

## Votes and Proceedings

### SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

#### March 11, 2020

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:31 pm, with the Honourable Frederick Blake Jr., Speaker, presiding.

#### Speaker's Ruling

The Speaker delivered a ruling on the point of privilege raised by Mr. Jackson Lafferty, Member for Monfwi, on March 10, 2020, finding there had been a prima facie breach of privilege and entertained any related motion.

#### Motion

5-19(2) Referral of Point of Privilege Raised by Member for Monfwi on March 10, 2020

Moved by the Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh.

I MOVE, seconded by the Member for Hay River North, that the ruling regarding the point of privilege raised by the Member for Monfwi on March 10, 2020, be referred to the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures for their consideration;

AND FURTHER, that the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures provide report to this House within 120 calendar days of this referral.

The motion was CARRIED.

#### Speaker's Ruling

The Speaker returned to the ruling delivered on March 10, 2020, and asked the Member for Monfwi to withdraw his remarks and apologize to the House. The Member for Monfwi refused to apologize to the House and, pursuant to Rule 26 was removed and suspended from the Assembly for the remainder of the sitting day.

### Ministers' Statements

- 34-19(2) The Government House Leader made a statement regarding the absence of the Honourable Caroline Cochrane from the House.

### Members' Statements

- 159-19(2) The Member for Hay River South made a statement of support for Northwest Territories friendship centres.
- 160-19(2) The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes made a statement regarding Child and Family Services.
- 161-19(2) The Member for Nunakput made a statement regarding public housing rental arrears.
- 162-19(2) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement of support for small businesses and self-employment.
- 163-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding student loan remission public reporting.
- 164-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding third-party reporting and oversight of sexual assaults.
- 165-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding carbon offsets.
- 166-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement about repatriating patients with disabilities.

### Tabling of Documents

- 57-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 31-19(2): Response to Progress of Government. Tabled by the Government House Leader.
- 58-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 92-19(2): Fort Providence Dental Care Services. Tabled by the Government House Leader.
- 59-19(2) What we heard: Sexual Assault Investigations Stakeholder Engagement Session, June 11-12, 2019. Tabled by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.

### Motions

- 4-19(2) Request for Special Audit by the Auditor General of Canada on the Stanton Territorial Hospital Renewal Project

Moved by the Member for Thebacha.

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Frame Lake, that the Legislative Assembly requests the Office of the Auditor General of Canada to undertake a special audit of the Stanton Territorial Hospital Renewal Project, and report thereon to the Legislative Assembly;

AND FURTHER, that this special audit investigate the actual project costs and long-term financial implications of the partnership arrangement, compliance with the *Financial Administration Act* and the financial policies of the Government of the Northwest Territories, value for money considerations, appropriation authority, reporting and adherence to standard public procurement practices and processes;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Auditor General investigate and consider any other factors that, in their opinion, are relevant;

AND FURTHERMORE, that all employees and officials, respecting the broad powers of investigation granted to the Auditor General under the *Auditor General Act* and confirmed under the *Northwest Territories Act*, actively cooperate with the Auditor General in providing all appropriate documents, papers and information requested by the Office of the Auditor General;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Government inform the Boreal Health Partnership and all relevant contractors of the nature and purpose of the special audit;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Office of the Auditor General is requested to complete the special audit as soon as practicable and provide a report to the Legislative Assembly;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Speaker formally transmit this motion and the content of our proceedings in relation to this motion to the Office of the Auditor General of Canada for their consideration.

The Member for Frame Lake requested a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Mrs. Semmler, Ms. Green, Mr. R. Simpson, Mrs. Martselos, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Norn, Mr. O'Reilly, Ms. Cleveland, Mr. Johnson. (9)

Members against: Honourable S. Thompson, Honourable C. Wawzonek, Honourable P. Chinna, Honourable R. J. Simpson. (4)

Members abstaining: (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

Mrs. Semmler reported that the Committee of the Whole considered Tabled Document 30-19(2), Main Estimates 2020-2021, and reported progress.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 7:02 pm.



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Hon. Frederick Blake Jr.  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



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Tim Mercer  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly