

No. 5

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Thirtieth Legislature

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

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

Speaker's Statements

International Women's Day

The Speaker made a statement recognizing March 8, 2022, as International Women's Day.

50th Anniversary of Alberta Hansard

Honourable Members, in 2020-2021 more than 6 million words were spoken in the Assembly and its committees; 6,453,127 words, to be exact. I know this because that is how many words were transcribed by our amazing Hansard staff.

Today marks a very special anniversary for Hansard. It is today that marks the 50th anniversary since Hansard was first published following a motion on March 8, 1972, to establish a

printed record of the deliberations and proceedings of the sittings of the Assembly to be known as the "Alberta Hansard" which shall be compiled, edited, printed, distributed and administered under the direction and authority of the Speaker in accordance with this rule.

More than 30,000 words will be spoken on an average afternoon sitting like today, and Hansard staff – including input editors, copy editors, proofreaders, and other professionals – work together to create a largely verbatim record of what is being discussed in the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

A collection of historical newspaper clippings prior to 1972, known as Scrapbook Hansard, provide a glimpse of proceedings between 1906 and 1971.

The introduction of Hansard marked a new era of transparency in the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. All transcripts from 1972 to now, as well as the Scrapbook Hansard collection, are available on assembly ab.ca, providing an in-depth resource of the discussions that have shaped this province since its inception.

A happy 50th anniversary to Hansard.

Members' Statements

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the lack of support for women in the proposed Budget 2022.

Ms Lovely, Hon. Member for Camrose, made a statement regarding International Women's Day.

Mr. Toor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Falconridge, made a statement regarding the federal carbon tax and the Government's efforts to address high fuel and utility costs.

Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement regarding the proposed Budget 2022.

Mrs. Aheer, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to support Ukrainian refugees coming to Alberta.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding the Premier's response to extreme views expressed by some members of the United Conservative Party.

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding the value in supporting Alberta's energy industry.

Mr. Guthrie, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Cochrane, made a statement regarding recent actions by the Prime Minister of Canada.

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding Government efforts to support addiction treatment programs.

Notices of Motions

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

- **12.** Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly
 - (a) recognize that the current air travel restrictions imposed by the Government of Canada have no measurable public health benefit and continue to impact hundreds of thousands of jobs in the air travel and tourism sectors, and
 - (b) call on the Government of Canada to revoke
 - (i) its proof of vaccination requirement for airline passengers, and
 - (ii) its pre-departure COVID-19 testing requirement for international airline passengers entering Canada.

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.

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(8), Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, provided notice to the Assembly that the Daily Routine shall continue beyond 3:00 p.m.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and oral notice having been given March 7, 2022:

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

Oral notice having been given March 7, 2022:

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 202 Public Health (Transparency and Accountability) Amendment Act, 2022 — Mr. Loewen

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(5)(b), the Assembly adjourned at 3:00 p.m. until Wednesday, March 9,2022, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper, Speaker