



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 23

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Thirtieth Legislature

Monday, April 25, 2022

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Long, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the Alberta Joint Working Group on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, made a statement regarding the shortage of physicians in Lethbridge.

Mr. Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement regarding Bill 205, Human Tissue and Organ Donation (Mandatory Referral) Amendment Act, 2022.

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

Mr. Jones, Hon. Member for Calgary-South East, made a statement regarding the Alberta at Work initiative.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding Iftar and Muslim communities in Alberta.

Mr. Turton, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Stony Plain, made a statement regarding funding for health care in Budget 2022.

MLA Loyola, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement condemning recent racist attacks targeting the Muslim community.

Mr. Schow, Hon. Member for Cardston-Siksika, made a statement regarding a New Democratic Party proposal to address hail damage in Calgary.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Rutherford, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, presented the following report:

Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills Final Report, Bill 204, Anti-Racism Act, Thirtieth Legislature, Third Session, April 2022

Sessional Paper 70/2022

Concurrence of the Assembly was requested with respect to the report that the Bill not proceed.

A Member rose to speak to the motion. The Speaker advised that debate on the motion for concurrence will take place on the next available Monday.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Schow, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 22 Electricity Statutes (Modernizing Alberta's Electricity Grid) Amendment Act, 2022 — Hon. Mr. Nally

Mr. Schow, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motions:

24. Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 18, Utility Commodity Rebate Act, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Second Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.
25. Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 18, Utility Commodity Rebate Act, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.
26. Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 18, Utility Commodity Rebate Act, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 21 Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2022 — Hon. Ms Fir

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Copping, Minister of Health:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, and Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, March 15, 2022, Ministry of Health, 2022-23 Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 71/2022

Privilege – Intimidating the Assembly

The Speaker invited Mr. Schow, Deputy Government House Leader, to comment on a purported question of privilege raised by Mr. Loewen, Hon. Member for Central Peace-Notley, on April 20, 2022, regarding threatening statements made by Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, in the Assembly on March 31, 2022, related to changing the Standing Orders.

Withdrawal of Comments

Mr. Schow, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon, Government House Leader, withdrew the comments.

The Speaker accepted the withdrawal of the comments and declared the matter concluded.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Motions for Concurrence in Committee Reports on Public Bills Other Than Government Bills

Debate continued on the motion moved on March 28, 2022, by Mr. Rutherford, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, that the Assembly concur in the report of the committee recommending that Bill 201, Eastern Slopes Protection Act, not proceed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 28

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| Aheer | LaGrange | Schulz |
| Amery | Long | Singh |
| Copping | Luan | Smith |
| Fir | McIver | Stephan |
| Frey | Nally | Toor |
| Horner | Nicolaides | Turton |
| Hunter | Pon | van Dijken |
| Issik | Savage | Williams |
| Jean | Schow | Yaseen |
| Jones | | |

Against the motion: 9

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| Bilous | Gray | Pancholi |
| Dach | Irwin | Renaud |
| Ganley | Nielsen | Shepherd |

Debate continued on the motion moved on April 20, 2022, by Mr. Rutherford, Chair, Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, that the Assembly concur in the report of the committee recommending that Bill 203, Technology Innovation and Alberta Venture Fund Act, not proceed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 27

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| Amery | LaGrange | Schow |
| Copping | Long | Schulz |
| Fir | McIver | Singh |
| Frey | Nally | Stephan |
| Horner | Neudorf | Toews |
| Hunter | Orr | Toor |
| Issik | Panda | Turton |
| Jean | Pon | Williams |
| Jones | Savage | Yaseen |

Against the motion: 5

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| Bilous | Irwin | Shepherd |
| Ganley | Renaud | |

Motions Other Than Government Motions

505. Moved by Mr. Barnes:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to deploy every legal, economic, and constitutional tool at the Province's disposal to maximize its ability to achieve a fair deal for Alberta within the Canadian federation.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 32

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| Amery | Jean | Schulz |
| Barnes | Jones | Shandro |
| Copping | Loewen | Shepherd |
| Fir | Long | Singh |
| Frey | McIver | Stephan |
| Gray | Nally | Toor |
| Hanson | Neudorf | Turton |
| Horner | Nicolaides | van Dijken |
| Hunter | Pon | Williams |
| Irwin | Renaud | Yaseen |
| Issik | Savage | |

Against the motion: 0

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 6:11 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 18 Utility Commodity Rebate Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Pitt in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 26

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| Aheer | Nally | Sabir |
| Copping | Nixon (Calgary-Klein) | Schow |
| Eggen | Orr | Schweitzer |
| Ellis | Panda | Sigurdson (Highwood) |
| Feehan | Phillips | Smith |
| Ganley | Rehn | Sweet |
| Gotfried | Reid | Toews |
| Hanson | Rowswell | van Dijken |
| Long | Rutherford | |

Against the motion: 0

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 13 Financial Innovation Act — Hon. Mr. Toews

A debate followed.

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

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 16 Insurance Amendment Act, 2022 — Hon. Mr. Toews

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

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

Bill 18 Utility Commodity Rebate Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 18 Utility Commodity Rebate Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, moved that the Bill be amended in section 3 by adding the following immediately after subsection (3):

- (4) A rebate required to be provided under this Act in relation to the use of a utility commodity between November 1, 2021 and April 30, 2022 must be provided no later than May 31, 2022.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 8

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| Carson | Ganley | Sabir |
| Eggen | Loyola | Sweet |
| Feehan | Phillips | |

Against the amendment: 22

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| Aheer | Nixon (Calgary-Klein) | Schow |
| Allard | Orr | Schweitzer |
| Copping | Panda | Sigurdson (Highwood) |
| Ellis | Rehn | Smith |
| Gotfried | Reid | Toews |
| Hanson | Rowswell | van Dijken |
| Long | Rutherford | Williams |
| Nally | | |

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, moved that the Bill be amended as follows:

- (a) by adding the following immediately after section 4(3):
- (4) Despite any provision to the contrary in any other enactment, a distributor may not disconnect an eligible consumer from a utility commodity for non-payment of the cost of that utility commodity from the time a rebate is authorized under this Act until the rebate has been provided to the distributor's eligible consumers.
- (b) by adding the following immediately after section 5(3):
- (4) Despite any provision to the contrary in any other enactment, a direct provider may not disconnect an eligible consumer from a utility commodity for non-payment of the cost of that utility commodity from the time a rebate is authorized under this Act until the rebate has been provided to the direct provider's eligible consumers.
- (c) by renumbering section 6 as section 6(1) and by adding the following immediately after subsection (1):

(2) Despite any provision to the contrary in any other enactment, a contractor may not disconnect an eligible consumer from a utility commodity for non-payment of the cost of that utility commodity from the time a rebate is authorized under this Act until the rebate has been provided to the contractor's eligible consumers.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 9

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| Bilous | Feehan | Phillips |
| Carson | Ganley | Sabir |
| Eggen | Loyola | Sweet |

Against the amendment: 28

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| Aheer | Luan | Rutherford |
| Allard | Nally | Schow |
| Copping | Neudorf | Schweitzer |
| Ellis | Nixon (Calgary-Klein) | Shandro |
| Frey | Orr | Sigurdson (Highwood) |
| Gotfried | Panda | Smith |
| Hanson | Rehn | Toews |
| Issik | Reid | van Dijken |
| LaGrange | Rowswell | Williams |
| Long | | |

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, moved that the Bill be amended in section 8 by adding the following immediately after subsection (2):

(3) A rebate under this Act must be provided within 30 days of the rebate being authorized under this Act.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 9

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| Bilous | Feehan | Phillips |
| Carson | Ganley | Sabir |
| Eggen | Loyola | Sweet |

Against the amendment: 28

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| Aheer | Luan | Rutherford |
| Allard | Nally | Schow |
| Copping | Neudorf | Schweitzer |
| Ellis | Nixon (Calgary-Klein) | Shandro |
| Frey | Orr | Sigurdson (Highwood) |
| Gotfried | Panda | Smith |
| Hanson | Rehn | Toews |
| Issik | Reid | van Dijken |
| LaGrange | Rowswell | Williams |
| Long | | |

Ms Ganley, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, moved that the Bill be amended by adding the following immediately after section 8:

Report

8.1 If a rebate is authorized under this Act, the Minister must

- (a) prepare a report setting out how the conditions set out in section 2(1) were met in respect of the rebate, including any causes of an increase in the price of that utility commodity,
- (b) lay a copy of the report referred to in clause (a) before the Legislative Assembly within 60 days of the rebate being authorized under this Act, and
- (c) within 10 days of laying a copy of the report before the Legislative Assembly in accordance with clause (b), provide a copy of the report to the Market Surveillance Administrator to consider whether an investigation is warranted under section 42(1)(a) of the Alberta Utilities Commission Act.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Pitt at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 8

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| Bilous | Feehan | Sabir |
| Carson | Ganley | Sweet |
| Eggen | Loyola | |

Against the amendment: 27

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| Aheer | Luan | Rutherford |
| Allard | Nally | Schow |
| Copping | Neudorf | Schweitzer |
| Ellis | Nixon (Calgary-Klein) | Shandro |
| Gotfried | Orr | Sigurdson (Highwood) |
| Hanson | Panda | Smith |
| Issik | Rehn | Toews |
| LaGrange | Reid | van Dijken |
| Long | Rowswell | Williams |

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 18 Utility Commodity Rebate Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

Mrs. Pitt, Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 18 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) —
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 72/2022

Amendment to Bill 18 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) —
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 73/2022

Amendment to Bill 18 (A3) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) —
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 74/2022

Amendment to Bill 18 (A4) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) —
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 75/2022

Mr. Schow, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 77(1) in order to proceed immediately to Third Reading of Bill 18, Utility Commodity Rebate Act.

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 18 Utility Commodity Rebate Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Schow, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:39 p.m. until Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker

Title: Monday, April 25, 2022