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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Legislative Assembly of British Columbia
Second Session of the Forty-second Parliament

Thursday, April 15, 2021

TEN O' CLOCK A.M.

Prayers and Reflections by Ms. *Alexis*.

The Hon. *D. Eby* (Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing) presented to the Speaker a Message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which read as follows:

JANET AUSTIN
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits herewith Bill (No. 2) intituled *Public Interest Disclosure Amendment Act, 2021* and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,
April 12, 2021.

Bill introduced and read a first time.

Bill *Ordered* to be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting after today.

Order called for "Members' Statements."

Order called for "Oral Questions by Members."

The Hon. *R. Chouhan* (Speaker) tabled the Representative for Children and Youth Report, Excluded: Increasing Understanding, Support and Inclusion for Children with FASD and their Families, April 2021.

The House proceeded to "Orders of the Day."

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the Session.

On the motion of the Hon. *K. Conroy*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 11.56 a.m.

Thursday, April 15, 2021

ONE-THIRTY O’CLOCK P.M.

The Hon. *M. Farnworth* presented the Interim Report of the Special Committee of Selection for the Second Session of the Forty-second Parliament, April 15, 2021.

“PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,
APRIL 15, 2021

MR. SPEAKER:

The Special Committee of Selection appointed on April 12, 2021 to prepare and report lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House, presents its interim report that the following is the list of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees on Children and Youth, Finance and Government Services, Parliamentary Reform, Ethical Conduct, Standing Orders and Private Bills, and Public Accounts for the present Session:

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH—*Jinny Sims* (Convener), *Susie Chant*, *Fin Donnelly*, *Kelli Paddon*, *Jennifer Rice*, *Henry Yao*, *Karin Kirkpatrick*, *Mike Morris*, *Coralee Oakes*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES—*Janet Routledge* (Convener), *Pam Alexis*, *Megan Dykeman*, *Grace Lore*, *Harwinder Sandhu*, *Mike Starchuk*, *Lorne Doerkson*, *Greg Kylo*, *Ben Stewart*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY REFORM, ETHICAL CONDUCT, STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS—*Jinny Sims* (Convener), *Brittney Anderson*, *Garry Begg*, *Megan Dykeman*, *Kelli Paddon*, *Doug Routley*, *Michael Lee*, *Todd Stone*, *Andrew Wilkinson*.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—*Mike Bernier* (Convener), *Brittney Anderson*, *Dan Coulter*, *Rick Glumac*, *Andrew Mercier*, *Niki Sharma*, *Mike Starchuk*, *Bruce Banman*, *Jackie Tegart*.

HON. M. FARNWORTH
CHAIR AND GOVERNMENT HOUSE LEADER”

The Report was taken as read and received.

By leave, the Hon. *M. Farnworth* moved that the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *M. Farnworth* moved—

That the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services be empowered to:

1. Examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to the budget consultation paper prepared by the Minister of Finance in accordance with section 2 of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act* (S.B.C. 2000, c. 23) and, in particular, to:
 - a. conduct public consultations across British Columbia on proposals and recommendations regarding the provincial budget and fiscal policy for the coming fiscal year by any means the Committee considers appropriate; and,
 - b. prepare a report no later than November 15, 2021, on the results of those consultations.
2. Consider and make recommendations on the annual reports, rolling three-year service plans and budgets of the statutory officers, namely, the:

- i. Auditor General;
- ii. Chief Electoral Officer;
- iii. Conflict of Interest Commissioner;
- iv. Human Rights Commissioner;
- v. Information and Privacy Commissioner;
- vi. Merit Commissioner;
- vii. Ombudsperson;
- viii. Police Complaint Commissioner; and,
- ix. Representative for Children and Youth.

3. Inquire into and make recommendations with respect to other matters brought to the Committee's attention by any of the aforementioned statutory officers.

That the Committee be designated as the Committee referred to in sections 19, 20, 21 and 23 of the *Auditor General Act* (S.B.C. 2003, c. 2) and that the report in section 22 of the *Auditor General Act* (S.B.C. 2003, c. 2) be referred to the Committee.

That the Committee be designated as the Committee referred to in sections 47.02 and 47.03 of the *Human Rights Code* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 210).

That, in addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committees of the House, the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services be empowered to:

- a. appoint of its number one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee and to delegate to the subcommittees all or any of its powers except the power to report directly to the House;
- b. sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
- c. adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and,
- d. retain personnel as required to assist the Committee.

That the Committee report to the House as soon as possible, and that during a period of adjournment, the Committee deposit its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, or in the next following Session, as the case may be, the Chair present all reports to the House.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *M. Farnworth* moved—

That the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth be empowered to foster greater awareness and understanding among legislators and the public of the BC child welfare system, including the specific needs of Indigenous children, youth, families and communities, and in particular to:

- 1. Receive and review the annual service plan from the Representative for Children and Youth (the "Representative") that includes a statement of goals and identifies specific objectives and performance measures that will be required to exercise the powers and perform the functions and duties of the Representative during the fiscal year;
- 2. Be the Committee to which the Representative reports, at least annually;
- 3. Refer to the Representative for investigation the critical injury or death of a child;
- 4. Receive and consider all reports and plans transmitted by the Representative to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly; and,
- 5. Undertake, pursuant to section 30 (1) of the *Representative for Children and Youth Act* (S.B.C. 2006, c. 29), a comprehensive review of the Act or portions of the Act before April 1, 2022 to determine whether the functions of the Representative described in section 6 are still required to ensure that the needs of children and young adults as defined in that section are met.

That, in addition to the powers previously conferred upon Select Standing Committees of the House, the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth be empowered to:

- a. appoint of its number one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee and to delegate to the subcommittees all or any of its powers except the power to report directly to the House;
- b. sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
- c. conduct consultations by any means the Committee considers appropriate;
- d. adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and,
- e. retain personnel as required to assist the Committee.

That the Committee report to the House as soon as possible, and that during a period of adjournment, the Committee deposit its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, or in the next following Session, as the case may be, the Chair present all reports to the House.

Motion agreed to.

By leave, the Hon. *M. Farnworth* moved—

That all reports of the Auditor General of British Columbia transmitted to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly be deemed referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts. For greater certainty, the following exceptions are provided:

- a. the report referred to in section 22 of the *Auditor General Act* (S.B.C. 2003, c. 2) shall be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services; and,
- b. reports of the Auditor General respecting the Legislative Assembly prepared under the provisions of the *Legislative Assembly Management Committee Act* (R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 258) shall be referred to the Legislative Assembly Management Committee.

That the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts be the Committee referred to in sections 6, 7, 10, 13 and 14 of the *Auditor General Act* (S.B.C. 2003, c. 2).

That, in addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committees of the House, the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts be empowered to:

- a. appoint of its number one or more subcommittees and to refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the Committee and to delegate to the subcommittees all or any of its powers except the power to report directly to the House;
- b. sit during a period in which the House is adjourned, during the recess after prorogation until the next following Session and during any sitting of the House;
- c. adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and,
- d. retain personnel as required to assist the Committee.

That the Committee report to the House as soon as possible, and that during a period of adjournment, the Committee deposit its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, or in the next following Session, as the case may be, the Chair present all reports to the House.

Motion agreed to.

The House proceeded to “Orders of the Day.”

Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor at the opening of the Session.

The debate continued.

On the motion of Mr. *Ross*, the debate was adjourned to the next sitting of the House.

And then the House adjourned at 5.40 p.m.

HON. RAJ CHOUHAN, *Speaker*

NOTICE OF BILLS

Monday, April 19

Mr. *Stone* to introduce a Bill intituled *Assessment (Split Assessment Classification) Amendment Act, 2021*.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Monday, April 19

1 Ms. *Greene* to move—

Be it resolved that in recognition of Earth Day, this House reaffirm its commitment to rise to the challenge of climate change and protect our shared environment now, and for future generations.

Tuesday, April 20

2 Ms. *Bailey* to move—

Be it resolved that this House support the actions taken to increase supply and housing affordability for renters.

3 Ms. *Alexis* to move—

Be it resolved that this House support the government's actions to create an economic recovery that is inclusive, innovative and sustainable which puts people first and ensures our province comes back from the pandemic stronger and more resilient.

PROGRESS OF BILLS

GOVERNMENT BILLS

(Listing printed for convenience only)

Bill No.	Title	Member	First Reading	Second Reading	Committee	Report	Amended	Third Reading	Royal Assent	S.B.C. Chap. No.
1	An Act to Ensure the Supremacy of Parliament	Hon. D. Eby	Apr. 12							
2	Public Interest Disclosure Amendment Act, 2021	Hon. D. Eby	Apr. 15							