

Votes and Proceedings

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

March 12, 2021

The Assembly commenced sitting at 10:01 am, with the Honourable Frederick Blake Jr., Speaker, presiding.

Ministers' Statements

- 141-19(2) The Minister of Infrastructure made a statement regarding improvements to driver and vehicle services.
- 142-19(2) The Premier made a statement regarding the Intergovernmental Council Legislative Development Protocol.
- 143-19(2) The Minister of Environment and Natural Resources made a statement regarding respectful caribou hunting.
- 144-19(2) The Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment made a statement regarding the Northwest Territories film and media sector.

Members' Statements

- 664-19(2) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding the Rainbow Coalition of Yellowknife.
- 665-19(2) The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes made a statement regarding social workers' cognizance of residential schools impacts.
- 666-19(2) The Member for Nunakput made a statement regarding poor school attendance across the Northwest Territories.
- 667-19(2) The Member for Deh Cho made a statement regarding the Northwest Territories Power Corporation strategic plan.

- 668-19(2) The Member for Thebacha made a statement acknowledging Indigenous leaders across the Northwest Territories.
- 669-19(2) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh made a statement regarding the lack of emergency medical transportation services in small communities.
- 670-19(2) The Member for Hay River South made a statement regarding extended or long-term care facilities.
- 671-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding a green building technologies program as part of the polytechnic university.
- 672-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding the future of tourism in the Northwest Territories.
- 673-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding COVID-19 economic restrictions.
- 674-19(2) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh delivered a eulogy for Dr. David Schindler.

Returns to Oral Questions

- 654-19(2) The Minister of Health and Social Services provided a return to Oral Question 654-19(2) asked by the Member for Nunakput regarding medevac services and medical escorts.

Tabling of Documents

- 355-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 503-19(2): Housing Shortage in Nunakput and Oral Question 574-19(2): Emergency Shelters. Tabled by the Minister responsible for the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation.
- 356-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 584-19(2): Community Wellness Plans. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 357-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 586-19(2): Stanton Territorial Hospital Medical Detox Services. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 358-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 602-19(2): Response to Medical Emergencies in Small Communities. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.

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 20: *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards 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 12-19(2): Standing Committee on Social Development Report on the Review of Bill 20: *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*; Tabled Document 286-19(2): Main Estimates 2021-2022; Tabled Document 348-19(2): Supplementary Estimates (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 3, 2020-2021; and Tabled Document 349-19(2): Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 3, 2020-2021; and reported progress with five motions carried, that Committee Report 12-19(2) is concluded, that Bill 20 is ready for third reading, that consideration of Tabled Documents 348-19(2) and 349-19(2) is concluded, that the House concurs in those estimates, and that an appropriation bill to be based thereon be introduced without delay.

Committee Motion 87-19(2):

Moved by the Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh:

I MOVE that consideration of Tabled Document 348-19(2), Supplementary Estimates (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 3, 2020-2021, be now concluded and that Tabled Document 348-19(2) be reported and recommended as ready for further consideration in formal session through the form of an appropriation bill.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 88-19(2):

Moved by the Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh:

I MOVE that consideration of Tabled Document 349-19(2), Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 3, 2020-2021, be now concluded and that Tabled Document 349-19(2) be reported and recommended as ready for further consideration in formal session through the form of an appropriation bill.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 89-19(2):

Moved by the Member for Kam Lake:

I MOVE that this committee recommends the Department of Education, Culture and Employment undertake public consultation to develop prescribed emergency provisions, including those that have already been defined in relevant sections of Bill 20.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 90-19(2):

Moved by the Member for Kam Lake:

I MOVE that this committee recommends the Department of Education, Culture and Employment undertake a review of territorial government programs and policies to allow financial resources to be made available while an employee is required to take unpaid emergency leave.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 91-19(2):

Moved by the Member for Kam Lake:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories provide a response to the recommendations contained in this report within 120 days.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 92-19(2):

Moved by the Member for Frame Lake:

I MOVE that clause 11(3) of Bill 20 be amended by deleting the portion of proposed subclause 41(6) preceding paragraph (a) and substituting the following: "(6) On application, the employment standards officer may, by order, waive the application of subsection (2) if the officer is satisfied that."

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

Members for: Frame Lake. (1)

Members against: Great Slave, Kam Lake, Deh Cho, Yellowknife North, Nahendeh, Sahtu, Inuvik Boot Lake, Hay River North, Hay River

South, Tu Nedhé-Willideh, Yellowknife South, Range Lake, Yellowknife Centre. (13)

Members abstaining: (0)

The motion was DEFEATED.

Committee Motion 93-19(2):

Moved by the Member for Frame Lake:

That Bill 20 be amended by subclause 11(3) by deleting proposed subparagraph 41, (6)(a)(iii).

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

Members for: Frame Lake. (1)

Members against: Great Slave, Kam Lake, Deh Cho, Yellowknife North, Nahendeh, Sahtu, Inuvik Boot Lake, Hay River North, Hay River South, Tu Nedhé-Willideh, Yellowknife South, Range Lake, Yellowknife Centre. (13)

Members abstaining: (0)

The motion was DEFEATED

The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River North, moved concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

Third Reading of Bills

Bill 3: *An Act to Amend the Public Highways Act*

The Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, seconded by the Honourable Member for Sahtu, moved that Bill 3, *An Act to Amend the Public Highways Act*, be read for the third time.

The Minister of Infrastructure 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, Nahendeh, Sahtu, Inuvik Boot Lake, Hay River North,

Hay River South, Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Yellowknife South, Range Lake, Yellowknife Centre. (15)

Members against: (0)

Members abstaining: (0)

Bill 12: *An Act to Amend the Apprenticeship, Trade and Occupation Certification Act*

The Honourable Member for Hay River North, seconded by the Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, moved that Bill 12, *An Act to Amend the Apprenticeship, Trade and Occupation Certification Act*, be read for the third time.

The Minister of Education, Culture and Employment 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, Nahendeh, Sahtu, Inuvik Boot Lake, Hay River North, Hay River South, Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Yellowknife South, Range Lake, Yellowknife Centre. (15)

Members against: (0)

Members abstaining: (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 13: *An Act to Amend the Interpretation Act*

The Honourable Member for Hay River North, seconded by the Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, moved that Bill 13, *An Act to Amend the Interpretation Act*, be read for the third time.

The Minister of Justice 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, Nahendeh, Sahtu, Inuvik Boot Lake, Hay River North, Hay River South, Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Yellowknife South, Range Lake, Yellowknife Centre. (15)

Members against: (0)

Members abstaining: (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 14: *An Act to Amend the Securities Act*

The Honourable Member for Hay River North, seconded by the Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, moved that Bill 14, *An Act to Amend the Securities Act*, be read for the third time.

The Minister of Justice 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, Nahendeh, Sahtu, Inuvik Boot Lake, Hay River North, Hay River South, Tu Nedhé-Willideh, Yellowknife South, Range Lake, Yellowknife Centre. (15)

Members against: (0)

Members abstaining: (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 16: *An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nahendeh, moved that Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act*, be read for the third time.

The Minister of Finance requested a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Great Slave, Kam Lake, Deh Cho, Yellowknife North, Inuvik Twin Lakes, Nahendeh, Sahtu, Inuvik Boot Lake, Hay River North, Hay River South, Tu Nedhé-Willideh, Yellowknife South, Range Lake, Yellowknife Centre. (14)

Members against: Frame Lake. (1)

Members abstaining: (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 3:01 pm.



Hon. Frederick Blake Jr.
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Glen Rutland
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly