

No. 121

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Thirtieth Legislature

Monday, November 1, 2021

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Toor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding the United Nations COP26 climate change conference and the Government's emissions reduction strategy.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting social services.

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding the Government's economic recovery plan.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to support Alberta's farmers and ranchers.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding Diwali.

Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, made a statement regarding the Government's actions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Walker, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding intensive care unit capacity in Alberta hospitals and the surgical recovery strategy.

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting the environment.

Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the need to respect multiple perspectives on the effects of COVID-19 related restrictions.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mrs. Savage, Minister of Energy, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 79 Trails Act — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Hon. Mrs. Savage, Minister of Energy, gave oral notice of the following motion:

103. Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) recognize that, pursuant to the Alberta Senate Election Act, over 1.1 million Albertans participated in the October 18, 2021, election of nominees for the Senate of Canada,
- (b) congratulate the three candidates who received the greatest number of votes, Pam Davidson, Erika Barootes, and Mykhailo Martyniouk, and recognize these candidates as Alberta's nominees for the Senate of Canada, and
- (c) call on the Prime Minister to respect the democratic decision of Albertans by recommending to Her Majesty The Queen that two of these nominees be summoned to the Senate of Canada to fill Alberta's two vacant seats.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 78 Alberta Housing Amendment Act, 2021 — Hon. Ms Pon

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-23, s46(2):

Office of the Ethics Commissioner of Alberta Annual Report, April 1, 2019, to March 31, 2020

Sessional Paper 846/2020-21

Tablings to the Clerk

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

Pursuant to the Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act, cG-1, s30(2), Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Annual Report 2020-21

Sessional Paper 847/2020-21

Sessional Paper 848/2020-21

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 22, 2021, by Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, that the Assembly concur in the report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills recommending that Bill 215, Seniors Advocate Act, proceed.

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

Debate continued on the motion moved on June 7, 2021, by Hon. Mr. Ellis, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, that the Assembly concur in the report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills recommending that Bill 218, Provincial Parks (Protecting Park Boundaries) Amendment Act, 2021, proceed.

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

Hon. Ms Issik, Associate Minister of Status of Women, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Orders 8 and 9(1) in order to proceed to Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 207, Reservists' Recognition Day Act.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 207 Reservists' Recognition Act* — Mr. Rutherford

Mr. Stephan, 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 207 (A1) (introduced by Hon. Member for Peace River on behalf of the Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont on June 14, 2021) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 775/2020-21

Motions Other Than Government Motions

519. Moved by Ms Sweet:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take any necessary steps to maintain the current water allocations for the headwater tributaries of the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains including the Oldman River Basin Water Allocation Order (Alberta Regulation 319/2003) pending extensive consultations with the agricultural sector, Indigenous communities, ranchers, municipal districts, and the general public.

Debate continued on the subamendment introduced by Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on June 14, 2021, that amendment A1 be amended by striking out clause (a) and substituting the following:

(a) by striking out "the current water allocations" and substituting "water allocations current to May 1, 2020".

Sessional Paper 777/2020-21

Hon. Ms Issik, Associate Minister of Status of Women, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to continue debate on Motion Other Than a Government Motion 519.

The question being put, the subamendment was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the subamendment: 7

Dang Pancholi Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Irwin Schmidt Sweet

Nielsen

^{*}Title amended by amendment A1.

Against the subamendment: 27

Aheer Lovely Singh Armstrong-Homeniuk McIver Stephan Dreeshen Nally Toews Fir Neudorf Toor Getson **Nicolaides** Turton Horner Reid van Dijken Hunter Rosin Walker Issik Savage Wilson Jones Schulz Yaseen

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, on behalf of Hon. Ms Issik, Associate Minister of Status of Women, on June 14, 2021, that the motion be amended as follows:

- (a) by striking out "take any necessary steps" and substituting "continue its ongoing work";
- (b) by striking out "pending extensive consultations" and substituting ". and recognize that no decision on changes to water allocations will be considered without extensive consultations";
- (c) by adding "industry." immediately after "the agricultural sector.";
- (d) by striking out "the general public" and substituting "Albertans".

Sessional Paper 776/2020-21

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 27

Aheer Lovely Singh Amery McIver Stephan Dreeshen Nally Toews Fir Neudorf Toor Getson **Nicolaides** Turton Horner Reid van Dijken Hunter Rosin Walker Issik Savage Wilson Jones Schweitzer Yaseen

Against the amendment: 7

Dang Pancholi Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

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The question being put, the motion as amended was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 27

Lovely Singh Aheer McIver Stephan Amery Dreeshen Nally Toews Neudorf Toor Fir **Nicolaides** Getson Turton Horner Reid van Dijken Hunter Walker Rosin Issik Savage Wilson Jones Schulz Yaseen

Against the motion: 7

Dang Pancholi Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Irwin Schmidt Sweet

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Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:01 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Special Debate on the COVID-19 Pandemic

A debate followed on the COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to Government Motion 100, agreed to on October 28, 2021.

Hon. Ms Issik moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 29

Issik

Aheer Rowswell LaGrange Allard Lovely Sawhney Armstrong-Homeniuk Luan Schweitzer Copping Madu Sigurdson (Highwood) Singh Ellis McIver Getson Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Smith Glubish Orr Toews Guthrie Panda Wilson Hanson Rehn Yao

Reid

Against the motion: 8

Carson Goehring Sabir Eggen Gray Sweet

Ganley Hoffman

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Ms Issik, Associate Minister of Status of Women, the Assembly adjourned at 11:36 p.m. until Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper, Speaker