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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Thirtieth Legislature

Monday, December 6, 2021

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

Speaker's Statement – École Polytechnique Massacre

Hon. Members, today marks the 32nd anniversary of the École Polytechnique shooting in Montreal. On December 6, 1989, a man opened fire into a classroom at the technological university, killing 14 women and injuring others.

On this tragic anniversary, we reflect on the lives lost and the contributions these young women would have made to society. Most of the victims were studying engineering, one was a nursing student, and another worked in the finance department of the school. The unifying characteristic was that they were all young women who lost their lives on that day 32 years ago.

Let us observe a moment of silence to honour these losses and commit to doing whatever we can to ensure this type of violence against women is never repeated.

Members' Statements

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding the Mustard Seed Mission and addictions treatment programs.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women (some remarks made in French).

Mrs. Pitt, Hon. Member for Airdrie-East, made a statement regarding emergency medical services and ambulance service in rural Alberta.

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, made a statement regarding comments made by Mr. Williams, Hon. Member for Peace River, during Members' Statements on December 2, 2021.

Mr. van Dijken, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock, made a statement regarding healthcare staffing and emergency medical services challenges in rural Alberta.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement recognizing front-line workers.

Mr. Rutherford, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding the Government's economic recovery plan.

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the Government's energy policies and programs.

Mr. Rehn, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding mental health challenges faced by Albertans.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Neudorf, Chair, Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future, presented the following report:

Report on Presentation by the Tourism Industry Association of Alberta,
November 18, 2021, Thirtieth Legislature, Second Session, December 2021
Sessional Paper 932/2020-21

Notices of Motions

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

115. Be it resolved that

1. A Select Special Committee to Examine Safe Supply be established and consist of the following Members:

Nixon (Calgary-Klein) (Chair)	Frey	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Allard (Deputy Chair)	Goehring	Stephan
Amery	Milliken	Sweet
Feehan	Rosin	Yao
2. The Committee's mandate is limited to the consideration of the following matters:

- a. examine the concept of “safe supply,” defined as the provision of pharmaceutical opioids, heroin, crystal methamphetamine, cocaine, or other substances to people who are addicted to or dependent on these substances;
 - b. whether there is evidence that a proposed “safe supply” would have an impact on fatal or non-fatal overdose, drug diversion, or associated health and community impacts;
 - c. whether there is evidence that a proposed “safe supply” would be accompanied by increased risks to individuals, the community, other entities or jurisdictions;
 - d. examine historical evidence regarding the over-prescribing of opioids; and
 - e. whether there is evidence that a proposed “safe supply” would be accompanied by any other benefits or consequences;
3. During the course of its review, the Committee
 - a. continues despite a prorogation of a Session of the 30th Legislature, and
 - b. may, without leave of the Assembly, meet during a period when the Assembly is prorogued;
 4. The Committee may, subject to the Chair’s approval, pay any reasonable costs necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities, specifically the costs of advertising, staff assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel, and other similar costs;
 5. The committee may, during the course of its review, utilize the services of any of the following:
 - a. Legislative Assembly Office employees, or
 - b. subject to the approval of the head of a department or an office of the Legislature, the public service employees of that department or office;
 6. No later than April 30, 2022, the Committee must submit a report to the Assembly that sets out its recommendations, if any;
 7. If the Assembly is not sitting on the day that the Committee completes its report, the Chair of the Committee must, as soon as practicable,
 - a. deposit the report with the Clerk in accordance with Standing Order 38.1, and
 - b. provide a copy of the report to each Member of the Legislative Assembly.

116. Be it resolved that when further consideration of Government Motion 115 is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the motion, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the motion shall be put forthwith.

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to

- (a) acknowledge the negative impact that continuous fights with doctors, concerted campaigns to discredit healthcare professionals and attempts to cut wages for front-line healthcare workers have had on the retention and recruitment of Alberta healthcare workers;
- (b) condemn unfounded and dangerous rhetoric from the MLA for Peace River when it comes to Alberta Health Services enforcing a needed COVID-19 vaccine mandate for front-line healthcare workers;
- (c) publicly release the total number of surgeries that have been cancelled or delayed during each wave of the COVID-19 pandemic and release projections on how long it will take to reschedule and conduct all of those vital procedures;
- (d) publicly release a weekly report updating Albertans on progress to overcome the surgery backlog and any new procedure cancellations;
- (e) develop and release publicly a comprehensive plan to recruit front-line healthcare professionals to Alberta;
- (f) acknowledge the crisis in Lethbridge, where in the region more than 40,000 residents have no access to a primary care physician, and release a specific plan to recruit physicians to the community;
- (g) confirm all delegations of authority made under Order in Council 313/2021 (“Acting Ministers”) during the period of December and January 2021-2022 holiday season with the intent of establishing a clear chain of command in Executive Council for the holiday season, especially while awaiting further data and study on the highly contagious Omicron COVID-19 variant;
- (h) establish an independent Alberta COVID-19 Science Advisory Table to provide advice on necessary public health measures during the ongoing pandemic;
- (i) develop and publicly release a clear advocacy campaign to the federal government to follow through on its commitment to invest \$6 billion “to support the elimination of health system wait-lists.”

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mrs. Aheer, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore:

Document dated November 19, 2021, entitled “Interim Interpretation Bulletin No. 6,” prepared by Elections Alberta

Sessional Paper 933/2020-21

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Disciplines Act, cH-2, s4(5):

Health Disciplines Board 2020 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 934/2020-21

Motions Under Standing Order 42

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to

- (a) acknowledge the negative impact that continuous fights with doctors, concerted campaigns to discredit healthcare professionals and attempts to cut wages for front-line healthcare workers have had on the retention and recruitment of Alberta healthcare workers;
- (b) condemn unfounded and dangerous rhetoric from the MLA for Peace River when it comes to Alberta Health Services enforcing a needed COVID-19 vaccine mandate for front-line healthcare workers;
- (c) publicly release the total number of surgeries that have been cancelled or delayed during each wave of the COVID-19 pandemic and release projections on how long it will take to reschedule and conduct all of those vital procedures;
- (d) publicly release a weekly report updating Albertans on progress to overcome the surgery backlog and any new procedure cancellations;
- (e) develop and release publicly a comprehensive plan to recruit front-line healthcare professionals to Alberta;
- (f) acknowledge the crisis in Lethbridge, where in the region more than 40,000 residents have no access to a primary care physician, and release a specific plan to recruit physicians to the community;

- (g) confirm all delegations of authority made under Order in Council 313/2021 (“Acting Ministers”) during the period of December and January 2021-2022 holiday season with the intent of establishing a clear chain of command in Executive Council for the holiday season, especially while awaiting further data and study on the highly contagious Omicron COVID-19 variant;
- (h) establish an independent Alberta COVID-19 Science Advisory Table to provide advice on necessary public health measures during the ongoing pandemic;
- (i) develop and publicly release a clear advocacy campaign to the federal government to follow through on its commitment to invest \$6 billion “to support the elimination of health system wait-lists.”

Pursuant to Standing Order 42(1.1) and (1.2), Ms Phillips and Hon. Mr. Nixon commented on the request for unanimous consent.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR16. Moved by Mr. Dang on behalf of Mr. Shepherd on November 29, 2021:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all correspondence and briefing materials provided by the office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health to the office of the Minister of Health between July 1, 2021, and August 31, 2021.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

MR17. Moved by Mr. Schmidt on behalf of Mr. Shepherd:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all correspondence, briefing materials, and other records held by Executive Council, the Ministry of Health, or the Ministry of Municipal Affairs related to contact with federal officials regarding COVID-19 pandemic related federal assistance for Alberta between August 1, 2021, and September 30, 2021.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

MR18. Moved by Ms Renaud on behalf of Mr. Shepherd:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all correspondence, briefing materials, and other records provided
by Alberta Health Services to the office of the Minister of Health between
July 1, 2021, and September 30, 2021.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 209 Cost of Public Services Transparency Act — Mr. Stephan

A debate followed.

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	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Amery	Long	Singh
Barnes	Lovely	Smith
Dreeshen	McIver	Stephan
Fir	Nally	Toews
Frey	Neudorf	Toor
Getson	Nicolaides	Turton
Guthrie	Pon	van Dijken
Horner	Rosin	Walker
Hunter	Rowswell	Wilson
Issik	Schulz	Yaseen

Against the motion: 8

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

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

Bill 209 Cost of Public Services Transparency Act — Mr. Stephan

Motions Other Than Government Motions

525. Moved by Mr. Smith:

Be it resolved that the Assembly urge the Government to consider taking the necessary steps to develop an incentive framework designed to assist in supporting the profitability of small and medium-sized oil and gas companies in Alberta while maintaining provincial and federal environmental standards.

A debate followed.

Mr. Guthrie 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 Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Mrs. Frey, 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 78 (A1) (introduced by the Official Opposition House Leader on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on December 2, 2021) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 926/2020-21

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Ms Issik, Associate Minister of Status of Women, the Assembly adjourned at 5:55 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021 — 7:30 P.M.

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the evening sitting, including the first division bell in Committee of the Whole.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Government Motions

109. Oral notice having been given December 2, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 78, Alberta Housing 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. Mr. Nixon and Mr. Sabir commented on the time allocation motion.

The question being put, the motion 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 Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 81 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Madu

Mr. Rutherford, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, moved adjournment of the debate on amendment A2, which was agreed to. With Mr. Milliken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 29

Aheer	Long	Pon
Allard	Lovely	Rehn
Copping	Luan	Rowswell
Ellis	Madu	Rutherford
Glubish	McIver	Sawhney
Gotfried	Neudorf	Schweitzer
Guthrie	Nixon <small>(Calgary-Klein)</small>	Smith
Hanson	Nixon <small>(Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)</small>	Williams
Issik	Orr	Yao
LaGrange	Panda	

Against the motion: 9

Barnes	Deol	Goehring
Bilous	Eggen	Sabir
Carson	Ganley	Sweet

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 73 Infrastructure Accountability Act — Hon. Mr. Panda

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, on behalf of Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

- (a) by striking out section 4(g) and substituting the following:
 - (g) additional criteria as prescribed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.
- (b) by adding the following immediately after section 6:

Regulations

7 On the Responsible Minister's recommendation, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may prescribe additional criteria for the purpose of section 4(g) that the Responsible Minister must consider when evaluating a capital planning submission.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Bilous	Eggen	Sabir
Carson	Goehring	Sweet
Deol		

Against the amendment: 30

Aheer	LaGrange	Panda
Allard	Long	Pon
Copping	Lovely	Rehn
Ellis	Luan	Rowswell
Glubish	Madu	Sawhney
Gotfried	McIver	Schweitzer
Guthrie	Neudorf	Shandro
Hanson	Nixon (Calgary-Klein)	Smith
Issik	Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)	Williams
Kenney	Orr	Yao

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, on behalf of Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, moved that the Bill be amended by striking out section 10(a).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 5

Bilous	Eggen	Sweet
Carson	Gochring	

Against the amendment: 30

Aheer	LaGrange	Panda
Allard	Long	Pon
Copping	Lovely	Rehn
Ellis	Luan	Rowswell
Glubish	Madu	Sawhney
Gotfried	McIver	Schweitzer
Guthrie	Neudorf	Shandro
Hanson	Nixon (Calgary-Klein)	Smith
Issik	Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)	Williams
Kenney	Orr	Yao

Pursuant to Government Motion 109, agreed to on December 6, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:25 a.m. the question was immediately put on amendment A3 to Bill 78, Alberta Housing Amendment Act, 2021, which was defeated.

Pursuant to Government Motion 109, agreed to on December 6, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:26 a.m. the question was immediately put on the clauses of Bill 78, Alberta Housing Amendment Act, 2021, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 109, agreed to on December 6, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:26 a.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble of Bill 78, Alberta Housing Amendment Act, 2021, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 109, agreed to on December 6, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 12:26 a.m. the question was immediately put that Bill 78, Alberta Housing Amendment Act, 2021, be reported, which was agreed to.

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 73 Infrastructure Accountability Act — Hon. Mr. Panda

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

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 80 Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 (No. 2) — Hon. Ms Fir

Bill 81 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Madu

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 81 (A1) (Minister of Justice and Solicitor General) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 935/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 81 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-South) —
Adjourned

Sessional Paper 936/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 73 (A5) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View on
behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-South) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 937/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 80 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Member for
Lethbridge-West on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore on
December 1, 2021) — Adjourned

Sessional Paper 924/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 78 (A1) (introduced by the Official Opposition House Leader on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on December 2, 2021) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 926/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 78 (A2) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 938/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 78 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 939/2020-21

Third Reading

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

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

Hon. Ms Pon moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the evening sitting.

Government Motions

110. Oral notice having been given December 2, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 79, Trails Act, 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. Nixon and Mr. Sabir commented on the time allocation motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 110, agreed to on December 6, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 1:38 a.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 78, Alberta Housing 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: 30

Aheer	LaGrange	Panda
Allard	Long	Pon
Copping	Lovely	Rehn
Ellis	Luan	Rowswell
Glubish	Madu	Sawhney
Gotfried	McIver	Schweitzer
Guthrie	Neudorf	Shandro
Hanson	Nixon (Calgary-Klein)	Smith
Issik	Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)	Williams
Kenney	Orr	Yao

Against the motion: 7

Bilous	Eggen	Sabir
Carson	Goehring	Sweet
Deol		

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:43 a.m. Tuesday, December 7, 2021, until 10:00 a.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker

Title: Monday, December 6, 2021