



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 11

## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Third Session

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Thursday, March 17, 2022

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

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Nixon, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding the proposed Budget 2022.

Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, made a statement regarding the Ministry of Executive Council 2022-23 main estimates debate.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding Canada's energy policy.

Mr. Feehan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding the need to address the increase in deaths of children and youth in the child intervention system.

Mr. Smith, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Devon, made a statement recognizing the lives and legacies of Bishop Desmond Tutu and Ted Byfield.

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, made a statement regarding Albertans' perceptions of recent actions of the Premier.

Mr. Stephan, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the importance of not being judgemental in politics.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding Holi.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding education funding.

## **Notices of Motions**

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

- 16.** Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of Canada to immediately invoke provisions to declare rail transport an essential service and implement back-to-work legislation to prevent any disruption or CP work stoppage to ensure Canada's economy remains uninterrupted.

Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 42:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly acknowledge that

- (a) Statistics Canada announced yesterday that the national Consumer Price Index for February 2022 had increased to 5.7 per cent year over year, being the highest rate of inflation within the last three decades due to current price pressures on consumer goods and services; and
- (b) the Government's proposed Budget 2022-23 is based on an expectation that the Consumer Price Index for 2022 will increase by only 3.2 per cent, a full percentage point below the Bank of Canada's latest Monetary Policy Report issued in January 2022.

Be it further resolved that the Legislative Assembly call on the Government to revise and amend its expectations in respect of the rate of inflation set out in its proposed Budget 2022-23.

Be it further resolved that the Legislative Assembly call on the Government to implement strategies within its jurisdiction to reverse anticipated inflationary price increases for goods and services.

## **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 6 Emblems of Alberta Amendment Act, 2022 — Hon. Mr. Orr

Bill 203 Technology Innovation and Alberta Venture Fund Act — Mr. Bilous

## **Motions Under Standing Order 42**

Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

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- (b) the Government's proposed Budget 2022-23 is based on an expectation that the Consumer Price Index for 2022 will increase by only 3.2 per cent, a full percentage point below the Bank of Canada's latest Monetary Policy Report issued in January 2022.

Be it further resolved that the Legislative Assembly call on the Government to revise and amend its expectations in respect of the rate of inflation set out in its proposed Budget 2022-23.

Be it further resolved that the Legislative Assembly call on the Government to implement strategies within its jurisdiction to reverse anticipated inflationary price increases for goods and services.

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

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Message From Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor**

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

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

Hon. Mr. Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, tabled the following documents pursuant to the Fiscal Planning and Transparency Act, cF-14.7, ss1(2) and 4(5):

2021-22 Supplementary Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund  
Sessional Paper 28/2022

2021-22 Fiscal Plan Update  
Sessional Paper 29/2022

## **Government Motions**

**13.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Toews on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that the Message from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2021-22 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**14.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Toews on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 61(2), the Committee of Supply shall be called to consider the 2021-22 Supplementary Supply Estimates for three hours on Monday, March 21, 2022.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

## **Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech** (Day 9)

Moved by Mr. Williams and seconded by Ms Lovely:

That an humble address be presented to Her Honour the Honourable 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.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## **Government Motions**

15. Moved by Hon. Ms Issik on behalf of Hon. Mr. Kenney:

Be it resolved that the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be engrossed and presented to Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor by such Members of the Assembly as are members of Executive Council.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Ms Issik, Associate Minister of Status of Women, the Assembly adjourned at 4:01 p.m. until Monday, March 21, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,  
Speaker