

Votes and Proceedings

THIRD SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

August 13, 2019

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:32 pm.

Ministers' Statements

- 213-18(3) The Premier made a statement regarding the absence of Minister Abernethy from the House.
- 214-18(3) The Minister of Education, Culture and Employment provided an update on income security programs.
- 215-18(3) The Minister of Environment and Natural Resources made a statement about funding of environmental monitoring and research projects.
- 216-18(3) The Minister of Justice made a statement about improving programs for inmates in Northwest Territories correctional facilities.
- 217-18(3) The Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment made a statement about diversifying the Northwest Territories' economy.

Members' Statements

- 744-18(3) The Member for Mackenzie Delta made a statement regarding grizzly bears in Aklavik.
- 745-18(3) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding disruptions in digital connectivity.

- 746-18(3) The Member for Deh Cho made a statement regarding the relationship between Kakisa and the Government of the Northwest Territories.
- 747-18(3) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding the Yellowknives Dene First Nation and City of Yellowknife land transfer.
- 748-18(3) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding a letter from the Premier to Prime Minister Trudeau regarding Bill C-68 and Bill C-48.
- 749-18(3) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding access to education in communities.
- 750-18(3) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding the status of services for seniors in Yellowknife.
- 751-18(3) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement regarding the prevention of alcohol bootlegging.
- 752-18(3) The Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding highway infrastructure projects.
- 753-18(3) The Member for Nunakput made a statement regarding salmon in the Arctic.

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

- 25-18(3) Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment Report on Bill 36: *An Act to Amend the Petroleum Resources Act* and Bill 37: *An Act to Amend the Oil and Gas Operations Act*
- 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*

Tabling of Documents

- 485-18(3) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 766-18(3): Aboriginal Sports Circle Funding. Tabled by the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs.

- 486-18(3) Northern Employee Benefits Services (NEBS) Pension Plan Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2018 and including updated information to June 2019. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 487-18(3) The Natural Resources Conservation Trust Fund Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2019. Tabled by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources.
- 488-18(3) Community Futures Program 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 Annual Reports. Tabled by the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment.

Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

The Committee of the Whole considered Committee Report 25-18(3): Report on the Review of Bill 36: *An Act to Amend the Petroleum Resources Act* and Bill 37: *An Act to Amend the Oil and Gas Operations Act*; Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the Petroleum Resources Act*; and Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Oil and Gas Operations Act*, and would like to report progress, with five motions adopted, that Committee Report 25-18(3) is concluded and that Bill 36 is ready for third reading.

Committee Motion 163-18(3)

The Member for Yellowknife North moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that should any portion of a bill require federal concurrence, a statement to this effect be included in the legislative proposal and that the relevant clauses be identified at the time of introduction to the appropriate standing committee;

AND FURTHER, that a bill should not be submitted to the federal government for their concurrence until after it has been reported back to the house following the Committee's review.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 164-18(3)

The Member for Yellowknife North moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that in the second phase of the review of oil and gas legislation, consideration should be given to recent court decisions and best practices to ensure that the Government of the Northwest Territories and the public are protected from potential liabilities arising from oil and gas operations.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 165-18(3)

The Member for Yellowknife North moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories undertake a comprehensive review of oil and gas related regulation with the expressed purpose to increase the cap for absolute liability.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 166-18(3)

The Member for Yellowknife North moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that in phase two of the review of Northwest Territories' oil and gas legislation, a comprehensive evaluation of options related to significant discovery licences (SDLs) be conducted, providing alternatives for consideration, and table its findings during the 19th Legislative Assembly;

AND FURTHER, that this report identify how the findings will inform any future changes to be made by the Government of the Northwest Territories with respect to its oil and gas resources.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 167-18(3)

The Member for Yellowknife North 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.

Third Reading of Bills

Bill 40: *Smoking Control and Reduction Act*

The Minister of Health and Social Services 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)

Bill 41: *Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act*

The Minister of Health and Social Services 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)

Bill 54: *Standard Interest Rate Statutes Amendment Act*

The Minister of Finance 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. Nakimayak, Honourable A. Moses, Honourable C. Cochrane, Honourable R. R. McLeod, Honourable R. C. McLeod, Honourable W. Schumann, Honourable L. Sebert. (16)

Members against: (0)

Members abstaining: (0)

Bill 57: *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*

The Minister of Education, Culture and Employment requested a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: 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. (16)

Members against: (0)

Members abstaining: (0)

Bill 58: *Justice Administration Statutes Amendment Act*

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

Members for: 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. (16)


Members against: (0)

Members abstaining: (0)

The Speaker adjourned the House at 6:11 pm.



Hon. Jackson Lafferty
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Tim Mercer
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly