

Votes and Proceedings

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

May 30, 2023

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:32 pm, with the Honourable Frederick Blake Jr., Speaker, presiding.

Members' Attendance

Present: Member for Deh Cho, Member for Frame Lake, Member for Great Slave, Honourable Member for Hay River North, Member for Hay River South, Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, Member for Kam Lake, Member for Monfwi, Member for Nunakput, Honourable Member for Nahendeh, Honourable Member for Range Lake, Honourable Member for Sahtu, Member for Thebacha, Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh, Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Absent: None.

Ministers' Statements

- 362-19(2) The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs made a statement regarding the 2023 emergency response for Kát'odeeche First Nation and Hay River.
- 363-19(2) The Minister of Education, Culture and Employment provided an update on the Student Financial Assistance review.
- 364-19(2) The Minister of Environment and Climate Change made a statement regarding water monitoring.
- 365-19(2) The Minister of Infrastructure made a statement regarding a made-in-the-North solution for electronic logging devices.

Members' Statements

- 1538-19(2) The Member for Hay River South made a statement regarding financial support for Hay River and Kátt'odeeche First Nation evacuees.
- 1539-19(2) The Member for Thebacha made a statement regarding aftercare services and the Trail Cross Treatment Centre.
- 1540-19(2) The Member for Deh Cho made a statement regarding sports in the Northwest Territories.
- 1541-19(2) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement regarding the Łutselk'e Dene First Nation wildlife enforcement action.
- 1542-19(2) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding the Government of the Northwest Territories commitment to implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- 1543-19(2) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding replacement of the Frank Channel Bridge.
- 1544-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding a meeting with the United States Embassy regarding a Northwest Territories – Nunavut highway.
- 1545-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding Indigenous Rights and the Implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- 1546-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding child care access and sustainability.
- 1547-19(2) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding Youth Parliament 2023.

Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills

- Bill 72: The Member for Kam Lake reported that the Standing Committee on Social Development had reviewed Bill 72, *Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act*, and that Bill 72 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole.

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

52-19(2) Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures Report on the Review of the Rules of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly

The Member for Hay River South, seconded by the Member for Frame Lake, moved that Committee Report 52-19(2), Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures Report on the Review of the Rules of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly, be received and referred to Committee of the Whole for further consideration.

The motion was CARRIED.

Point of Order

Under Order of the Day "Oral Questions", the Member for Great Slave rose on a point of order against the Premier under Rules 3.2 (3)(h) and (k). The Honourable Member for Range Lake spoke to the Point of Order. The Speaker advised that he would deliver his ruling later in the sitting day.

Tabling of Documents

- 940-19(2) Supplementary Estimates (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 2, 2023-2024. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 941-19(2) Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2023-2024. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 942-19(2) 2022 Socio-economic Agreement Report. Tabled by the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment.
- 943-19(2) Northwest Territories Oil and Gas Annual Report 2022. Tabled by the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment.
- 944-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 1487-19(2): Public Inquiry into Cosmos 954 Crash. Tabled by the Premier.
- 945-19(2) Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly Pension Administration Report - *Retiring Allowances Act* and *Supplementary Retiring Allowances Act*, March 31, 2022. Tabled by the Speaker.

Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills

Bill 93: *Practice of Engineering, Geoscience and Applied Science Technology Act*

Notice given by Minister of Infrastructure.

Bill 94: *Miscellaneous Stature Law Amendment Act, 2023*

Notice given by Minister of Justice.

Second Reading of Bills

Bill 90: *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, No. 5*

The Member for Kam Lake, seconded by the Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, moved that Bill 90, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, No. 5*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Kam sought unanimous consent to waive Rule 8.2(7) and have Bill 90 referred to Committee of the Whole for consideration later today. Hearing no objection, the Speaker referred Bill 90, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, No. 5*, to Committee of the Whole for consideration later today.

Bill 91: *An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products and Carbon Tax Act, No. 2*

The Member for Frame Lake, seconded by the Member for Thebacha, moved that Bill 91, *An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products and Carbon Tax Act, No. 2*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 91 was referred to the Standing Committee on Government Operations.

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 Tabled Document 941-19(2): Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2023-2024, and reported progress with one motion carried.

Committee Motion 463-19(2)

The Member for Frame Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee defer further consideration of Tabled Document 941-19(2), Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2023-2024, at this time.

The motion was CARRIED.

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

Third Reading of Bills

Bill 79: *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*

The Honourable Member for Hay River North, seconded by the Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, moved that Bill 79, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*, be read for the third time.

The Honourable Member for Hay River North requested a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Inuvik Twin Lakes, Deh Cho, Hay River South, Thebacha, Frame Lake, Nunakput, Tu Nedhé-Willideh, Monfwi, Great Slave, Nahendeh, Yellowknife South, Sahtu, Range lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Yellowknife Centre, Hay River North. (16)

Members against: (0)

Members abstaining: (0)

Speaker's Ruling

The Speaker advised that he was unable to rule on the Point of Order raised by the Member for Great Slave against the Premier as the exchange was not fully captured. However, the Speaker remarked on the Premier's admission that her comments may not have been appropriate and reminded all Members to direct their questions and replies to the Speaker.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 5:45 pm.



Hon. Frederick Blake Jr.
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Glen Rutland
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly