



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 2

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Third Session

Thirtieth Legislature

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Wednesday, February 23, 2022

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Murray John “Jack” Campbell, Member for Rocky Mountain House, 1979 to 1989, who passed away on December 21, 2021.

**Speaker’s Statement – Oral Question Period and Members’ Statements Rotations and Distribution of Documents**

Honourable Members, I would like to inform you that my office received a House Leaders’ Agreement on February 18, 2022, with respect to the Oral Question Period and Members’ Statements rotations. The agreement modifies the rotations to address a change in caucus composition in the Assembly since the Fall Sitting. The Member for Edmonton-South, who now sits as an independent, is entitled to one question per week starting with question nine on Day 4 of the Oral Question Period rotation, which will be Tuesday, March 8, 2022.

In addition, the Member is allocated one Member’s Statement in the first week of the three-week rotation starting on Thursday, February 24th. The Members’ Statements rotation is outlined in the Projected Sitting Days Calendar, which was distributed to all Members last week as part of my procedural memo, which I’m sure you have all read thoroughly. I will table a copy of the House Leaders’ Agreement at the appropriate time in the Daily Routine.

I would also like to inform Members that we will resume the regular distribution of documents in the Chamber this session. The Pages will distribute copies of Bills, motions, and amendments as they are introduced. They will also resume the delivery of notes between Members and collecting from Members documents that are tabled and petitions that are presented. As Members can see, the Pages have also resumed regular water service at each desk and will provide coffee and juice upon request following Orders of the Day being called.

## **Members' Statements**

Ms Rosin, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, made a statement regarding the Government's commitments expressed in the Speech from the Throne on February 22, 2022.

Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement regarding the New Democratic Party's plan to invest in post-secondary education.

Mr. Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement regarding the need to address social impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement regarding her constituents' concerns about several recent Government policies and actions.

Mrs. Frey, Hon. Member for Brooks-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding a federal government proposal to ban single-use plastics.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, made a statement regarding recent comments by the Premier concerning the healthcare system.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding the Viking Cup.

Mr. Williams, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding the need for better leadership from the federal government.

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding recent accomplishments at the University of Calgary.

## **Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees**

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

Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future Report on Presentation by Radicle, December 9th, 2021, Thirtieth Legislature, Third Session, February 2022  
Sessional Paper 2/2022

## Notices of Motions

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, gave oral notice of the intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

- A. Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly acknowledge
- (a) the importance of the border crossing at Coutts to Alberta's economic security,
  - (b) that the 18-day blockade of the border crossing at Coutts from January 29, 2022, to February 15, 2022, represented, according to Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters, a direct loss to the economy, particularly in the agricultural, oil and gas, manufacturing, forestry and retail sectors, of \$44 million per day in trade for a total of almost \$800 million,
  - (c) that the Government of Alberta has the authority and resources to prevent and dismantle a border blockade of an economic corridor such as the one at Coutts, including resources that can be mobilized through the Provincial Operations Centre under the authority of the Minister of Municipal Affairs,
  - (d) that the Government of Alberta, particularly the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, and the Minister of Transportation, did not carry out any of the following actions in respect of the border blockade at Coutts:
    - (i) apply for a court injunction in respect of any activities associated with the blockade;
    - (ii) invoke the Emergency Management Act for the purposes of marshalling resources;
    - (iii) use existing authority under the Traffic Safety Act to revoke commercial licences of those participating in the blockade;
  - (e) that on February 5, 2022, more than a week after the Coutts border blockade began, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, being the Minister responsible for the Alberta Emergency Management Agency, rather than take other actions available to him, wrote to the federal Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness requesting personnel and equipment to assist the Government of Alberta in moving the blockade.
- B. And be it further resolved that the Legislative Assembly call on the Government of Alberta to apologize to the people and businesses of Alberta for failing, during the period of January 29 to February 15, 2022, to effectively mobilize resources or take any effective action to disperse, relocate or otherwise abate the border blockade at Coutts,

- C. And be it further resolved that the Legislative Assembly order
- (a) that the Standing Committee on Families and Communities meet for the purposes of questioning the Members of the Assembly representing the electoral divisions of Taber-Warner and Lac-Ste. Anne-Parkland in respect of their activities during the border blockade at Coutts, which may have encouraged or otherwise abetted the disruption of trade and traffic at that border crossing, and
  - (b) that these Members appear before the Standing Committee to answer those questions.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Schow, Deputy Government House Leader:

2022-23 Main Estimates Schedule, Third Session, 30th Legislature  
Sessional Paper 3/2022

Mr. Rutherford, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s20(2):

Report of the Auditor General dated February 2022, entitled “Alberta Advanced Education, Report on Post-secondary Institutions, 2021”  
Sessional Paper 4/2022

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

House Leaders’ Agreement dated February 18, 2022, regarding Oral Question Period and Members’ Statements rotations and distribution of documents  
Sessional Paper 5/2022

## Motions Under Standing Order 42

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

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

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Motions**

2. Moved by Hon. Mr. McIver on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly resolve into Committee of the Whole, when called, to consider certain Bills on the Order Paper.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

3. Moved by Hon. Mr. McIver on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly resolve into Committee of Supply, when called, to consider supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

5. Moved by Hon. Mr. McIver on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the membership of the Assembly's committees be replaced as follows:

- A. on the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, that Mr. Dach replace Ms Sweet;
- B. on the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, that Ms Sweet replace Mr. Dang;
- C. on the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services, that Ms Gray replace Mr. Dang;
- D. on the Standing Committee on Families and Communities, that Mr. Dang replace Ms Pancholi;

- E. on the Select Special Information and Privacy Commissioner Search Committee, that Mr. Sabir replace Mr. Dang.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

6. Moved by Hon. Mr. McIver on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the report of the Select Special Child and Youth Advocate Search Committee tabled on February 14, 2022 (Sessional Paper 974/2020-22), and recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council that Terri Pelton be appointed as Child and Youth Advocate for the Province of Alberta for a term of five years effective April 1, 2022.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

7. Moved by Hon. Mr. McIver on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1) and for the duration of the 2022 Spring Sitting of the Third Session of the 30th Legislature, the Assembly must meet to consider Government business on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings unless, during Notices of Motions in the Daily Routine or before 6 p.m. on a sitting day, the Government House Leader notifies the Assembly that no evening sitting is required on that sitting day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

8. Moved by Hon. Mr. McIver on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, effective July 1, 2021, be amended as follows:

- (a) in Standing Order 5
  - (i) in suborder (1) by striking out “20 Members” and substituting “10 Members”, and
  - (ii) by striking out suborder (2) and substituting the following:
    - (2) If, during a sitting of the Assembly, a question of quorum arises, the Speaker must, on determining that a quorum is lacking
      - (a) order that the bells be sounded at the beginning of a 15-minute interval and during the last minute of that interval,
      - (b) on conclusion of the 15-minute interval, conduct a count of the Members present in the Chamber, and
      - (c) if, on conclusion of the count the Speaker determines that quorum is still lacking, the Speaker may declare a recess or adjourn the Assembly until the next sitting day.

- (b) in Standing Order 7(8) by striking out “or member of the Executive Council” and substituting “or member of the Executive Council or Deputy Government House Leader”;
- (c) in Standing Order 52.01
  - (i) in suborder (b) by striking out “Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women” and substituting “Culture and Status of Women”, and
  - (ii) in suborder (c) by striking out “Agriculture and Forestry” and substituting “Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development”.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

9. Moved by Hon. Mr. McIver on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that, despite Standing Orders 13(7), 16 and 32(4)(b) and for the duration of the 2022 Spring Sitting of the Third Session of the 30th Legislature, a Member may sit in and speak from any seat that has not been assigned to that Member provided that the Member immediately relinquishes that seat upon the request of

- (a) the Member who has been assigned that seat, or
- (b) the Speaker.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

### **Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor’s Speech**

Moved by Mr. Williams and seconded by Ms Lovely:

That an humble address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To Her Honour, the Honourable Salma Lakhani, AOE, B.Sc., LLD (hon), the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty’s most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

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



## **Government Motions**

10. Moved by Hon. Mr. Kenney on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) condemn the unnecessary invocation of the Emergencies Act by the Government of Canada as the Assembly is of the view that this is a measure which infringes upon the constitutionally guaranteed rights of Albertans and all Canadians, including the right to due process and natural justice;
- (b) is of the view that the Government of Canada has failed to demonstrate that the present circumstances meet the threshold that the law requires to invoke the Emergencies Act, and that as demonstrated in Alberta, governments and law enforcement agencies already have adequate authority and resources to end illegal blockades and restore order; and
- (c) is further of the view that this invocation of the Emergencies Act constitutes an unnecessary intrusion into provincial jurisdiction under the Constitution of Canada.

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

## **Adjournment**

The Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022 — 7:30 P.M.

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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: 26

Aheer	LaGrange	Reid
Allard	Loewen	Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Madu	Rutherford
Copping	Neudorf	Sawhney
Ellis	Nicolaides	Schulz
Frey	Nixon (Calgary-Klein)	Shandro
Glubish	Orr	Smith
Hanson	Panda	Yao
Horner	Rehn	

Against the motion: 8

Dach	Feehan	Sabir
Deol	Irwin	Sweet
Eggen	Phillips	

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Mr. Rutherford, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, the Assembly adjourned at 9:53 p.m. until Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,  
Speaker