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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Thirty-First Legislature

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

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

Speaker's Statement – Emergency Alert Test

The Speaker made a statement regarding the testing of the Alert Ready Emergency Alert System, which will take place during Oral Question Period, and asking Members to turn off electronic devices to avoid disruption to the proceedings.

Members' Statements

Hon. Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk, Hon. Member for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, made a statement regarding the annual Show Your 4-H Colours celebration.

MLA Irwin, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Mr. Sinclair, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding Stollery Day at the Legislature.

MLA Eremenko, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding several Government policies affecting residents of Lethbridge.

Mr. Yao, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding federal government policies affecting the oil and gas industry.

MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia, made a statement regarding the National Day of the Child.

Speaker's Statement - Electronic Devices in the Chamber

The Speaker made a statement reminding Members of the rules regarding the use of electronic devices in the Chamber.

Notices of Motions

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

51. Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1) and for the duration of the 2024 Fall Sitting of the First Session of the 31st Legislature, the Assembly shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings for consideration of Government business, unless the Government House Leader notifies the Assembly that there shall be no evening sitting that day by providing notice under Notices of Motions in the Daily Routine or at any time prior to 6 p.m.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 36 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Schow

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Haji, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore:

Document dated November 8, 2024, prepared by the Edmonton 2 Spirit Society, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 637/2023-24

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

Report dated April 2018, entitled "Bill C-71 is a Red Herring" prepared by Gary A. Mauser, PhD

Sessional Paper 638/2023-24

Ms Renaud, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Letter dated November 12, 2024, from Brandi Gruninger, Director and Registered Psychologist, Evolution Psychology, to Ms Renaud, expressing concern regarding proposed legislation with respect to transgender youth

Sessional Paper 639/2023-24

Ms Hayter, Hon. Member for Calgary-Edgemont:

E-mail message dated November 2, 2024, with the sender's name redacted, 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 640/2023-24

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

Calgary Herald website article dated November 20, 2024, entitled "Province plans to combine health card, driver's licence"

Sessional Paper 641/2023-24

MLA Batten, Hon. Member for Calgary-Acadia:

Pacific Standard website article dated September 19, 2016, entitled "Early Childhood Education Is Not a Profession," relating to comments made by MLA Batten during Second Reading debate of Bill 25, Early Learning and Child Care Amendment Act, 2024, on November 19, 2024

Sessional Paper 642/2023-24

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 643/2023-24

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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 Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 28 Meat Inspection Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Sigurdson

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 24 Alberta Bill of Rights Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Amery

Mr. Cyr, Acting 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 24 (A3) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Bhullar-McCall on October 30, 2024) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 544/2023-24

Amendment to Bill 24 (A4) (Hon. Member for St. Albert) — Defeated Sessional Paper 644/2023-24

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 33 Protection of Privacy Act — Hon. Mr. Glubish

A debate followed.

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

Third Reading

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

Bill 28 Meat Inspection Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Sigurdson

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 28 Meat Inspection Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Sigurdson

Second Reading

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

Bill 30 Service Alberta Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nally

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 30 Service Alberta Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nally

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Schow, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:58 p.m. until Thursday, November 20, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper, Speaker