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Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Thirtieth Legislature

Thursday, December 8, 2022

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

Speaker's Statement – Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medals

The Speaker made a statement regarding the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medals, which were awarded to Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Members' Statements

Mr. Hanson, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul, made a statement regarding Bill 2, Inflation Relief Statutes Amendment Act, 2022.

Mr. Nielsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding Bill 1, Alberta Sovereignty Within a United Canada Act.

Hon. Mr. Hunter, Hon. Member for Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the Government's affordability relief package.

Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding homelessness and the need for more shelters and housing.

Ms Rosin, Hon. Member for Banff-Kananaskis, made a statement regarding the Government's economic accomplishments.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding the pilot rural nursing program at the Wainwright Health Centre.

Hon. Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement regarding Government policies affecting post-secondary student costs.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 6 Police Amendment Act, 2022 — Hon. Mr. Ellis

Bill 203 Traffic Safety (Excessive Speeding Penalties) Amendment Act, 2022 — Mr. Toor

Bill 204 Missing Persons (Silver Alert) Amendment Act, 2022 — Mr. Smith

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Letter, undated, from Mr. Williams, Hon. Member for Peace River, to Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 202, Alberta Personal Income Tax (Charitable and Other Gifts) Amendment Act, 2022, be granted early consideration and called in Committee of the Whole on Monday, December 12, 2022

Sessional Paper 43/2022

Speaker's Statement – Request for Early Consideration of Bill 202

Honourable Members, before we proceed to the remaining items in the Routine, I have a matter to address with the Assembly that has to do with the tabling that I just made. The Member for Peace River has requested that the Private Member's Bill that he is sponsoring, Bill 202, Alberta Personal Income Tax (Charitable and Other Gifts) Amendment Act, 2022, be granted early consideration and be called in Committee of the Whole on Monday, December 12, 2022. I have just tabled this letter.

Since this type of request has not occurred for some time, in particular during the 30th Legislature, I would like to speak a little bit about what the request entails and what past Speakers have said about such requests for early consideration.

Currently, Bill 202 is on the Order Paper, with a due date of Day 12 of Session, which equates to Monday, December 19, 2022. The Member's request is that Bill 202 be considered in Committee of the Whole this coming Monday, December 12.

There is a protocol in place that has existed since 1997, that a Member may request early consideration on their Bill so long as it has passed the previous Bill stage. In this case, that has occurred, in that Bill 202 received Second Reading this past Monday, December 5.

The other aspect of the protocol is that the Bill for which early consideration has been granted must not bump another Private Member's Bill where debate has been adjourned, the Committee has not completed the work on a Bill, or a Bill is due, according to the rules. Currently, there are no other Bills that fall into any of these categories.

Accordingly, following the practices and precedents of this Assembly, Bill 202 will be the first up for consideration in Committee of the Whole on Monday under Private Members' Public Bills.

Now I would like to make a few remarks regarding early consideration of Private Members' Bills. My predecessors repeatedly called upon House leadership to review the procedure for early consideration. This has not happened. I am mindful that the early consideration process might jeopardize the ability of Private Members' Bills to proceed through the legislative process as expeditiously as possible. Therefore, I renew previous calls of Speakers - including Speaker Wanner, Speaker Zwozdesky, and Speaker Kowalski - for a procedure that ensures that consideration of Private Members' Bills may be as fair as possible for all private Members.

For additional information – and I'm sure you'll be reading up on it this weekend – on the matter of early consideration of Private Members' Bills, I refer you to Speakers' statements from December 3, 2014; November 18, 2013; March 15, 2012; November 23, 2009; November 27, 2001; and lastly, from February 11, 1997.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 2 Inflation Relief Statutes Amendment Act, 2022 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Jones

A debate followed.

Mr. Turton 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 3 Property Rights Statutes Amendment Act, 2022 — Hon. Mr. Shandro

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Hanson, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:41 p.m. until Monday, December 12, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker

