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# **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Thirtieth Legislature

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

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

Mr. Schow, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the morning sitting, including the first division bell in Committee of the Whole.

#### **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 79 Trails Act — Hon. Mr. Nixon

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, moved that the Bill be amended in section 6 by adding the following immediately after clause (3):

- (4) The trail manager must provide a report to the Minister each year that sets out each of the following:
  - (a) a summary of the signs and notices posted under subsection (2), and
  - (b) an explanation as to how these signs and notices support the implementation of the applicable trail management plan.

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

For the amendment: 7

Dang Pancholi Schmidt

Irwin Renaud Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Nielsen

Against the amendment: 30

Aheer Long Singh Nally Amery Smith Neudorf Stephan Fir Nicolaides Frey Toews Getson Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Toor Guthrie Pon Turton Horner Rosin van Dijken Rutherford Walker Hunter Issik Wilson Schow Schulz Jones Yaseen

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, moved that the Bill be amended by adding the following immediately after section 7:

#### Annual report on trail management plans

- 7.1 The Minister must, within 30 days of the last day of each fiscal year
  - (a) complete a report that sets out the total amount of public monies that the Government spent on the implementation of trail management plans during that fiscal year, and
  - (b) make the report publicly available.

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

For the amendment: 7

Dang Pancholi Schmidt

Irwin Renaud Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Nielsen

Against the amendment: 31

Aheer Nally Singh Amery Neudorf Smith Fir **Nicolaides** Stephan Frey Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Toews Getson Panda Toor Guthrie Pon Turton Horner Rosin van Dijken Hunter Rutherford Walker Issik Schow Wilson Yaseen Jones Schulz

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The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, on behalf of Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, on December 1, 2021, that the Bill be amended by striking out section 10.

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

For the amendment: 7

Dang Pancholi Schmidt

Irwin Renaud Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Nielsen

Against the amendment: 29

Aheer Long Singh Neudorf Amery Smith Nicolaides Fir Stephan Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Frey Toor Getson Panda Turton Guthrie Pon van Dijken Horner Rosin Walker Hunter Rutherford Wilson Issik Schow Yaseen Jones Schulz

The question being put on the remaining clauses of Bill 80, Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 (No. 2), the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Milliken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 30

Schulz Aheer Long Nally Amery Singh Neudorf Smith Fir Frey **Nicolaides** Stephan Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Getson Toews Guthrie Toor Panda Horner Pon Turton Hunter Rosin van Dijken Issik Rutherford Walker Jones Schow Yaseen

Against the motion: 7

Dang Pancholi Schmidt

Irwin Renaud Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Nielsen

The question being put that Bill 80, Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 (No. 2), be reported, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Milliken at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 30

Schulz Aheer Long Amery Nally Singh Fir Neudorf Smith Frey Nicolaides Stephan Getson  $Nixon \ ({\tt Rimbey-Rocky \ Mtn. \ House-Sundre})$ Toews Guthrie Panda Toor Horner Pon Turton Rosin Hunter van Dijken Rutherford Walker Issik Jones Schow Yaseen

Against the motion: 7

Dang Pancholi Schmidt

Irwin Renaud Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Nielsen

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 79 Trails Act — Hon. Mr. Nixon

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

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

Mr. Singh, 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 79 (A2) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar on December 1, 2021) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 923/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 79 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 940/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 79 (A4) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 941/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 79 (A5) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 942/2020-21

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) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 924/2020-21

Amendment to Bill 80 (A2) (Hon. Associate Minister of Red Tape Reduction) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 943/2020-21

# Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021 — 1:30 P.M.

# **ROUTINE**

# **Speaker's Statement – American Sign Language Interpretation**

The Speaker made a statement notifying the Assembly that starting in the 2022 Spring Sitting, coverage of the Daily Routine will be provided with American Sign Language interpretation.

#### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting COVID-19 vaccinations.

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, made a statement and read a poem regarding Government actions and the conduct of the Official Opposition during the past year.

Mr. Gotfried, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding eye health

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the need for Government disaster relief and increased emergency medical services in Fort McMurray.

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the Council of State Governments National Conference.

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting young Albertans in the child intervention system.

Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding the importance of freedom and compassion during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Hunter, Hon. Member for Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the need to follow public health guidelines while respecting individual choice.

Mrs. Allard, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement regarding Canadians' perceptions of Alberta.

# **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Schmidt, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from approximately 1,900 Albertans urging the Government to help protect Alberta's Rocky Mountains, including its river headwaters and the Eastern slopes, by passing Bill 214, Eastern Slopes Protection Act, or a Bill that, if introduced in a subsequent Session, proposes legislative changes that achieve the same objectives.

Mrs. Allard, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, presented a petition from approximately 375 residents of northwest Alberta urging the Government to revise the legislation around the distribution of electricity and rate calculations with a focus on equal access for all Albertans to electrical infrastructure regardless of geographical location. Secondarily, this legislation would include transparency and full disclosure of per kilowatt rates used for distribution calculations.

# **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Ms Rosin, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis:

4 e-mail messages from Brad Jones, Recreation, Education and Partnerships Manager, Alberta Environment and Parks, to Chad Holowatuk, Nancy Ouimet, Reg Mullet, and Conrad Schiebel, informing them of a grant awarded from Alberta Environment and Parks

Sessional Paper 944/2020-21

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows:

Alberta's NDP Caucus website article dated July 18, 2021, entitled "Alberta's NDP Calls for Changes to Support Low-Income Post-Secondary Learners"

Sessional Paper 945/2020-21

Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland:

2 documents depicting results of COVID-19 antibody tests, prepared by Mayo Clinic Laboratories

Sessional Paper 946/2020-21

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley:

Letter dated November 2, 2021, from Tawny Blake of Hines Creek to Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, regarding masking in schools

Sessional Paper 947/2020-21

Copy of a petition from 142 Albertans urging the Government to oppose COVID-19 vaccine mandates

Sessional Paper 948/2020-21

Several recent e-mail messages from Albertans to Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, and Members of the Legislative Assembly regarding COVID-19 policies

Sessional Paper 949/2020-21

Postmedia website article dated November 30, 2021, entitled "Bell: UCP gabfest – the premier rocks. Just ask Kenney's crew"

Sessional Paper 950/2020-21

# **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Mr. Schow, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the afternoon sitting, including the first division bell in Committee of the Whole.

#### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Third Reading**

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

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

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

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

Bill 79 Trails Act — Hon. Mr. Nixon

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

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 73 Infrastructure Accountability Act — Hon. Mr. Panda

# **Government Motions**

#### 111. 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 Ms Ganley 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: 29

Aheer Lovely Reid
Allard Luan Rowswell
Copping Madu Rutherford
Ellis McIver Shandro
Glubish Neudorf Sigurdson (Hi

Glubish Neudorf Sigurdson (Highwood)

Gotfried Nivon (G. 1971) Smith

Gotfried Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Smith
Hanson Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Stephan
Issik Orr Toor
Jones Panda Williams

LaGrange Rehn

Against the motion: 10

BarnesEggenPhillipsBilousGanleySabirCarsonGoehringSweet

Deol

# 112. Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 80, Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 (No. 2), 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. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 29

Aheer Lovely Reid
Allard Luan Rowswell
Copping Madu Rutherford
Ellis McIver Shandro

Glubish Neudorf Sigurdson (Highwood)

GotfriedNixon (Calgary-Klein)SmithHansonNixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre)StephanIssikOrrToorJonesPandaWilliams

LaGrange Rehn

Against the motion: 10

BarnesEggenPhillipsBilousGanleySabirCarsonGoehringSweet

Deol

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Tabling Returns and Reports.

# **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

2 pieces of correspondence between Robert van Spronsen, Chairperson, Lethbridge Police Commission; and Michael Bates, Ruttan Bates Barristers and Solicitors; relating to a request made by Ruttan Bates Barristers and Solicitors on behalf of Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, and "Emma," that the Lethbridge Police Commission convene a public inquiry into alleged conduct by Chief Mehdizadeh

Sessional Paper 951/2020-21

#### **Government Bills and Orders**

# **Third Reading**

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

Bill 79 Trails Act — Hon. Mr. Nixon

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 111, agreed to on December 7, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 5:56 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 79, Trails Act, which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 28

Aheer Luan Rehn
Allard Madu Reid
Ellis McIver Rowswell
Glubish Nally Shandro

Gotfried Neudorf Sigurdson (Highwood)

Hanson Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Stephan Issik Orr Toor Jones Panda Williams LaGrange Pon Yao

Lovely

Against the motion: 7

Bilous Eggen Sabir Carson Ganley Sweet

Deol

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 79 Trails Act — Hon. Mr. Nixon

# Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:02 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

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

A debate followed.

Mr. Rutherford, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, requested and received 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.

Pursuant to Government Motion 112, agreed to on December 7, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 8:31 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 80, Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act, 2021 (No. 2), which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 42

Aheer LaGrange Rowswell Luan Rutherford Amery Madu Schweitzer Armstrong-Homeniuk McIver  $Sigurdson \ {\it (Highwood)}$ Copping Dreeshen Nally Singh Fir **Nicolaides** Smith Frey Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Stephan Getson Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Toews Gotfried Orr Toor Hanson Panda Turton Horner Pitt van Dijken

Hunter Pon Walker Issik Reid Wilson Jones Rosin Yaseen

Against the motion: 7

Ceci Hoffman Sabir Dach Loyola Shepherd

Feehan

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

#### **Government Motions**

104. Oral notice having been given November 22, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- condemn David Suzuki's comments on pipelines as reported by the National Post,
- condemn any comments made calling for the intentional destruction of energy infrastructure, and
- 3. unequivocally condemn incitements of violent eco-terrorism.

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, on November 30, 2021, that the motion be amended by

- (a) striking out "and" at the end of section 2, and
- (b) adding the following immediately after section 3:
  - express solidarity with the 20 First Nations Band Councils and their communities situated along the approved route of the Coastal GasLink pipeline project, including those representing Wet'suwet'en people, in their negotiations for project agreements that would support those communities,
  - express its support for the Coastal GasLink pipeline project and the LNG Canada project, and
  - 6. express its opposition to illegal activities that seek to disrupt the construction of the Coastal GasLink pipeline project.

Sessional Paper 912/2020-21

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, moved that the amendment to the motion be amended in clause (b) as follows:

- (a) in section 4
  - (i) by striking out "express solidarity with the 20 First Nations Band Councils and their communities situated along" and substituting "express support for those First Nations and Indigenous peoples that hold constitutional rights in the lands along and surrounding", and
  - (ii) by striking out "in their negotiation for project agreements" and substituting "as they continue to seek solutions";
- (b) by adding the following immediately after section 4:

- 4.1. acknowledge and express its support for the Memorandum of Understanding agreed to in February 2020 between the Government of Canada, the Government of British Columbia, and the Wet'suwet'en Nation, and as signed by the Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs, that established the terms by which the parties agreed to engage in a constructive dialogue to achieve meaningful solutions that respectfully address the rights of all parties,
- 4.2. express its support for an approach to resource projects that relies on negotiations, along with proportionate regulatory enforcement, being the best means for the parties to achieve meaningful and predictable progress on these projects while similarly upholding entrenched constitutional principles and rights, such as the rule of law and Indigenous rights,
- 4.3. acknowledge that Indigenous rights, which include the rights of First Nations' hereditary chiefs, are legally complex and have been judicially considered in the Supreme Court of Canada's decisions in Delgamuukw v. British Columbia, Haida Nation v. British Columbia and Tsilhqot'in Nation v. British Columbia,

Sessional Paper 952/2020-21

A debate followed on the subamendment.

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

For the subamendment: 7

Ceci Hoffman Sabir Dach Loyola Shepherd

Feehan

Against the subamendment: 46

Aheer Jones Rosin
Amery LaGrange Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk Loewen Rutherford
Barnes Luan Schweitzer
Copping Madu Sigurdson (Highwood)

Dreeshen McIver Singh Ellis Nally Smith Fir **Nicolaides** Stephan Frey Toews Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Getson Toor Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Gotfried Orr Turton Guthrie Panda van Dijken Hanson Pon Walker Horner Rehn Wilson Hunter Reid Yaseen

Issik

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

For the amendment: 47

Aheer Jones Rosin
Amery Kenney Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk LaGrange Rutherford
Barnes Loewen Schweitzer
Copping Luan Sigurdson (Highwood)

Dreeshen Madu Singh Ellis McIver Smith Nally Stephan Fir Frev **Nicolaides** Toews Getson Toor Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Gotfried Turton Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Guthrie van Dijken Orr Hanson Walker Panda Wilson Horner Pon Hunter Rehn Yaseen

Issik Reid

Against the amendment: 7

Ceci Hoffman Sabir Dach Loyola Shepherd

Feehan

Debate continued on the motion as amended.

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

For the motion: 47

Aheer Rosin Jones Rowswell Amery Kenney Rutherford Armstrong-Homeniuk LaGrange Barnes Loewen Schweitzer Copping Luan Sigurdson (Highwood) Dreeshen Madu Singh Ellis Smith McIver Fir Nally Stephan Frey Nicolaides Toews Getson Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Toor Gotfried Turton Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Guthrie Orr van Dijken Hanson Panda Walker Horner Wilson Pon Hunter Rehn Yaseen

Issik Reid

Against the motion: 7

Ceci Hoffman Sabir Dach Loyola Shepherd

Feehan

115. Oral notice having been given December 6, 2021, moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

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)

Allard (Deputy Chair)

Amery

Frey

Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)

Stephan

Sweet

Feehan

Rosin

Yao

- 2. The Committee's mandate is limited to the consideration of the following matters:
  - 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;
  - 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;
  - 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
  - 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.

A debate followed.

Mr. Rutherford, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, moved that the motion be amended in section 1

- (a) by striking out "Feehan" and substituting "Irwin",
- (b) by striking out "Goehring" and substituting "Ganley", and
- (c) by striking out "Sweet" and substituting "Shepherd".

Sessional Paper 953/2020-21

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

Debate continued on the motion as amended.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, moved that the motion be amended as follows:

- (a) by striking out paragraph 2(a) and substituting the following:
  - a. examine the concept of safe supply, defined as the provision of safe, legal and regulated pharmaceutical alternatives to toxic street drugs as a means to protect the lives of individuals who meet legally prescribed medical criteria such as having attempted recovery from their addiction multiple times and being subject to an extremely high risk of death resulting from a poisoned drug supply;
- (b) by striking out the quotation marks in respect of "safe supply" wherever they occur.

Sessional Paper 954/2020-21

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

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

### **113.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 81, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2), 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. Feehan commented on the time allocation motion.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 45

Aheer Rosin Jones Rowswell Amery Kenney Armstrong-Homeniuk Rutherford LaGrange Schow Copping Lovely Dreeshen Luan Schweitzer Ellis Madu Sigurdson (Highwood)

Fir Singh McIver Frey Nally Smith Nicolaides Toews Getson Gotfried Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Toor Guthrie Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Turton Hanson Orr van Dijken Horner Pon Walker Hunter Rehn Wilson Issik Reid Yaseen

Against the motion: 9

Barnes Feehan Loyola Ceci Hoffman Sabir Dach Loewen Shepherd

# **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)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Dang, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South, on December 6, 2021, that the Bill be amended by striking out section 5(26) and substituting the following:

(26) Section 25 is amended by striking out "An annual membership fee paid for" and substituting "An annual membership fee paid by a person for the person's own".

Pursuant to Government Motion 113, agreed to on December 7, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:39 p.m. the question was immediately put on amendment A2 to Bill 81, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2), which was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 8

Barnes Feehan Loyola Ceci Gray Shepherd

Dach Hoffman

Against the amendment: 40

Long

Aheer Lovely Rowswell Rutherford Amery Luan Schow Armstrong-Homeniuk Madu Copping McIver Schweitzer Sigurdson (Highwood) Ellis Nally Fir **Nicolaides** Singh Frey Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Smith Getson Toews Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Horner Orr Turton Hunter Pon van Dijken Issik Rehn Walker Kenney Reid Wilson LaGrange Rosin Yaseen

Pursuant to Government Motion 113, agreed to on December 7, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:45 p.m. the question was immediately put on the remaining clauses of Bill 81, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2), which was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 41

AheerLongRowswellAmeryLovelyRutherfordArmstrong-HomeniukLuanSchowCoppingMaduSchweitzerEllisMcIverSigurdson (Highwood)

Fir Nally Singh Frey **Nicolaides** Smith Getson Toews Nixon (Calgary-Klein) Gotfried Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Turton Horner van Dijken Orr Hunter Walker Pon Issik Wilson Rehn Kenney Reid Yaseen

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Against the motion: 9

Barnes Feehan Loewen
Ceci Gray Loyola
Dach Hoffman Shepherd

Pursuant to Government Motion 113, agreed to on December 7, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:49 p.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble of Bill 81, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2), which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 113, agreed to on December 7, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 10:49 p.m. the question was immediately put that Bill 81, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2), be reported, which was agreed to.

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

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

Mr. Singh, 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 81 (A2) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-South on December 6, 2021) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 936/2020-21

#### **Third Reading**

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

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

A debate followed.

Mrs. Aheer, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 81, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2), be not now read a Third time because the Assembly is of the view that the Bill fails to require the express consent of a person of their intention to participate as a member of a political party or a constituency association of a political party.

Sessional Paper 955/2020-21

A debate followed on the amendment.

Hon. Mr. Schweitzer moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

#### **Government Motions**

114. Moved by Hon. Mr. Schweitzer on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 81, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2), 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. Schweitzer 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: 37

Aheer LaGrange Rosin Amery Lovely Rutherford Armstrong-Homeniuk Luan Schow Copping Madu Schweitzer Dreeshen McIver Sigurdson (Highwood) Ellis Nally Singh Fir Nicolaides Toews Frey Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Turton Getson Orr van Dijken Gotfried Pon Walker Horner Rehn Wilson Hunter Reid Yaseen Issik

Against the motion: 10

Barnes Gray Nielsen
Dach Hoffman Sabir
Eggen Loyola Shepherd

Feehan

# **Government Bills and Orders**

# **Third Reading**

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

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mrs. Aheer, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore, on December 7, 2021, that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 81, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2), be not now read a Third time because the Assembly is of the view that the Bill fails to require the express consent of a person of their intention to participate as a member of a political party or a constituency association of a political party.

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Pursuant to Government Motion 114, agreed to on December 7, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 2:47 a.m. the question was immediately put on the amendment to the motion for Third Reading of Bill 81, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2), which was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 14

Aheer Gotfried Loyola
Barnes Gray Nielsen
Dach Hanson Sabir
Eggen Hoffman Shepherd

Feehan Loewen

Against the amendment: 35

AmeryLovelyRutherfordArmstrong-HomeniukLuanSchowCoppingMaduSchweitzerDreeshenMcIverSigurdson (Highwood)

Fir Nally Singh Frey **Nicolaides** Toews Getson Turton Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Horner van Dijken Orr Hunter Pon Walker Issik Rehn Wilson LaGrange Reid Yaseen

Long Rosin

Pursuant to Government Motion 114, agreed to on December 7, 2021, and Standing Order 21(1), at 2:52 a.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 81, Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 2), which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 35

Amery Lovely Rutherford
Armstrong-Homeniuk Luan Schow
Copping Madu Schweitzer
Dreeshen McIver Sigurdson (Highwood)

Fir Nally Singh Frey Nicolaides Toews Getson Nixon (Rimbey-Rocky Mtn. House-Sundre) Turton Horner Orr van Dijken Hunter Pon Walker Issik Rehn Wilson Reid Yaseen LaGrange

Long Rosin

Against the motion: 14

AheerGotfriedLoyolaBarnesGrayNielsenDachHansonSabirEggenHoffmanShepherd

Feehan Loewen

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

# Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 108, agreed to on December 1, 2021, and on advice by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, to the Assembly that the business for the 2021 Fall Sitting is concluded, the Assembly adjourned at 2:57 a.m. Wednesday, December 8, 2021, until February 2022.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper, Speaker