

Votes and Proceedings

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

March 3, 2021

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

Ministers' Statements

- 126-19(2) The Premier made a statement regarding systemic racism.
- 127-19(2) The Minister of Finance made a statement regarding the launch of an anti-racism campaign within the public service.
- 128-19(2) The Minister of Health and Social Services made a statement about anti-Indigenous racism in the health care and social services system.

Members' Statements

- 615-19(2) The Member for Hay River South made a statement regarding systemic racism in the Northwest Territories.
- 616-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation's community residency policy.
- 617-19(2) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding systemic racism in schools, health care and the justice system.
- 618-19(2) The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes made a statement regarding system racism in the Northwest Territories.
- 619-19(2) The Member for Thebacha made a statement regarding a personal experience with racism.

- 620-19(2) The Member for Nunakput made a statement regarding the lack of dental services in small and remote communities.
- 621-19(2) The Member for Deh Cho made a statement regarding the harsh realities of systemic racism facing Indigenous people.
- 622-19(2) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement regarding one of his first encounters with racism as a child.
- 623-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding issues with sterilization of surgical equipment at Stanton Territorial Hospital.
- 624-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding the Government of the Northwest Territories' response to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Commission's calls to justice.
- 625-19(2) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding the importance of addictions treatment in the Northwest Territories.

Tabling of Documents

- 336-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 499-19(2): Health Care Services to Seniors During the Pandemic. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 337-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 512-19(2): COVID-19 Effect on Teachers Being Able to Travel. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 338-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 546-19(2): Diabetes Program in Small Communities. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 339-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 561-19(2): Wastewater Testing. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 340-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 568-19(2): Inmate Rehabilitation. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.

Motions

- 29-19(2) Systemic Racism

Moved by the Member for Thebacha.

NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE, seconded by the Member for Deh Cho, that this Legislative Assembly calls upon the Government of the Northwest Territories to review its policies and practices for racial and cultural bias, especially as they relate to education, health and social services, justice, housing and government hiring;

AND FURTHER, that the Government of the Northwest Territories provide a comprehensive response to this motion within 120 days.

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

Members for: Great Slave, Kam Lake, Frame Lake, Deh Cho, Yellowknife North, Inuvik Twin Lakes, Hay River South, Thebacha, Nunakput, Tu Nedhé-Willideh. (10)

Members against: (0)

Members abstaining: Nahendeh, Sahtu, Inuvik Boot Lake, Hay River North, Yellowknife South, Range Lake, Yellowknife Centre. (7)

The motion was CARRIED.

Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

The Chair, the Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, reported that the Committee of the Whole considered Bill 3: *An Act to Amend the Public Highways Act*; Bill 12: *An Act to Amend the Apprenticeship, Trades and Occupational Certification Act*; Bill 13: *An Act to Amend the Interpretation Act*; Bill 14: *An Act to Amend the Securities Act*; Committee Report 8-19(2): Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures Report on Motion 5-19(2), Referral of Point of Privilege Raised by Member for Monfwi on March 10, 2020; Committee Report 9-19(2): Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures Report on the Chief Electoral Officer's Report on the Administration of the 2019 Territorial General Election; Committee Report 10-19(2): Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment Report on Bill 3: *An Act to Amend the Public Highways Act*; Minister's Statement 77-19(2): National Housing Co-Investment Fund; Tabled Document 165-19(2): Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 1-19(2): Report on Long-Term Post-Pandemic Recovery, Recommendations to the GNWT; Tabled Document 166-19(2): Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 2-19(2), Report on Long-Term Post-Pandemic Recovery, Recommendations to the GNWT; Tabled Document 167-19(2): Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 3-19(2): Report on Long-Term Post-Pandemic Recovery, Recommendations to the GNWT; and Tabled Document 286-19(2): Main Estimates 2021-2022, and reported progress with one motion carried.

Committee Motion 83-19(2):

Moved by the Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh:

I MOVE that this committee defer further consideration of the estimates for the Department of Justice at this time.

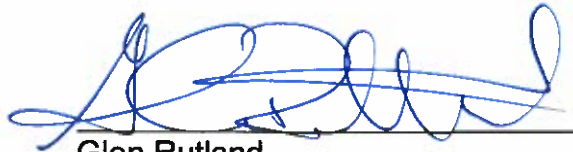
The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, seconded by the Member for Deh Cho, moved concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 5:46 pm.



Hon. Frederick Blake Jr.
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Glen Rutland
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly