

Votes and Proceedings

THIRD SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

August 15, 2019

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:32 pm.

Ministers' Statements

- 223-18(3) The Premier made a statement regarding the absence of Minister Abernethy from the House.
- 224-18(3) The Minister of Environment and Natural Resources made a statement regarding the Waste Resource Management Strategy.
- 225-18(3) The Minister of Infrastructure made a statement regarding strategic infrastructure corridor projects.

Members' Statements

- 764-18(3) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding coerced sterilization.
- 765-18(3) The Member for Mackenzie Delta made a statement regarding country food in health care facilities.
- 766-18(3) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding Marine Transportation Services.
- 767-18(3) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding the Film Producers Incentive Program.

- 768-18(3) The Member for Deh Cho made a statement regarding municipal lands in Enterprise.
- 769-18(3) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding the NWT Arts Strategy Action Plan.
- 770-18(3) The Member for Hay River North made a statement regarding school busing in Hay River.
- 771-18(3) The Member for Nunakput made a statement regarding fur harvest programs.
- 772-18(3) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement about the passing of Isadore Tsetta.
- 773-18(3) The Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding the Members of the 18th Legislative Assembly.

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

- 28-18(3) Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment Report on the Review of Bill 25: *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*
- 29-18(3) Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment Report on the Perceptions Held by Northern Businesses toward the Government of the Northwest Territories' Procurement Processes
- 30-18(3) Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures Report on the Review of Bill 56: *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, No. 2* and the Draft Code of Conduct

Tabling of Documents

- 494-18(3) Northwest Territories Waste Resource Management Strategy and Implementation Plan. Tabled by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources
- 495-18(3) NWT Association of Communities 2019 Resolutions Cover Page, Resolution 2019-06 and GNWT Response to Resolution 2019-06. Tabled by the Member for Frame Lake.

Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

The Committee of the Whole considered Committee Report 26-18(3): Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the Carbon Tax Bills:

Bill 42: *An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products Tax Act* and Bill 43: *An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act*; Bill 42: *An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products Tax Act*; and Bill 43: *An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act* and reported progress, with two motions adopted, and that Committee Report 26-18(3) is concluded.

Committee Motion 173-18(3)

The Member for Kam Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that, for all bills proposing to establish, replace, or make significant changes to territorial legislation, a plain language summary be prepared and made available to the appropriate Standing Committee at the time the bill is introduced in the Legislative Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 174-18(3)

The Member for Kam Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories, led by the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs, complete its work to assess the municipal funding gap on an urgent basis, taking into consideration the increased costs of the carbon tax to all local authorities, and that additional forced growth funding to compensate for these costs be included in the 2020-2021 budget.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 175-18(3)

The Member for Kam Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Department of Finance table an annual report in the Legislative Assembly on the carbon tax that provides details on: total carbon taxes collected; carbon taxes collected from large emitters; total rebates provided; number and nature of grants provided; costs of administering the carbon tax; reinvestment of carbon tax revenues; projected tax revenues for coming year; and an annual plan for future year reinvestment of carbon tax revenues.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 176-18(3)

The Member for Kam Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Department of Finance undertake an annual assessment of the impact of the carbon tax on greenhouse gas emissions in the Northwest Territories, to be reported in the annual report. This should be integrated with the reporting on GHG emissions under the Climate Change Strategic Framework and energy projects under the Energy Strategy. This will allow an evaluation of whether the carbon tax is effective in reducing GHG emissions.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 177-18(3)

The Member for Kam Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Department of Finance undertake a comprehensive review and evaluation of its carbon tax approach, including public consultation, to be completed after the program is fully implemented in 2022. The purpose of review is to determine the effectiveness of the program on reducing GHG emissions and to assess its impacts on the Northwest Territories economy, in order to develop program improvements.

Committee Motion 178-18(3)

The Member for Kam Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE, to the extent it is possible before the dissolution of the 18th Assembly and for the public record, that the Government provide a response to these recommendations, even of a preliminary nature, that the Committee may publicly disclose.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 179-18(3)

The Member for Frame Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that Bill 42 be amended by adding the following to clause 14:

14.1 The following is added after Section 20.1:

20.2 (1) The Minister shall prepare an annual report with respect to the administration of this act during each fiscal year including

- a) the total amount of carbon tax collected with respect to each of the petroleum products listed in the schedule and natural gas;
- b) the total amount of penalties assessed and collected under subsections 16(2) and (5) in respect of carbon tax;
- c) any orders for the payment or refund of tax, interest, penalties, or costs under subsection 16.7(5);
- d) the total amount of fines ordered under subsections 21(1.1) and (1.2) in respect of offences related to carbon tax;
- e) the total amount of rebates provided under subsection 22(1);
- f) a list of large emitters to which a grant was provided under subsection 2.3(2) and the purpose for which each grant was provided;
- g) an estimate of the anticipated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions relating to each grant provided under subsection 2.3(2);
- h) any other expenditures made in the collection and administration of the carbon tax;
- i) an estimate of the total reduction in greenhouse gas emissions in the Northwest Territories expected and achieved as a result of the expenditures incurred based on the amount of carbon tax collected; and
- j) any other information the Minister considers to be in the public interest as it relates to the imposition of the carbon tax, use of the carbon tax revenues, and impacts on the cost of living in the Northwest Territories and the environment.

(2) The Minister shall cause the annual report prepared under subsection (1) to be laid before the Legislative Assembly at the earliest opportunity following the end of the fiscal year.

The motion was RULED OUT OF ORDER.

Third Reading of Bills

Bill 37

An Act to Amend the Oil and Gas Operations Act

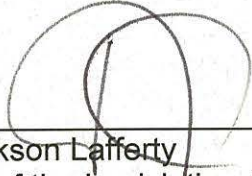
The Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment requested a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Mr. Simpson, Mr. Blake, Mr. McNeely, Mr. Vanthuyne, Mr. Testart, Mr. Beaulieu, Mr. Thompson, Mr. O'Reilly, Ms. Green, Mr. Nadli, Mr. Nakimayak, Honourable A. Moses, Honourable C. Cochrane, Honourable R. R. McLeod, Honourable R. C. McLeod, Honourable W. Schumann, Honourable L. Sebert (17)

Members against: (0)

Members abstaining: (0)

The Speaker adjourned the House at 6:42 pm.

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Hon. Jackson Lafferty
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

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Tim Mercer
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly