

No. 26

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Thirty-First Legislature

Monday, March 18, 2024

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

Members' Statements

Mrs. Petrovic, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding funding for the arts in the proposed Budget 2024.

Mr. Ellingson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement regarding work of the previous New Democratic Party government to phase out coal-generated electricity in Alberta.

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

MLA Tejada, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein, made a statement regarding the Government's proposed policies with respect to transgender youth.

Mr. Dyck, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie, made a statement regarding Northwestern Polytechnic.

Ms Goehring, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, made a statement regarding several Government policies affecting affordability.

Notices of Motions

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

28. Be it resolved that the membership of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be replaced as follows: that Hon. Mr. Sabir replace MLA Irwin as Chair and that Hon. Mr. Sabir replace MLA Irwin.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given March 14, 2024:

Bill 12 Consumer Protection (Life Leases) Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nally

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Pitt, Hon, Member for Airdrie-East:

Report, undated, entitled "When other Doors Were Closed, Ours Were Open," prepared by the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters

Sessional Paper 238/2023-24

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood:

Toronto Star website article dated March 12, 2024, entitled "Rent controls work: They don't reduce housing supply but they do limit profit"

Sessional Paper 239/2023-24

Mr. Wright, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat:

Calgary Herald website article dated March 12, 2024, entitled "Breakenridge: Bill 205's rent caps not the answer; just ask B.C. and Ontario"

Sessional Paper 240/2023-24

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan Act, cM-12, s4:

Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2023

Sessional Paper 241/2023-24

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Alberta Annual Report 2022-2023 Sessional Paper 242/2023-24 College of Hearing Aid Practitioners of Alberta 2022-2023 Annual Report Sessional Paper 243/2023-24

College of Opticians of Alberta Annual Report 2022

Sessional Paper 244/2023-24

College of Registered Dental Hygienists of Alberta 2022 Annual Report Sessional Paper 245/2023-24

College of Chiropractors of Alberta 2022-2023 Annual Report Sessional Paper 246/2023-24

College of Alberta Dental Assistants Annual Report 2022-23 Sessional Paper 247/2023-24

College of Alberta Psychologists 2022-23 Annual Report Sessional Paper 248/2023-24

College of Respiratory Therapists of Alberta Annual Report 2022-2023 Sessional Paper 249/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(1) in order to proceed to Government Business.

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 39(1)(a) in order to proceed to consideration of Government Motion 28.

Government Motions

28. Oral notice having been given March 18, 2024, moved by Hon. Mr. Schow:

Be it resolved that the membership of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be replaced as follows: that Hon. Mr. Sabir replace MLA Irwin as Chair and that Hon. Mr. Sabir replace MLA Irwin.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 203 Foreign Credential Advisory Committee Act — Mr. Dyck

Motions Other Than Government Motions

506. Moved by Ms Sweet (replaced):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) recognize the value, importance and history of collective bargaining and unionization in Alberta, including the role of unions in helping workers exercise and increase their collective power to
 - (i) negotiate advances in workplace conditions, good wages and pensions, and better health and safety standards, and
 - (ii) resolve workplace issues, including grievances and arbitration, with respect to individual workers; and
- (b) affirm that
 - (i) the defining feature of a union is a robust system of internal democracy that enables members to engage in setting policy direction and making operational decisions, and
 - (ii) organizations that lack this system are detrimental to workers.

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: 14

BoparaiHajiSchmidtChapmanIrwinShepherdEggenKasawskiSweet

 $Elmeligi \\ Metz \\ Wright \text{$($Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)}$

Goehring Sabir

Against the motion: 42

Amery Loewen Schow Armstrong-Homeniuk Long Schulz

Boitchenko Lovely Sigurdson (Highwood)

Bouchard Sinclair Lunty McDougall Singh Cyr de Jonge McIver Stephan Dreeshen Nally Turton Ellis Neudorf van Dijken Fir Nicolaides Wiebe Getson Nixon Williams Petrovic Glubish Wilson

Guthrie Pitt Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)

Hunter Rowswell Yao LaGrange Sawhney Yaseen

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:03 p.m. until Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper, Speaker