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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Thirty-First Legislature

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

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

Speaker's Statement – Members' Anniversaries

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 10th anniversary of Hon. Mr. Ellis, Deputy Premier, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services, who was elected in a by-election on October 27, 2014. The Speaker presented the Member with a 10-year Mace pin.

The Speaker made a statement recognizing five years of service as a Member by Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations. The Speaker presented the Member with a 5-year Mace pin.

Members' Statements

MLA Brar, Hon. Member for Calgary-North East, made a statement regarding the negative impact of Government policies on small businesses, investors, and Albertans.

Mr. Singh, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding the Government's recently launched Stop Housing Delays online portal.

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the need for increased Government funding for the Family and Community Social Services program.

Mr. Rowswell, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, made a statement regarding the proposed Grassy Mountain coal mine project.

Mr. Dach, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the Government's removal of the automobile insurance rate cap.

Hon. Ms Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the need to protect seniors from elder abuse.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Eggen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-North West:

Letter dated January 2023 from Curtis Jackson, Vice President, Alberta Union of Provincial Employees, to Hon. Mrs. Sawhney, Minister of Advanced Education, requesting the removal of the Provincial Bargaining and Compensation Office from the collective bargaining process

Sessional Paper 626/2023-24

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

Children's Healthcare Canada website article dated February 1, 2024, entitled "Support for Access to Healthcare for Transgender and Gender-Diverse Youth"

Sessional Paper 627/2023-24

Alberta Teachers' Association website article dated February 6, 2024, entitled "Transgender policy sparks safety concern"

Sessional Paper 628/2023-24

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

NRA Institute for Legislative Action website article dated June 17, 2024, entitled "Fallout from Trudeau's Gun Grab: Crime is Up, Number of Gun Ranges Drops"

Sessional Paper 629/2023-24

Hon. Ms Hoffman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Chart depicting wait times for knee replacement by province in 2019 and 2023, prepared by the Canadian Institute for Health Information

Sessional Paper 630/2023-24

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont:

Letter dated October 30, 2024, from Dianne Dodsworth to Hon. Ms Smith, Premier, President of Executive Council, and Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 631/2023-24

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

Report, undated, entitled "The Case for an Alberta Highway Trust Co" prepared by the Alberta Roadbuilders and Heavy Construction Association, relating to comments made by Mr. Dach during debate on Motion for a Return MR6 on November 18, 2024

Sessional Paper 632/2023-24

Ms Pancholi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud:

8 e-mail messages expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 633/2023-24

Hon. Ms Gray, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

3 e-mail messages to Hon. Ms Gray, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 634/2023-24

Hon. Mr. Cooper, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Child and Youth Advocate Act, cC-11.5, s21(2):

Office of the Child and Youth Advocate Alberta 2023-2024 Annual Report Sessional Paper 635/2023-24

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Min. LaGrange, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Quality Council of Alberta Act, cH-7.2, s24(2):

Health Quality Council of Alberta 2023-24 Annual Report Sessional Paper 636/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 27 Education Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Williams, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to shorten the interval between division bells to one minute for any division on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 27, Education Amendment Act, 2024.

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

For the motion: 48

Amery Johnson Sawhney
Armstrong-Homeniuk Jones Schow
Boitchenko LaGrange Schulz

Bouchard Loewen Sigurdson (Highwood)

Sinclair Cyr Long de Jonge Lovely Singh Dreeshen Smith Lunty Dvck 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 Yao Jean Rowswell Yaseen

Against the motion: 30

Al-Guneid Ellingson Kayande Batten Elmeligi Loyola Boparai Eremenko Metz Brar Ganley Notley Calahoo Stonehouse Pancholi Gray Hayter Renaud Ceci Chapman Hoffman Sabir Dach Schmidt Ιp Irwin Shepherd Deol Kasawski Eggen Tejada

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

Bill 25 Early Learning and Child Care Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Jones

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 31 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Amery

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 34 Access to Information Act — Hon. Mr. Nally

A debate followed.

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

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

- Bill 25 Early Learning and Child Care Amendment Act, 2024 Hon. Mr. Jones
- Bill 27 Education Amendment Act, 2024 Hon. Mr. Nicolaides

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Williams, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:45 p.m. until Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper, Speaker