



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 4

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Thirtieth Legislature

Monday, March 7, 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 Members Graham L. Harle, Member for Stettler, 1972 to 1986, who passed away on February 9, 2022, and Dennis M. Barton, Member for Lesser Slave Lake, 1971 to 1975, who passed away on February 27, 2022.

Members' Statements

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding the need to invest in educational supports for visually impaired children.

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the proposed Budget 2022.

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement recognizing the life and legacy of former Yellowhead County Reeve Ken Albrecht.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the lack of support for rural Alberta in the proposed Budget 2022.

Mr. Rutherford, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding the utility policies of the previous New Democratic Party Government.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding Francophonie Month (remarks made in French).

Mr. Rehn, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding several recent Government accomplishments.

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding Social Work Week.

Mr. Hanson, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to address high utility costs.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bills:

Bill 2 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2022 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Toews

Bill 3 Special Days Act — Hon. Mr. Orr

Bill 4 Municipal Government (Face Mask and Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination Bylaws) Amendment Act, 2022 — Hon. Mr. McIver

Pursuant to Government Motion 7, agreed to on February 23, 2022, Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, advised the Assembly that there would be no evening sitting today.

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, gave oral notice of the intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

- A. Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly acknowledge the following:
 - (a) Albertans are facing rising gasoline prices in excess of \$1.55 per litre;
 - (b) electricity rates per kilowatt hour are more than double the rate cap put in place by the previous Government with the current Government failing to provide any relief to Albertans in respect of these rising costs;
 - (c) the Government promised to provide relief to Albertans in respect of skyrocketing natural gas prices through its 2022-2023 budget but failed to do so by introducing an unfunded program that only comes into effect in October and for which the vast majority of Albertans do not qualify;
- B. And be it further resolved that the Legislative Assembly call on the Government to consider immediately providing each of the following types of emergency relief to Albertans:
 - (a) in respect of rising gasoline prices, suspension of the 13-cent-per-litre provincial tax to be reassessed on a recurring three-month basis;

- (b) in respect of rising electricity rates, either a rebate program that takes effect immediately to offset rising costs or re-establishment of the rate cap of 6.8 cents per kilowatt hour that was put in place by the previous Government;
- (c) in respect of rising natural gas prices, a rebate program that takes effect immediately and for which the eligibility threshold is lower than the \$6.50 per gigajoule threshold proposed by the Government's current program.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Hanson, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul:

Copy of a Hydro Québec utilities bill dated December 2, 2021
Sessional Paper 11/2022

Copy of a Just Energy Alberta L.P. utilities bill dated January 21, 2022
Sessional Paper 12/2022

Document, undated, entitled "the leap manifesto, A Call for Canada Based on Caring for the Earth and One Another"
Sessional Paper 13/2022

Mr. Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Highwood:

Petition containing 1,127 electronic signatures requesting that Foothills County be removed as a member of the Calgary Metropolitan Regional Board
Sessional Paper 14/2022

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

Facebook post dated February 14, 2022, by Mr. Getson, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland, concerning the invocation of the Emergencies Act
Sessional Paper 15/2022

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 Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan Act, cM-12, s4, Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2020
Sessional Paper 16/2022

Pursuant to the Insurance Act, cI-3, s601(2), Alberta Automobile Insurance Rate Board Annual Report 2021 for the year ended December 31, 2021
Sessional Paper 17/2022

Motions Under Standing Order 42

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

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Motions Other Than Government Motions

501. Moved by Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to continue working to combat the impacts of drug abuse in Alberta and urge the Government of Canada to make all efforts, in conjunction with its allies, to prevent the export of lethal and highly addictive opioids, including but not limited to fentanyl and carfentanil and related chemicals from which these opioids are formed, from all foreign countries, including the People's Republic of China and Mexico.

A debate followed.

Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, moved that the motion be amended by striking out “to prevent the export of lethal and highly addictive opioids, including but not limited to fentanyl and carfentanil and related chemicals from which these opioids are formed, from all foreign countries, including the People's Republic of China and Mexico” and substituting “to prevent the illegal importation of lethal and highly addictive opioids, including fentanyl, carfentanil and related chemicals from which these opioids are formed, from all foreign countries.”

Sessional Paper 18/2022

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 2)

Moved by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. 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., LL.D (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.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 1 Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Recognition Act (\$) — Hon.
Mr. Kenney

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Schow, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:02 p.m. until Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker