

Votes and Proceedings

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

June 1, 2023

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:31 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, Honourable Member for Nahendeh, Member for Nunakput, Honourable Member for Range Lake, Honourable Member for Sahtu, Member for Thebacha, Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Absent: None.

Ministers' Statements

- 369-19(2) The Minister of Education, Culture and Employment provided a Junior Kindergarten – Grade 12 Update.
- 370-19(2) The Minister of Health and Social Services made a statement celebrating Seniors Month.
- 371-19(2) The Minister responsible for the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission made a statement regarding Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission Safety Outreach Representatives.
- 372-19(2) The Minister of Education, Culture and Employment provided an update on the Northwest Territories Arts Strategy.

Members' Statements

- 1558-19(2) The Member for Thebacha made a statement about aging infrastructure in Fort Smith.
- 1559-19(2) The Member for Hay River South made a statement regarding financial support for evacuees.
- 1560-19(2) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding the Government of the Northwest Territories intervention challenging Federal Law C-92.
- 1561-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding the Fiscal Responsibility Policy.
- 1562-19(2) The Member for Nunakput made a statement regarding the search for Frank Gruben.
- 1563-19(2) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh made a statement regarding Auditor General Reports on Child and Family Services.
- 1564-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding psychology services.
- 1565-19(2) The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes made a statement regarding rights-based land leases.
- 1566-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding unhealthy conditions in rental housing and landlord accountability.
- 1567-19(2) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding graduation 2023 in Nahendeh.
- 1568-19(2) The Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake delivered a eulogy for Rosa Kisoun.

Written Questions

- 66-19(2) The Member for Great Slave asked a question of the Premier regarding the Government of the Northwest Territories Intervention challenging Federal Law C-92.

Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills

- Bill 77-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake reported that the Standing Committee on Social Development had reviewed Bill 77, *Nursing Profession Act*, and that Bill 77 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole as amended and reprinted.
- Bill 82-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake reported that the Standing Committee on Social Development had reviewed Bill 82, *Legal Profession Act*, and that Bill 82 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole.

Tabling of Documents

- 951-19(2) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 47-19(2): Homelessness Prevention: Supporting Pathways to Housing NWT Residents. Tabled by the Premier.
- 952-19(2) Plain Language Summary for Bill 92: *An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products and Carbon Tax Act*, No. 3. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 953-19(2) Inter-activity Transfers Exceeding \$250,000 (April 1 to December 31, 2022). Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 954-19(2) Inter-activity Transfers Exceeding \$250,000 (April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023). Tabled by the Minister of Finance.

First Reading of Bills

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

The Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake presented Bill 93, *Practice of Engineering, Geoscience and Applied Science Technology Act*.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 93 read for the first time and ready for second reading.

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

The Honourable Member for Hay River North presented Bill 94, *Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act, 2023*.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 94 read for the first time and ready for second reading.

Second Reading of Bills

Bill 92: *An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products and Carbon Tax Act, No 3*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nahendeh, moved that Bill 92, *An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products and Carbon Tax Act, No. 3*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 92 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 Bill 72: *Opioid Damages and Health Care Cost Recovery Act*; Tabled Document 940-19(2): Supplementary Estimates (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 2, 2023-2024; Tabled Document 941-149(2): Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2023-2024, and reported progress with two motions carried, that Bill 72 is ready for third reading, that consideration of Tabled Documents 940-19(2) and 941-19(2) are concluded, that the House concur in those estimates and that appropriation bills to be based thereon be introduced without delay.

Committee Motion 465-19(2)

The Member for Frame Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that consideration of Tabled Document 940-19(2), Supplementary Estimates (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 2, 2023-2024, be now concluded and that Tabled Document 940-19(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 466-19(2)

The Member for Frame Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that consideration of Tabled Document 941-19(2), Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2023-2024, be now concluded and that Tabled Document 941-19(2) be reported and recommended as ready for further consideration in formal Session through the form of an appropriation bill.

The motion was CARRIED.

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.

Third 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 third time.

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

Members for: Inuvik Twin Lakes, Deh Cho, Hay River South, Thebacha, Kam Lake, Frame Lake, Yellowknife North, Tu Nedhé-Willideh, Monfwi, Great Slave, Nahendeh, Yellowknife South, Sahtu, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Yellowknife Centre, Hay River North.
(17)

Members against: (0)

Members abstaining: (0)

The Speaker adjourned the House at 4:42 pm.



Hon. Frederick Blake Jr.
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Glen Rutland
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly