

No. 3

# **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Third Session

Thirtieth Legislature

Thursday, February 24, 2022

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

## **Speaker's Statement - Ukraine**

As Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, the province with the largest concentration of Ukrainians in Canada in a country with the second largest diaspora of Ukrainians in the world, I say that today we are all Ukrainians because we believe that all peoples of the world should be able to choose democracy over tyranny, and for that reason the Legislative Assembly of Alberta is with Ukraine and prays for peace.

As the saying goes in Ukraine and even more importantly today for those confronting the Russian aggressors and protecting their families: Slava Ukraini! Heroiam Slava! Glory to Ukraine! Glory to the heroes!

I ask that you remain standing in solidarity with the people of Ukraine as we play the National Anthem of Ukraine.

#### **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, made a statement regarding the recent invasion of Ukraine by Russia.

Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 39(1)(a) in order to allow consideration of Government Motion 11 this afternoon.

Hon. Mr. Kenney, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(1) in order to proceed immediately to Government Motions.

#### **Government Motions**

11. Moved by Hon. Mr. Kenney:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) condemn the Russian invasion of Ukraine as an unprovoked and illegal act of aggression;
- (b) affirm the solidarity of Alberta with the people of Ukraine and Albertans' support for the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine; and
- (c) call on the Government of Canada to impose the strongest possible sanctions on the Russian Federation and to provide with the greatest urgency generous humanitarian support to Ukraine.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Mr. Bilous, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, then commented on the Ministerial Statement.

#### **Members' Statements**

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to better support Calgary.

Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding the recent invasion of Ukraine by Russia.

Mr. Jones, Hon. Member for Calgary-South East, made a statement regarding Government efforts to diversify the economy.

Mr. Carson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-West Henday, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting the cost of living for Albertans.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding the cost of utilities in Alberta.

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, made a statement regarding policing and public safety.

Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement regarding the recent invasion of Ukraine by Russia, and requesting that a moment of silence be observed.

Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre.

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding Government economic policies.

### **Temporary Recess**

The Speaker recessed the Assembly at 3:00 p.m. until 3:15 p.m.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY

# **Budget Address / Messages From Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor**

Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, delivered certain Messages from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker read the Messages to the Assembly (the Members standing).

Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related documents:

Pursuant to the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, s4.1(1):

2022-23 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, General Revenue Fund Sessional Paper 6/2022

2022-23 Government Estimates, General Revenue Fund

Sessional Paper 7/2022

Pursuant to the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, s1(2), s5(4):

Budget 2022, Government of Alberta 2022-25 Strategic Plan

Sessional Paper 8/2022

Budget 2022, Ministry Business Plans

Sessional Paper 9/2022

#### **Government Motions**

Prior to moving Government Motion 4, Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related document, pursuant to the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, s1(2), s4(4):

Budget 2022, Fiscal Plan 2022-25

Sessional Paper 10/2022

## **4.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Toews:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the business plans and fiscal policies of the Government.

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

# Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(6), and on motion by Mr. Schow, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:56 p.m. until Monday, March 7, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper, Speaker