



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 12

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Thirtieth Legislature

Monday, March 21, 2022

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. Aheer, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore, made a statement regarding the recent announcement of a Walmart fulfilment centre in Rocky View County.

Mr. Deol, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadows, made a statement regarding the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Mr. Rehn, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the 2022 Country Music Alberta Awards.

MLA Ceci, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the lack of Government action to address rising utility costs.

Mr. Hanson, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, made a statement regarding the need for political leaders to listen to voters.

Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to increase Alberta's supply-chain capacity.

Mr. Neudorf, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement recognizing the Winston Churchill high school girls' basketball team.

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the lack of Government action to address rising utility costs.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement regarding a Metis jigging dance event recently held in the Calgary-Cross constituency.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 204 Anti-Racism Act — Mr. Shepherd

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley:

CBC News website article dated March 18, 2022, entitled “Alberta government staffers told to take day off to campaign in advance of leadership vote”

Sessional Paper 30/2022

Document, undated, depicting a list of volunteers, related to the upcoming United Conservative Party leadership review

Sessional Paper 31/2022

Page from Wellington Advocacy website entitled “Our Team”

Sessional Paper 32/2022

10 Facebook posts by The Breakdown concerning Secure Energy and the upcoming United Conservative Party leadership review

Sessional Paper 33/2022

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Motions Other Than Government Motions

503. Moved by Ms Phillips:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) *acknowledge that the Government’s decision to stop indexing the provincial personal income tax system to account for inflation may result in Albertans collectively paying approximately \$1 billion more in additional income tax between 2019 and 2025 than they would have paid if this decision had not been made,*
- (b) *acknowledge that the Government’s decision to stop indexing the Alberta Seniors Benefit, benefits provided under the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Program, and other benefits and income support programs to account for inflation significantly reduced their purchasing power, and*

- (c) *urge the Government to immediately reverse these decisions by*
- (i) *re-establishing the indexing of the provincial personal income tax system to account for inflation, and*
 - (ii) *re-establishing the indexing of benefits and income support programs to account for inflation.*

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 9

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| Eggen | Nielsen | Schmidt |
| Feehan | Phillips | Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview) |
| Loyola | Sabir | Sweet |

Against the motion: 35

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| Copping | Madu | Shandro |
| Fir | McIver | Singh |
| Frey | Nally | Stephan |
| Getson | Neudorf | Toews |
| Hanson | Nicolaides | Toor |
| Horner | Orr | Turton |
| Hunter | Pon | van Dijken |
| Issik | Rosin | Walker |
| Jones | Rutherford | Williams |
| LaGrange | Savage | Wilson |
| Lovely | Sawhney | Yaseen |
| Luan | Schow | |

Government Motions

- 16.** Oral notice having been given March 17, 2022, moved by Hon. Mrs. Sawhney on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon:

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.

A debate followed.

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, moved that the motion be amended as follows:

- (a) by striking out “urge the Government of Canada to immediately invoke provisions to declare rail transport an essential service and implement back-to-work legislation” and substituting “call on Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd. and the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference to reach a negotiated settlement urgently to resolve the contract dispute”;
- (b) by striking out “any disruption or CP work stoppage” and substituting “further work stoppage”.

Sessional Paper 34/2022

A debate followed on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the main motion.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Rutherford speaking.

Adjournment

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

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022 — 7:30 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(10), the Standing Committee on Alberta’s Economic Future has reviewed the 2022-23 proposed estimates and business plans for the Ministries of Advanced Education, Culture and Status of Women, Executive Council, Jobs, Economy and Innovation, Labour and Immigration, and Infrastructure.

Mrs. Frey, on behalf of Ms Lovely, Chair, Standing Committee on Families and Communities, presented the following report:

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(10), the Standing Committee on Families and Communities has reviewed the 2022-23 proposed estimates and business plans for the Ministries of Children’s Services, Community and Social Services, Education, Health, Justice and Solicitor General, Seniors and Housing, and Service Alberta.

Mr. Hanson, Chair, Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship, presented the following report:

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.01(10), the Standing Committee on Resource Stewardship has reviewed the 2022-23 proposed estimates and business plans for the Ministries of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development, Energy, Environment and Parks, Indigenous Relations, Municipal Affairs, Transportation, and Treasury Board and Finance.

Mr. Hanson then presented a proposed amendment to the 2022-23 estimates for the Ministry of Energy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 59.03(1)(a), the following amendment was voted on:

The question being put on Amendment A1, proposed by Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, that the 2022-23 Main Estimates of the Ministry of Energy be reduced for Industry Advocacy under reference 2.3 at page 81 by \$26,999,000, so that the amount to be voted at page 79 for Expenses is \$524,833,000, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

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| Ceci | Hoffman | Nielsen |
| Deol | Irwin | Shepherd |
| Gray | | |

Against the amendment: 27

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| Aheer | Madu | Sawhney |
| Allard | McIver | Schow |
| Copping | Nally | Schulz |
| Frey | Neudorf | Shandro |
| Gotfried | Nicolaides | Sigurdson (Highwood) |
| Hanson | Nixon (Calgary-Klein) | Toews |
| Issik | Orr | Turton |
| Jones | Panda | van Dijken |
| LaGrange | Savage | Yao |

Amendment to the Main Estimates for the Ministry of Energy (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Defeated on division

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The question being put on the resolutions for the 2022-23 Government Estimates for the General Revenue Fund for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 27

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| Aheer | Madu | Sawhney |
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Against the motion: 8

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| Ceci | Hoffman | Pancholi |
| Deol | Irwin | Shepherd |
| Gray | Nielsen | |

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Hanson reported as follows:

Madam Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2022-23 Offices of the Legislative Assembly and the 2022-23 Government Estimates for the General Revenue Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023:

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| Support to the Legislative Assembly | \$71,858,000 |
| Office of the Auditor General | \$27,455,000 |
| Office of the Ombudsman | \$4,019,000 |
| Office of the Chief Electoral Officer | \$45,224,000 |
| Office of the Ethics Commissioner | \$976,000 |
| Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner | \$7,441,000 |
| Office of the Child and Youth Advocate | \$15,259,000 |
| Office of the Public Interest Commissioner | \$1,223,000 |
| Advanced Education | |
| Expense | \$2,545,525,000 |
| Capital Investment | \$25,000 |
| Financial Transactions | \$980,100,000 |

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| Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development | |
| Expense | \$639,200,000 |
| Capital Investment | \$11,096,000 |
| Financial Transactions | \$1,310,000 |
| Children's Services | |
| Expense | \$2,066,316,000 |
| Capital Investment | \$7,500,000 |
| Community and Social Services | |
| Expense | \$3,949,317,000 |
| Capital Investment | \$547,000 |
| Culture and Status of Women | |
| Expense | \$260,123,000 |
| Capital Investment | \$2,331,000 |
| Financial Transactions | \$2,093,000 |
| Education | |
| Expense | \$5,007,471,000 |
| Capital Investment | \$565,000 |
| Financial Transactions | \$18,117,000 |
| Energy | |
| Expense | \$551,832,000 |
| Capital Investment | \$500,000 |
| Financial Transactions | \$96,970,000 |
| Environment and Parks | |
| Expense | \$584,695,000 |
| Capital Investment | \$93,891,000 |
| Financial Transactions | \$4,019,000 |
| Executive Council | |
| Expense | \$18,680,000 |
| Capital Investment | \$25,000 |
| Health | |
| Expense | \$22,421,131,000 |
| Capital Investment | \$25,276,000 |
| Financial Transactions | \$84,976,000 |
| Indigenous Relations | |
| Expense | \$181,394,000 |
| Capital Investment | \$25,000 |

Infrastructure

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| Expense | \$441,442,000 |
| Capital Investment | \$1,879,397,000 |
| Financial Transactions | \$25,473,000 |

Jobs, Economy and Innovation

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| Expense | \$468,335,000 |
| Capital Investment | \$2,625,000 |
| Financial Transactions | \$25,000,000 |

Justice and Solicitor General

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| Expense | \$1,409,975,000 |
| Capital Investment | \$23,207,000 |

Labour and Immigration

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| Expense | \$325,057,000 |
| Capital Investment | \$1,050,000 |

Municipal Affairs

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| Expense | \$980,338,000 |
| Capital Investment | \$3,009,000 |
| Financial Transactions | \$4,764,000 |

Seniors and Housing

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| Expense | \$665,285,000 |
| Capital Investment | \$25,000 |
| Financial Transactions | \$19,700,000 |

Service Alberta

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| Expense | \$675,515,000 |
| Capital Investment | \$95,334,000 |
| Financial Transactions | \$5,500,000 |

Transportation

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| Expense | \$1,613,985,000 |
| Capital Investment | \$1,547,799,000 |
| Financial Transactions | \$126,679,000 |

Treasury Board and Finance

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| Expense | \$218,271,000 |
| Capital Investment | \$25,000 |
| Financial Transactions | \$1,750,000,000 |

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 7 Appropriation Act, 2022 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Toews

Committee of Supply (Supplementary Supply Estimates)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Hanson reported as follows:

Madam Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2021-22 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022:

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| Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner | \$55,000 |
| Children's Services | |
| Expense | \$134,726,000 |
| Capital Investment | \$1,000,000 |
| Culture and Status of Women | |
| Expense | \$10,350,000 |
| Energy | |
| Expense | \$96,246,000 |
| Health | |
| Expense | \$725,974,000 |
| Municipal Affairs | |
| Expense | \$231,208,000 |

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 8 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2022 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Toews

Mr. Schow, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for the remainder of the evening.

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Against the motion: 6

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| Ceci | Gray | Irwin |
| Deol | Hoffman | Shepherd |

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Schow, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:16 p.m. until Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker

Title: Monday, March 21, 2022