2020-21

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Letter dated January 21, 2021, from Glenys Edwards, Chair, Board of Trustees, St. Albert Public Schools, to Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Education, expressing concern regarding the recently proposed Alberta kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum

Sessional Paper 691/2020-21

13 pieces of correspondence from Albertans to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the recently proposed Alberta kindergarten to grade 6 curriculum

Sessional Paper 692/2020-21

Mr. Hanson, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul:

Facebook post dated December 14, 2020, by the Metis Settlements General Council, regarding the Recommendations on Accountability, Enforcement, and Public Interests Provisions report prepared by the Joint Accountability Review Committee, relating to comments made by Mr. Hanson during Committee of the Whole Consideration of Bill 57, Metis Settlements Amendment Act, 2021, on May 25, 2021

Sessional Paper 693/2020-21

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Madu, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s5(4):

Law Society of Alberta Annual Report 2020

Sessional Paper 694/2020-21

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

Pursuant to Government Motion 76, agreed to on April 22, 2021, Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no morning sitting on Thursday, May 27, 2021.

A debate followed.

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

Government Motions

81. Oral notice having been given May 25, 2021, moved by Hon. Mrs. Savage on behalf of 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 Committee of the Whole, 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. Mrs. Savage and Ms Hoffman 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: 32

Aheer	Issik	Panda
Allard	Jones*	Savage
Copping	Long	Schow
Dreeshen	Lovely	Schulz
Fir	Milliken	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Getson*	Nally	Smith
Glasgo*	Neudorf	Toews
Goodridge*	Nicolaides	Toor
Gotfried*	Nixon (Calgary-Klein)	van Dijken
Hanson	Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)	Yaseen
Horner	Orr*	

Against the motion: 6

Ceci	Feehan	Hoffman
Dach	Ganley	Loyola

* Member voted remotely

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)

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(4), the Committee recessed at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

Pursuant to Government Motion 81, agreed to on May 26, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 7:55 p.m. the question was immediately put on amendment A2 to Bill 64, Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021, which was defeated.

Pursuant to Government Motion 81, agreed to on May 26, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 7:55 p.m. the question was immediately put on the clauses of Bill 64, Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 81, agreed to on May 26, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 7:55 p.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble of Bill 64, Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 81, agreed to on May 26, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 7:55 p.m. the question was immediately put that Bill 64, Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021, be reported, which was agreed to.

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

The following Bill was reported:

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

Mr. van Dijken, 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 64 (A2) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar on May 26, 2021) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 683/2020-21

Third Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, moved 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 Third time because the Assembly is of the view that, if the Bill is enacted, the fees proposed to be charged by the Government for the use of public land would unfairly burden families who recreationally use those lands.

Sessional Paper 695/2020-21

A debate followed on the amendment.

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: 8

Dang	Pancholi	Schmidt
Irwin	Phillips	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Nielsen	Renaud	

Against the amendment: 34

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

* Member voted remotely

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

Government Motions

82. Oral notice having been given May 25, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. Nally on behalf of 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 Third 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. Nally and Mr. Dang 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	Lovely	Singh*
Allard	Nally	Smith
Amery	Neudorf	Stephan*
Dreeshen	Nicolaides	Toews
Fir	Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)	Toor
Gotfried*	Panda	Turton*
Hanson	Rehn	van Dijken
Horner	Savage	Walker*
Issik	Schow*	Williams*
Jones	Schulz	Yao*
Long	Sigurdson (Highwood)	Yaseen

Against the motion: 6

Dang	Pancholi	Schmidt
Nielsen	Renaud	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

* Member voted remotely

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

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

Bill 64, Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021, not be not now read a Third time but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.

Sessional Paper 696/2020-21

A debate followed on the amendment.

Pursuant to Government Motion 82, agreed to on May 26, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:42 p.m. the question was immediately put on the amendment to the motion for Third Reading of Bill 64, Public Lands Amendment Act, 2021, which was defeated.

Pursuant to Government Motion 82, agreed to on May 26, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:42 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third 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	Nally	Savage
Allard	Neudorf	Schow*
Copping	Nicolaides	Schulz
Dreeshen	Nixon (Calgary-Klein)	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Fir	Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)	Smith
Guthrie*	Panda	Toews
Hanson	Pitt	Toor
Horner	Rehn	van Dijken
Issik	Reid*	Williams*
Jones	Rosin*	Yao*
Long	Rowswell*	Yaseen
Lovely	Rutherford*	

Against the motion: 8

Dang	Pancholi	Schmidt
Irwin	Phillips	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Nielsen	Renaud	

* Member voted remotely

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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 Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Ms Issik, 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 56 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on May 25, 2021) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 681/2020-21

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 76, agreed to on April 22, 2021, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Nally, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:58 p.m. until Thursday, May 27, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker