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Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Thirtieth Legislature

Monday, June 7, 2021

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Panda, Minister of Infrastructure, made a statement regarding the 75th anniversary of India's independence and the planned 75 weeks of related events, dubbed Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, commented on the statement on behalf of Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows.

Members' Statements

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding Seniors' Week.

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(8), Hon. Mr. McIver, Deputy Government House Leader, provided notice to the Assembly that the Daily Routine shall continue beyond 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, made a statement regarding proposed policies adopted during the recent New Democratic Party convention.

Ms Fir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Peigan, made a statement regarding proposed improvements to the Fish Creek Provincial Park trail system.

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the New Democratic Party's plan for job creation.

Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding growing negative perceptions of policing and its symbols.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement regarding public opinion on Government policies.

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding the Child and Youth Well-being Review established by the Ministry of Children's Services.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the calls to action from the report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

Mr. Horner, Hon. Member for Drumheller-Stettler, made a statement regarding ALS Awareness Month and recognizing the life and legacy of Kari Evans.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Ellis, 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 218, Provincial Parks (Protecting Park Boundaries) Amendment Act, 2021, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, June 2021

Sessional Paper 745/2020-21

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.

Privilege – Misleading the Assembly

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 relating to the Hon. Premier and the Minister of Health allegedly misleading the Assembly regarding compliance with current public health orders during a recent gathering of members of the Executive Council and other officials at the Edmonton Federal Building.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat:

Letter dated June 16, 2020, from Mr. Barnes, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, to Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, supplementing the report of the Fair Deal Panel to the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 746/2020-21

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Sawhney, Minister of Community and Social Services:

Responses to questions raised by Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, on March 16, 2021, Ministry of Community and Social Services, 2021-22 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 747/2020-21

Privilege – Misleading the Assembly

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The Speaker heard from Mr. Loewen, Hon. Mr. McIver, Mr. Sabir, and Mr. Barnes.

The Speaker advised that he would take the matter under advisement and provide his ruling at a later date.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Motions for Concurrence in Committee Reports on Public Bills Other Than Government Bills

Debate continued on the motion moved on April 20, 2021, by Mr. Ellis, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, that the Assembly concur in the report of the committee recommending that Bill 214, Eastern Slopes Protection Act, proceed.

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

Debate continued on the motion moved on April 22, 2021, by Mr. Schow, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, that the Assembly concur in the report of the committee recommending that Bill 215, Seniors Advocate Act, proceed.

Debate adjourned, MLA Irwin speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

518. Moved by Mr. Schow on behalf of Mr. Williams:

Be it resolved that

- A. the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta effective February 25, 2021 be amended
 - (a) in Standing Order 29 by striking out suborder (2), and
 - (b) by adding the following after Standing Order 29:

Intervention

29.1(1) A Member may, in accordance with this Standing Order, intervene during another Member's speech on any item of debate referred to in Standing Order 29(1) except if the speech is one of the following:

- (a) a Member's opening or closing speech in respect of moving a resolution or a Bill;
 - (b) a Member's speech immediately following an opening speech referred to in clause (a);
 - (c) a Member's speech on a motion for an address in reply to the Lieutenant Governor's speech.
- (2) A Member may request to intervene during another Member's speech by rising while that Member is speaking.
- (3) If a Member requests to intervene, the Member who is speaking may, immediately on the other Member rising
- (a) agree to the request by
 - (i) acknowledging the Member's request,
 - (ii) stating that they agree to the request, and
 - (iii) taking their seat, or
 - (b) refuse the request by continuing with their speech.
- (4) If a Member agrees to a request to intervene
- (a) the Member's speaking time is immediately suspended until the intervention concludes,

- (b) the Member who intervenes
 - (i) is limited to a speaking time of one minute, and
 - (ii) may only ask questions or make comments on matters relevant to the speech on which they have intervened,
 - (c) no Member, including the Member whose speech is the subject of the intervention, may request to intervene during the intervention, and
 - (d) on conclusion of the intervention, the Member whose speech was the subject of the intervention may resume speaking for the remainder of their speaking time.
- (5) If a Member refuses a request to intervene
- (a) the Member may continue speaking for the remainder of their speaking time, and
 - (b) the Member who made the request must immediately take their seat.
- (6) A Member may not agree to more than five interventions during their speech.
- (7) For greater certainty, a Member may make multiple requests to intervene in another Member's speech.
- (8) Despite any other suborder under this Standing Order, the Speaker may direct any Member as is necessary to preserve order and decorum during a debate.
- B. the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing
- (a) conduct a review of the amendments set out in Part A within one year of the day on which these amendments come into force, and
 - (b) table a report in the Assembly on that review, which may include any amendments recommended by the Committee, within 365 days of the day on which the Standing Committee commences its review.
- C. the amendments set out in Part A come into force on passage of this Motion.

A debate followed.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, moved that the motion be amended:

- (a) in clause (b) of Part A
 - (i) in the proposed Standing Order 29.1(4)(d) by striking out “the remainder of their speaking time” and substituting “the remainder of their speaking time, including any additional speaking time provided under suborder (6.1), if applicable”,
 - (ii) in the proposed Standing Order 29.1(6) by striking out “five interventions” and substituting “three interventions”, and
 - (iii) by adding the following immediately after the proposed Standing Order 29.1(6):

(6.1) Despite Standing Order 29(1)(d), on a Member agreeing to more than one intervention during their speech, the Member’s speaking time limit is extended by two minutes.
- (b) in Part C by striking out “on passage of this Motion” and substituting “on the first sitting day of the 2021 Fall Sitting of the 30th Legislature and despite prorogation of the Second Session of the 30th Legislature if it occurs before that sitting day”.

Sessional Paper 748/2020-21

The Speaker commented on the admissibility of the amendment.

The Speaker heard from Mr. Williams.

The Speaker ruled that the amendment was in order.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

Debate continued on the motion as amended.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Ellis, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, the Assembly adjourned at 5:42 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 65 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nixon on behalf of Hon. Mr. Shandro

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

Government Motions

83. Oral notice having been given June 3, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. Kenney:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly determine, pursuant to section 3 of the Referendum Act, the following as the question to be put to electors at a referendum and to which the response from an elector who votes in that referendum must be either 'yes' or 'no':

Should section 36(2) of the Constitution Act, 1982 – Parliament and the government of Canada's commitment to the principle of making equalization payments – be removed from the constitution?

A debate followed.

Mr. Schow moved adjournment of the debate, which 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 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 Bill:

Bill 67 Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Education Act — Hon. Mr. Nicolaidis

Mr. Long, 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 67 (A1) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West on behalf of the Official Opposition House Leader) — Adjourned
Sessional Paper 749/2020-21

Third Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

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

Second Reading

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

Bill 69 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:34 a.m. Tuesday, June 8, 2021, until 10:00 a.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker