

Legislative Assembly Assemblée législative

No. 67

Votes and Proceedings

SECOND SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

March 9, 2017

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:30 pm.

Ministers' Statements

167-18(2)	The Minister for Education, Culture and Employment made a statement regarding labour force development.
168-18(2)	The Member for Industry, Tourism and Investment made a statement about securing international markets for Northwest Territories furs.
169-18(2)	The Minister Responsible for Public Engagement and Transparency made statement regarding public engagement on open government.
170-18(2)	The Minister Industry, Tourism and Investment made a statement confirming our commitment to mining.

Members' Statements

637-18(2)	The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement about the passing of Jason Berens.
638-18(2)	The Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding the 2017 Beavertail Jamboree.
639-18(2)	The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding the 2017 Long John Jamboree.

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640-18(2)	The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding an all-season road in the Sahtu region.
641-18(2)	The Member for Deh Cho made a statement regarding a Fort Providence youth centre proposal.
642-18(2)	The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding the Northwest Territories agriculture strategy.
643-18(2)	The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding pre-school program funding options.
644-18(2)	The Member for Nunakput made a statement regarding the Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway.
645-18(2)	The Member for Kam Lake made a statement about funding for apprenticeship and trades opportunities.
646-18(2)	The Member for Hay River Centre made a statement regarding the request for proposals for the 'A New Day' Program.

Petitions

7-18(2) The Member for Yellowknife North presented a petition about funding for junior kindergarten and other options for families.

<u>Motions</u>

Referral of Petition 6-18(2): Elimination of Time Change in the Northwest Territories to the Standing Committee on Social Development.

Moved by the Member for Kam Lake.

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife North, that this Assembly refer Petition 6-18(2): Elimination of Time Change in the Northwest Territories to the Standing Committee on Social Development for a comprehensive review and that the Standing Committee report back to this Assembly at their earliest opportunity.

Question being called; the motion was CARRIED.

Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

The Committee of the Whole considered Committee Report 7-18(2), Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures Report on the Review of the Members' Conduct Guidelines. The Chair reported progress, with three motions being adopted.

Recorded Votes on Committee of the Whole Motions

Committee Motion 90-18(2):

The Member for Frame Lake requested a recorded vote for Committee Motion 90-18(2):

I MOVE that this Assembly recommends that the *Elections and Plebiscites Act* be amended to provide that, during the election period, candidates declare compliance with a code of conduct including the duties to abide by the laws of the Northwest Territories and Canada; to conduct his/herself with honesty, integrity, and respect for others; and to refrain from actions that would, upon election, create or be perceived to create a conflict of interest as set out in Section 74 of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*.

The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Mr. McNeely, Mr. Testart, Mr. Nakimayak, Mr. Beaulieu, Mr. Thompson, Mr. O'Reilly, Ms. Green, Mr. Nadli, Mr. Vanthuyne, Honourable A. Moses, Honourable C. Cochrane, Honourable G. Abernethy, Honourable R. R. McLeod, Honourable R. C. McLeod, Honourable W. Schumann, Honourable L. Sebert. (16)

Members against: (0)

Members abstaining: (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 91-18(2):

The Member for Frame Lake moved Committee Motion 91-18(2):

I MOVE that this Assembly recommend that the *Elections and Plebiscites Act* be amended to include a five-year limit on eligibility for candidacy for anyone convicted of an offence of violence or threats of violence under the *Criminal Code of Canada* and who has not received a pardon or record suspension; and where the offence was committed against a person over whom the accused was determined by the presiding judge to be in a position of trust, authority, or intimacy; and, if applicable, that the limitation not apply to offences committed before the coming-into-force date of this amendment; and that a consequential

amendment of Section 6 of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* ensure consistency of qualification of sitting Members and candidates.

Committee Motion 92-18(2):

The Member for Kam Lake requested a recorded vote for Committee Motion 92-18(2):

I MOVE that Committee Motion 91-18(2) as contained in Committee Report 7-18(2): Report on the Review of the Members' Conduct Guidelines and the proposed amendment thereto be referred to the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures for further consideration in accordance with Rule 58(e).

The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Mr. O'Reilly, Ms. Green. (2)

Members against: Mr. McNeely, Mr. Vanthuyne, Mr. Testart, Mr. Beaulieu, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Nadli, Mr. Nakimayak, Honourable A. Moses, Honourable C. Cochrane, Honourable G. Abernethy, Honourable R. R. McLeod, Honourable R. C. McLeod, Honourable W. Schumann, Honourable L. Sebert. (14)

Members abstaining: (0)

The motion was DEFEATED.

The Member for Frame Lake requested a recorded vote for Committee Motion 91-18(2). The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Mr. O'Reilly, Ms. Green. (2)

Members against: Mr. McNeely, Mr. Vanthuyne, Mr. Testart, Mr. Beaulieu, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Nakimayak, Honourable A. Moses, Honourable C. Cochrane, Honourable G. Abernethy, Honourable R. R. McLeod, Honourable R. C. McLeod, Honourable W. Schumann, Honourable L. Sebert. (13)

Members abstaining: Mr. Nadli (1)

The motion was DEFEATED.

Committee Motion 93-18(2)

The Member for Frame Lake requested a recorded vote for Committee Motion 93-18(2):

I MOVE that this Assembly recommend that the Legislative Assembly's oath of office be revised in schedule B of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*, as follows:

"I (Member's name) do swear or affirm that

- a) I am fully qualified to hold the office of the Member for the district of, to which I have been elected;
- b) I have not knowingly contravened the *Elections and Plebiscites*Act respecting any matter in relation to my election;
- c) I will faithfully, to the best of my ability, perform the duties and responsibilities of my office, and will not allow any direct or indirect monetary or other personal or private interest to influence my conduct or affect my duties in public matters;
- d) I hereby affirm, subscribe to, and agree to follow the Members' Conduct Guidelines, or Members' Code of Conduct, if applicable, adopted by the Legislative Assembly, in the case where the oath is sworn, so help me God."

The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Mr. Vanthuyne, Mr. Testart, Mr. Beaulieu, Mr. Thompson, Mr. O'Reilly, Ms. Green, Honourable C. Cochrane, Honourable G. Abernethy, Honourable L. Sebert. (9)

Members against: Mr. McNeely, Mr. Nadli, Mr. Nakimayak, Honourable A. Moses, Honourable R. R. McLeod, Honourable R. C. McLeod, Honourable W. Schumann. (7)

Members abstaining: (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 94-18(2):

The Member for Frame Lake requested a recorded vote for Committee Motion 94-18(2):

I MOVE that this Assembly recommends that the Members' Conduct Guidelines serve as the basis for a new Members' Code of Conduct including more specific and enforceable provisions;

AND FURTHER, that new code be presented to the Assembly for consideration and adoption.

The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Mr. McNeely, Mr. Vanthuyne, Mr. Testart, Mr. Beaulieu, Mr. Thompson, Mr. O'Reilly, Ms. Green, Mr. Nakimayak, Honourable A. Moses, Honourable C. Cochrane, Honourable G. Abernethy, Honourable R. R. McLeod, Honourable R. C. McLeod, Honourable W. Schumann, Honourable L. Sebert. (15)

Members against: (0)

Members abstaining: (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

Third Reading of Bills

Bill 7:

An Act to Amend the Revolving Funds Act

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

Members for: Mr. Simpson, Mr. McNeely, Mr. Nakimayak, Honourable A. Moses, Honourable C. Cochrane, Honourable G. Abernethy, Honourable R. R. McLeod, Honourable R. C. McLeod, Honourable W. Schumann, Honourable L. Sebert. (10)

Members against: Mr. Vanthuyne, Mr. Testart, Mr. Beaulieu, Mr. Thompson, Mr. O'Reilly, Ms. Green, Mr. Nadli (7)

Members abstaining: (0)

The Speaker adjourned the House at 6:06 pm.

Hon. Jackson Lafferty

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Tim Mercer

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly