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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Thirty-First Legislature

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

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

Speaker's Statement — Member's Anniversary

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 15th anniversary of the first election of Hon. Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West. The Speaker presented the Member with a 15-year Mace pin.

Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(3.1)(a) in order to extend the time available to respond to the Ministerial Statement from three minutes to five minutes.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, made a statement recognizing the career and accomplishments of Hon. Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, who will be resigning her position as Leader of the Official Opposition.

Hon. Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Lundy, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont, made a statement regarding several accomplishments of the United Conservative Government in the past year.

Hon. Ms Gray, Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement recognizing the career and accomplishments of Hon. Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition.

Ms de Jonge, Hon. Member for Chestermere-Strathmore, made a statement recognizing the one-year anniversary of the United Conservative Party forming Government following the 2024 Alberta General Election.

Hon. Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, made a statement recognizing the career and accomplishments of Hon. Ms Notley, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition.

Mr. McDougall, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding Alberta's successful participation in the World Tourism Film Festival.

Ms Wright, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, made a statement regarding the Candora Society.

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(8), Hon. Mr. Williams, Deputy Government House Leader, provided notice to the Assembly that the Daily Routine shall continue beyond 3:00 p.m.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Ms Lovely, Chair, Standing Committee on Families and Communities, presented the following report pursuant to Government Motion 7, agreed to on October 31, 2023:

Standing Committee on Families and Communities Final Report on the Review of the Public Sector Compensation Transparency Act

Sessional Paper 447/2023-24

Presenting Petitions

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, presented a petition from 86 Albertans urging the Government to (1) introduce legislation to create a provincial entity that would have the rights of a “public passenger service provider” as defined in the Canada Transportation Act, with the mandate to develop and operate commuter rail within the Province of Alberta; (2) consider allocating funding to develop and operate a frequent and reliable commuter rail service serving Okotoks, Calgary, Airdrie, Red Deer, Leduc, Edmonton and points between with fares that would be affordable to the majority of Albertans; (3) introduce legislation to protect the rights of rail passengers and allow the government to define performance standards for the timely operation of such a commuter rail service.

Mr. Shepherd, Hon. Member for Edmonton-City Centre, presented a petition from 326 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to recognize the harm that would be caused to Albertans by the Government doing the following: (a) imposing age restrictions on receiving gender affirming surgery or hormone therapies by transgender youth; (b) requiring parental notification or permission before allowing a student to be referred to by their preferred name or pronouns at school; (c) prohibiting teachers and school boards from referring to the concepts of gender identity, sexual orientation or sexuality in any lesson provided to students without the prior written approval of a student's parent.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Oral notice having been given May 28, 2024:

Bill 214 Eastern Slopes Protection Act — Hon. Ms Notley

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Kasawski, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park:

2 draft amendments to Bill 20, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024
Sessional Paper 448/2023-24

Mr. Ip, Hon. Member for Edmonton-South West:

Letter, undated, from class 4B, Joan Carr School, to Mr. Ip, urging action and collaboration among Government and local representatives to address climate change

Sessional Paper 449/2023-24

Hon. Ms Phillips, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West:

Letter dated May 13, 2021, from Hon. Kaycee Madu, QC, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, to Ms Ellen-Anne O'Donnell, Chairperson, Law Enforcement Review Board, regarding Hon. Mr. Madu's review of an action plan drafted to address concerns regarding the Lethbridge Police Service

Sessional Paper 450/2023-24

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Report, undated, entitled "Supplemental Information to the 2022-23 Annual Report," prepared by Alberta Health Services

Sessional Paper 451/2023-24

MLA Tejada, Hon. Member for Calgary-Klein:

Open letter from several gender and sexual diversity organizations and associations regarding their decision to not allow participation by the United Conservative Party in 2024 Pride celebrations

Sessional Paper 452/2023-24

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

Several pages from the Arms Embargo Now website

Sessional Paper 453/2023-24

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung:

Edmonton Journal article, accessed through PressReader, dated May 29, 2024,
entitled “Why the industrial relations board is reviewing railway labour dispute”

Sessional Paper 454/2023-24

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Turton, Minister of Children and Family Services, pursuant to the Protection Against Family Violence Act, P-27, s19(2):

Family Violence Death Review Committee 2022-2023 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 455/2023-24

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services, pursuant to the Advocate for Persons with Disabilities Act, cA-5.5, s4(2):

Advocate for Persons with Disabilities Annual Report 2022-2023

Sessional Paper 456/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 20 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. McIver

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 20, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, be not now read a Third time but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.

Sessional Paper 457/2023-24

A debate followed on the amendment.

Pursuant to Government Motion 46, agreed to on May 28, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 3:50 p.m. the question was immediately put on the amendment to the motion for Third Reading of Bill 20, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, which was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 26

Al-Guneid	Gray	Phillips
Batten	Hoyle	Renaud
Boparai	Ip	Sabir
Calahoo Stonehouse	Irwin	Schmidt
Chapman	Kasawski	Shepherd
Dach	Loyola	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Eggen	Metz	Tejada
Elmeligi	Notley	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eremenko	Pancholi	

Against the amendment: 46

Amery	Johnson	Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Sawhney
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Schow
Bouchard	Loewen	Schulz
Cyr	Long	Sigurdson (Highwood)
de Jonge	Lovely	Sinclair
Dreeshen	Lunty	Singh
Dyck	McDougall	Stephan
Ellis	McIver	Turton
Fir	Nally	van Dijken
Getson	Neudorf	Wiebe
Glubish	Nicolaides	Williams
Guthrie	Nixon	Wilson
Horner	Petrovic	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Hunter	Pitt	Yaseen
Jean		

Pursuant to Government Motion 46, agreed to on May 28, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 4:08 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 20, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 46

Amery	Johnson	Rowswell
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Sawhney
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Schow
Bouchard	Loewen	Schulz
Cyr	Long	Sigurdson (Highwood)
de Jonge	Lovely	Sinclair
Dreeshen	Lunty	Singh
Dyck	McDougall	Stephan
Ellis	McIver	Turton
Fir	Nally	van Dijken
Getson	Neudorf	Wiebe
Glubish	Nicolaides	Williams
Guthrie	Nixon	Wilson
Horner	Petrovic	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Hunter	Pitt	Yaseen
Jean		

Against the motion: 25

Al-Guneid	Hoyle	Phillips
Batten	Ip	Renaud
Boparai	Irwin	Sabir
Chapman	Kasawski	Schmidt
Dach	Loyola	Shepherd
Eggen	Metz	Sigurdson (Edmonton-Riverview)
Elmeligi	Notley	Tejada
Eremenko	Pancholi	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Gray		

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

Bill 22 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Sabir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall, on behalf of Ms Sweet, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all of the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 22, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, be not now read a Third time because the Assembly is of the view that, rather than fixing the health care system, the proposed legislative amendments will only result in increased bureaucracy and inefficiency as patients and health care providers are divided into ineffective and arbitrary delivery organizations.

Sessional Paper 458/2023-24

A debate followed on the amendment.

Pursuant to Government Motion 48, agreed to on May 28, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 5:10 p.m. the question was immediately put on the amendment to the motion for Third Reading of Bill 22, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, which was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 23

Al-Guneid	Gray	Phillips
Batten	Ip	Renaud
Boparai	Irwin	Sabir
Chapman	Kasawski	Schmidt
Dach	Loyola	Shepherd
Eggen	Metz	Tejada
Elmeligi	Notley	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)
Eremenko	Pancholi	

Against the amendment: 47

Amery	Johnson	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schow
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Schulz
Bouchard	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Long	Sinclair
de Jonge	Lovely	Singh
Dreeshen	Lunty	Smith
Dyck	McDougall	Stephan
Ellis	McIver	Turton
Fir	Nally	van Dijken
Getson	Neudorf	Wiebe
Glubish	Nicolaides	Williams
Guthrie	Nixon	Wilson
Horner	Petrovic	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Hunter	Pitt	Yaseen
Jean	Rowswell	

Pursuant to Government Motion 48, agreed to on May 28, 2024, and Standing Order 21(1), at 5:28 p.m. the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 22, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Cooper in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 47

Amery	Johnson	Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk	Jones	Schow
Boitchenko	LaGrange	Schulz
Bouchard	Loewen	Sigurdson (Highwood)
Cyr	Long	Sinclair
de Jonge	Lovely	Singh
Dreeshen	Lunty	Smith
Dyck	McDougall	Stephan
Ellis	McIver	Turton
Fir	Nally	van Dijken
Getson	Neudorf	Wiebe
Glubish	Nicolaides	Williams
Guthrie	Nixon	Wilson
Horner	Petrovic	Wright (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Hunter	Pitt	Yaseen
Jean	Rowswell	

Against the motion: 21

Batten	Gray	Phillips
Boparai	Ip	Renaud
Chapman	Kasawski	Sabir
Dach	Loyola	Schmidt
Eggen	Metz	Shepherd
Elmeligi	Notley	Tejada
Eremenko	Pancholi	Wright (Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview)

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 20 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. McIver

Bill 22 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Speaker's Statement — 2024 Spring Sitting

The Speaker gave a statement providing sessional statistics and facts regarding the 2024 Spring Sitting and thanking the employees of the Legislative Assembly Office for their work during this Sitting.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 45, agreed to May 28, 2024, and on advice by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, to the Assembly that the business for the 2024 Spring Sitting is concluded, the Assembly adjourned at 5:50 p.m. until Monday, October 28, 2024.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper,
Speaker