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SPEAKER — Hon. Nils Clarke, MLA, Riverdale North
DEPUTY SPEAKER and CHAIR OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE — Vacant *
DEPUTY CHAIR OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE — Ted Adel, MLA, Copperbelt North

CABINET MINISTERS

NAME	CONSTITUENCY	PORTFOLIO
Hon. Sandy Silver	Klondike	Premier
Hon. Ranj Pillai	Porter Creek South	Minister of the Executive Council Office; Finance Deputy Premier Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources; Economic Development; Minister responsible for the Yukon Development Corporation and the Yukon Energy Corporation
Hon. Tracy-Anne McPhee	Riverdale South	Government House Leader Minister of Education; Justice
Hon. John Streicker	Mount Lorne- Southern Lakes	Minister of Community Services; Minister responsible for the French Language Services Directorate; Yukon Liquor Corporation and the Yukon Lottery Commission
Hon. Pauline Frost	Vuntut Gwitchin	Minister of Health and Social Services; Environment; Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation
Hon. Richard Mostyn	Whitehorse West	Minister of Highways and Public Works; the Public Service Commission
Hon. Jeanie McLean	Mountainview	Minister of Tourism and Culture; Minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board; Women's Directorate

GOVERNMENT PRIVATE MEMBERS

Yukon Liberal Party

Ted Adel	Copperbelt North
Paolo Gallina	Porter Creek Centre

OFFICIAL OPPOSITION

Yukon Party

Stacey Hassard	Leader of the Official Opposition	Scott Kent	Official Opposition House Leader
	Pelly-Nisutlin		Copperbelt South
Brad Cathers	Lake Laberge	Patti McLeod	Watson Lake
Wade Istchenko	Kluane	Geraldine Van Bibber	Porter Creek North

THIRD PARTY

New Democratic Party

Kate White	Leader of the Third Party Third Party House Leader Takhini-Kopper King
Liz Hanson	Whitehorse Centre

Independent

Don Hutton	Mayo-Tatchun
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* On March 8, 2021, Mr. Hutton resigned as Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committee of the Whole

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Thursday, March 4, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORY OF YUKON FIRST NATIONS

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(7), the Speaker commenced the proceedings by acknowledging the traditional territory of the Yukon First Nations upon which the Legislative Assembly is meeting:

“I would like to begin the 2021 Spring Sitting of the Legislative Assembly by respectfully acknowledging all Yukon First Nations and also that we are meeting on the traditional territory of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta’an Kwäch’än Council.”

PRAYERS

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(1), the Speaker offered a prayer.

SPEAKER’S STATEMENT

Changes to the Order Paper – Withdrawal of motions

Prior to proceeding with the Daily Routine, the Speaker made the following statement regarding changes made to the Order Paper.

“The Chair wishes to inform the House of changes made to the Order Paper. The following motions have been removed from the Order Paper as they are outdated: Motions No. 273, 298, 305, and 331 and Motion for the Production of Papers No. 18, standing in the name of the Member for Whitehorse Centre; Motion No. 232 and Motion for the Production of Papers No. 17, standing in the name of the Leader of the Third Party; Motions No. 338 and 384, standing in the name of the Member for Porter Creek North; Motion No. 301, standing in the name of the Member for Watson Lake; Motions No. 380 and 395, standing in the name of the Member for Lake Laberge; Motion No. 365, standing in the name of the Member for Copperbelt North; and Motion No. 354, standing in the name of the Member for Porter Creek Centre.

The following motions have been removed from the Order Paper, as the actions requested in the motions have been taken in whole or in part: Motion No. 2, standing in the name of the Member for Porter Creek Centre; Motions No. 246 and 363, standing in

the name of the Member for Lake Laberge; Motions No. 227 and 364, standing in the name of the Leader of the Third Party; Motion No. 369, standing in the name of the Member for Watson Lake; Motion No. 328, standing in the name of the Member for Whitehorse Centre; and Motion No. 62, standing in the name of the Member for Kluane.

Motion No. 220, standing in the name of the Member for Kluane, was removed from the Order Paper as it was an exact duplicate of Motion No. 189.

Finally, Motion No. 403, notice of which was given on December 22, 2020, by the Member for Porter Creek Centre, was not placed on today's Notice Paper because the motion is outdated."

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(2), the House proceeded with the Daily Routine.

DAILY ROUTINE

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See *Hansard* for introduction of visitors.

TRIBUTES

In remembrance of Darius Elias

The Hon. Ms. Frost, Minister of Environment, Ms. Van Bibber, Member for Porter Creek North, and Ms. White, Leader of the Third Party, paid tribute to Darius Elias, former Member of the Legislative Assembly for Vuntut Gwitchin.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In remembrance of Darius Elias

Following tributes, the House observed a moment of silence in remembrance of Darius Elias.

TABLING RETURNS AND DOCUMENTS

Hon. Mr. Clarke, Speaker

- *Report from the Clerk of the Yukon Legislative Assembly on the Absence of Members from Sitzings of the Legislative Assembly and its Committees* (March 4, 2021)

(Sessional Paper 34-3-71)

Mr. Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge

- Shallow Bay area proposed zoning – problems with the process, letter re (dated February 16, 2021) from Brad Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge, to Hon. Ranj Pillai, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources

(Filed Document 34-3-53)

- Potential impact of a 60-metre buffer from Horse Creek on Grizzly Valley homes, letter re (dated February 18, 2021) from Brad Cathers, Member for

Lake Laberge, to Hon. Ranj Pillai, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources

(Filed Document 34-3-54)

- Potential impact of a 60-metre Riparian Buffer from the Takhini River, letter re (dated February 25, 2021) from Brad Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge, to Hon. Ranj Pillai, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources
(Filed Document 34-3-55)
- Potential impact of a 60-metre Riparian Buffer from the Yukon River, letter re (dated March 2, 2021) from Brad Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge, to Hon. Ranj Pillai, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources
(Filed Document 34-3-56)
- Negative Financial Impact of the Shallow Bay Zoning Proposal, letter re (dated March 3, 2021) from Brad Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge, to Hon. Ranj Pillai, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources
(Filed Document 34-3-57)

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Adel, Chair, Standing Committee on Appointments to Major Government Boards and Committees

- *Twenty-fourth Report of the Standing Committee on Appointments to Major Government Boards and Committees* (January 25, 2021)
(Sessional Paper 34-3-72)
- *Twenty-fifth Report of the Standing Committee on Appointments to Major Government Boards and Committees* (February 9, 2021)
(Sessional Paper 34-3-73)

PETITIONS

No petitions were presented.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced and read a first time:

Bill No. 206, *Third Appropriation Act 2020-21*

- Hon. Mr. Silver, Premier

Bill No. 207, *First Appropriation Act 2021-22*

- Hon. Mr. Silver, Premier

Bill No. 208, *Interim Supply Appropriation Act 2021-22*

- Hon. Mr. Silver, Premier

Money Message

Pursuant to Standing Order 61, Bill No. 206, *Third Appropriation Act 2020-21*, Bill No. 207, *First Appropriation Act 2021-22*, and Bill No. 208, *Interim Supply Appropriation Act 2021-22*, were each accompanied by a money message.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Mr. Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge

- Re: abandoning no-development riparian buffer in the Shallow Bay zoning area (Motion No. 407)
- Re: ensuring that changes to zoning regulations provide new opportunities (Motion No. 408)
- Re: urging Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources to visit businesses impacted by development of Stevens Quarry (Motion No. 409)

Ms. White, Leader of the Third Party

- Re: residential rent freeze (Motion No. 410)
- Re: not licensing or funding for-profit long-term care (Motion No. 411)
- Re: fire protection in all Yukon communities (Motion No. 412)

Ms. Hanson, Member for Whitehorse Centre

- Re: not permitting mineral exploration pending the finalization Dawson Planning Commission's plan (Motion No. 413)
- Re: consulting prior to implementing decisions on individualized education plans (Motion No. 414)

Ms. Van Bibber, Member for Porter Creek North

- Re: consulting on upgrades to the Alaska Highway through the Porter Creek corridor (Motion No. 415)

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

No ministerial statement was given.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

The House conducted the Oral Question Period from 1:35 p.m. to 2:08 p.m.

The House then proceeded to Orders of the Day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**GOVERNMENT BILLS****Second Reading**

The following bill was called for Second Reading:

Bill No. 207, *First Appropriation Act 2021-22*

- Hon. Mr. Silver, Premier

Thereupon, the Hon. Mr. Silver, Premier, delivered the 2021-22 Budget Address.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge:

THAT debate be now adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Ms. McPhee, Government House Leader:

THAT the House do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 3:05 p.m. until 1:00 p.m., Monday, March 8, 2021.

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Monday, March 8, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

PRAYERS

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(1), the Speaker offered a prayer.

SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

Resignation of Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committee of the Whole

Prior to proceeding with the Daily Routine, the Speaker made the following statement.

“I have been informed by way of the letter that I am tabling that the Member for Mayo-Tatchun has resigned as Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committee of the Whole and will sit as an Independent member.”

Sessional Paper filed

- Resignation as Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committee of the Whole, letter re (dated March 8, 2021) from Don Hutton, Member for Mayo-Tatchun, to Hon. Nils Clarke, Speaker

(Sessional Paper 34-3-74)

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(2), the House proceeded with the Daily Routine.

DAILY ROUTINE

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

No visitors were introduced.

TRIBUTES

See *Hansard* for tributes.

TABLING RETURNS AND DOCUMENTS

See *Hansard* for other documents tabled.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

No reports of committees were presented.

PETITIONS

No petitions were presented.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill No. 18, *Act to Amend the Child Care Act (2021)*

- Hon. Ms. McPhee, Minister of Education

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Mr. Gallina, Member for Porter Creek Centre

- Re: early learning and universal childcare (Motion No. 416)

Mr. Kent, Member for Copperbelt South

- Re: individualized education plans (Motion No. 417)
- Re: avalanche safety (Motion No. 418)

Hon. Ms. McPhee, Government House Leader

- Re: authorization for the Assembly to meet via video conference during the 2021 Spring Sitting (Motion No. 419)
- Re: Member participation in sittings of the House via teleconference due to COVID-19 during the 2021 Spring Sitting (Motion No. 420)
- Re: pairing arrangements for the 2021 Spring Sitting (Motion No. 421)

Mr. Hutton, Member for Mayo-Tatchun

- Re: reducing alcohol-related harm (Motion No. 422)

Mr. Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge

- Re: amending Standing Order 76 (Motion No. 423)
- Re: making Chief Firearms Officer an appointment of the Government of Yukon (Motion No. 424)
- Re: announcing the date of Yukon's general election (Motion No. 425)
- Re: excluding bills amending territorial elections or electoral districts from Standing Order 76 (written notice) (Motion No. 426)

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Hon. Ms. McPhee, Minister of Education

- Universal childcare program

Mr. Kent, Member for Copperbelt South, and Ms. White, Leader of the Third Party, commented on the Ministerial Statement. The Hon. Ms. McPhee, Minister of Education, delivered a reply.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

The House conducted the Oral Question Period from 1:44 p.m. to 2:17 p.m.

The House then proceeded to Orders of the Day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**GOVERNMENT MOTIONS****Unanimous consent requested to move without one clear day's notice Motion No. 419**

The Hon. Ms. McPhee, Government House Leader, pursuant to Standing Order 14.3, requested the unanimous consent of the House to move, without one clear day's notice, Motion No. 419.

Unanimous consent was granted.

Motion No. 419

Moved by the Hon. Ms. McPhee, Government House Leader:

THAT, for the duration of the 2021 Spring Sitting, if the Legislative Assembly stands adjourned for an indefinite period of time, the Government House Leader and at least one of the other House Leaders together may request that the Legislative Assembly meet virtually by video conference, with all the Members of the Legislative Assembly being able to participate remotely, notwithstanding any current Standing Orders regarding members' physical presence in the Chamber.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Unanimous consent requested to move without one clear day's notice Motion No. 420

The Hon. Ms. McPhee, Government House Leader, pursuant to Standing Order 14.3, requested the unanimous consent of the House to move, without one clear day's notice, Motion No. 420.

Unanimous consent was granted.

Motion No. 420

Moved by the Hon. Ms. McPhee, Government House Leader:

THAT, for the duration of the 2021 Spring Sitting, any Member of the Legislative Assembly who is unable to attend sittings of the House in person due to COVID-19 symptoms, illness or protocols may participate in the sittings of the House by teleconference, notwithstanding Standing Order 8 or any other Standing Order, and by teleconference shall:

- (1) be recognized to speak in debate, notwithstanding Standing Order 17;
- (2) be permitted to vote, notwithstanding Standing Order 25;
- (3) contribute to constituting quorum in the Legislative Assembly, under Standing Order 3 and the *Yukon Act*; and

- (4) be considered to have attended the sitting of the Legislative Assembly, with no deduction of indemnity required under subsection 39(5) of the *Legislative Assembly Act*.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Unanimous consent requested to move without one clear day's notice Motion No. 421

The Hon. Ms. McPhee, Government House Leader, pursuant to Standing Order 14.3, requested the unanimous consent of the House to move, without one clear day's notice, Motion No. 421.

Unanimous consent was granted.

Motion No. 421

Moved by the Hon. Ms. McPhee, Government House Leader:

THAT, for the duration of the 2021 Spring Sitting:

- (1) the Clerk shall keep a daily list of paired members, in which any member of the Government and any member of an opposition party may have their names entered together by noon on that date to indicate that they will not take part in any recorded division in the Legislative Assembly held on that date; and
- (2) following each such division held, the names of any members entered on the list of paired members for that date shall be printed in Hansard and the Votes and Proceedings.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

GOVERNMENT BILLS

Second Reading

The following bill was called for Second Reading:

Bill No. 207, *First Appropriation Act 2021-22*

- Hon. Mr. Silver, Premier

The debate continuing (from March 4, 2021) and the time reaching 5:30 p.m. while the Hon. Ms. Frost, Minister of Health and Social Services, was speaking, the Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 2(2), adjourned the House until 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, 2021 and the debate on the motion for Second Reading of Bill No. 207, *First Appropriation Act 2021-22* was accordingly adjourned.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

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Tuesday, March 9, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

PRAYERS

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(1), the Speaker offered a prayer.

SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

Changes to the Order Paper – Withdrawal of motions

Prior to proceeding with the Daily Routine, the Speaker made the following statement regarding the Order Paper.

“The Chair wishes to inform the House that Motion No. 423, notice of which was given on March 8, 2021, by the Member for Lake Laberge, was not placed on today’s Notice Paper as the motion is out of order.”

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(2), the House proceeded with the Daily Routine.

DAILY ROUTINE

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See *Hansard* for introduction of visitors.

TRIBUTES

See *Hansard* for tributes.

TABLING RETURNS AND DOCUMENTS

Mr. Istchenko, Member for Kluane

- Gathering Space for St. Elias Seniors, letter re (dated October 29, 2020) from Hon. Pauline Frost, Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation, to Wade Istchenko, Member for Kluane

(Filed Document 34-3-58)

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

No reports of committees were presented.

PETITIONS

No petitions were presented.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill No. 19, *Act to Amend the Family Property and Support Act (2021)*

- Hon. Ms. McPhee, Minister of Justice

Bill No. 20, *Act to Amend the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act (2021)*

- Hon. Ms. McPhee, Minister of Justice

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Mr. Adel, Member for Copperbelt North

- Re: Atlin hydro project (Motion No. 427)

Mr. Istchenko, Member for Kluane

- Re: dedicated space for St. Elias Seniors Society (Motion No. 428)
- Re: employee housing in Beaver Creek (Motion No. 429)

Mr. Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge

- Re: cancelling new rules for agriculture land (Motion No. 430)
- Re: unfairness of no-development riparian buffer in the Shallow Bay area (Motion No. 431)

Ms. Hanson, Member for Whitehorse Centre

- Re: addressing ability of children residing in downtown Whitehorse to attend nearest school (Motion No. 432)
- Re: addressing avalanche hazards (Motion No. 433)

Ms. White, Leader of the Third Party

- Re: Selkirk Street Elementary School parking (Motion No. 434)
- Re: Selkirk Street Elementary School classroom space (Motion No. 435)

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Hon. Mr. Pillai, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources

- Atlin hydro expansion project

Mr. Kent, Member for Copperbelt South, and Ms. White, Leader of the Third Party, commented on the Ministerial Statement. The Hon. Mr. Pillai, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, delivered a reply.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

The House conducted the Oral Question Period from 1:41 p.m. to 2:19 p.m.

NOTICE OF OPPOSITION PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Pursuant to Standing Order 14.2(3), Mr. Kent, Official Opposition House Leader, identified Motion No. 417, standing in his name, and Motion No. 426, standing in the

name of Mr. Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge, as being the items to be called during Opposition Private Members' Business on Wednesday, March 10, 2021.

The House then proceeded to Orders of the Day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT BILLS

Second Reading

The following bill was called for Second Reading:

Bill No. 207, *First Appropriation Act 2021-22*

- Hon. Mr. Silver, Premier

The debate continuing (from March 8, 2021) and the time reaching 5:30 p.m. while the Hon. Ms. McPhee, Minister of Justice, was speaking, the Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 2(2), adjourned the House until 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, 2021 and the debate on the motion for Second Reading of Bill No. 207, *First Appropriation Act 2021-22* was accordingly adjourned.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 10, 2021.

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Wednesday, March 10, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

PRAYERS

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(1), the Speaker offered a prayer.

SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

Changes to the Order Paper - Withdrawal of motions

Prior to proceeding with the Daily Routine, the Speaker made the following statement regarding changes made to the Order Paper.

“The following motions will be removed from the Order Paper at the request of the Member for Mayo-Tatchun. They are Motions No. 52, 67, 70, 86, 101, 190, 224, 253, 289, 294, 317, 335, 347, 357, and 389.”

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(2), the House proceeded with the Daily Routine.

DAILY ROUTINE

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See *Hansard* for introduction of visitors.

TRIBUTES

See *Hansard* for tributes.

TABLING RETURNS AND DOCUMENTS

Mr. Kent, Member for Copperbelt South

- Yukon Education Review of Inclusive Education - 2020/21, letter re (dated December 3, 2020) from Melanie Bennett, Executive Director, Yukon First Nation Education Directorate, Ted Hupé, President, Yukon Teachers' Association, Karen Macklon, President, Autism Yukon, and Stephanie Hammond, Executive Director, LDAY Centre for Learning, to Hon. Sandy Silver, Premier

(Filed Document 34-3-59)

- Individualized education plans, letter re (dated January 14, 2021) from Scott Kent, Member for Copperbelt South, to Hon. Tracy-Anne McPhee, Minister of Education

(Filed Document 34-3-60)

Mr. Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge

- Potential impact of a 60-metre Riparian Buffer on Titled Land by Marsh Lake, letter re (dated March 9, 2021) from Brad Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge, to Hon. Ranj Pillai, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources

(Filed Document 34-3-61)

Hon. Ms. Frost, Minister of Health and Social Services

- Response to matter outstanding from discussion related to the appearance of witnesses from the Yukon Hospital Corporation before Committee of the Whole on November 19, 2020 – employee costs growth

(Legislative Return 34-3-96)

- Response to matter outstanding from discussion related to the appearance of witnesses from the Yukon Hospital Corporation before Committee of the Whole on November 19, 2020 – non-unionized hospital employees

(Legislative Return 34-3-97)

- Response to matter outstanding from discussion related to the appearance of witnesses from the Yukon Hospital Corporation before Committee of the Whole on November 19, 2020 – pension solvency loan (Frost)

(Legislative Return 34-3-98)

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Hassard, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts

- *Standing Committee on Public Accounts Seventh Report - Yukon Public Accounts 2019-20 (March 2021)*

(Sessional Paper 34-3-75)

PETITIONS

No petitions were presented.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill No. 22, *Workers' Safety and Compensation Act*

- Hon. Ms. McLean, Minister responsible for the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Mr. Gallina, Member for Porter Creek Centre

- Re: budget commitment for midwifery (Motion No. 436)

Mr. Istchenko, Member for Kluane

- Re: increasing opportunities for tourism in the Kluane region
(Motion No. 437)

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Hon. Mr. Streicker, Minister of Community Services

- Midwifery regulation

Mr. Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge, and Ms. Hanson, Member for Whitehorse Centre, commented on the Ministerial Statement. The Hon. Mr. Streicker, Minister of Community Services, delivered a reply.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

The House conducted the Oral Question Period from 1:38 p.m. to 2:08 p.m.

The House then proceeded to Orders of the Day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

OPPOSITION PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Motion No. 417

Moved by the Mr. Kent, Member for Copperbelt South:

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to reconsider changes to the use of individualized education plans for students in Yukon and ensure that students who need additional support have appropriate resources.

Amendment

A debate having started on the motion, it was moved by Mr. Gallina, Member for Porter Creek Centre, in amendment thereto:

THAT Motion No. 417 be amended by:

- (1) deleting the phrase "reconsider changes to"; and
- (2) adding the phrase "continue" in its place.

A debate arising on the amendment, and the question being put, there were an equal number of votes on the following recorded division:

YEA			
Silver	Pillai	Mostyn	
McPhee	Adel	Streicker	9
Frost	Gallina	McLean	
NAY			
Hassard	Istchenko	White	
Kent	Cathers	Hanson	9
McLeod	Van Bibber	Hutton	

CASTING VOTE

Amendment to Motion No. 417

There being an equal number of votes, the Speaker stated:

“Standing Order 4(2) states that, in the case of an equality of votes on an amendment to a motion, the Speaker shall give a casting vote. In general, the principle applied to amendments is that decisions should not be taken except by a majority and that, where there is no majority, the main motion should be left in its existing form. I, therefore, vote against the amendment and declare the amendment defeated.”

The amendment was accordingly negatived.

The debate continuing on Motion No. 417 and the question being put, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

YEA			
Silver	Mostyn	Cathers	
McPhee	Streicker	Van Bibber	
Frost	Hassard	White	
Pillai	Kent	Hanson	17
Adel	McLeod	Hutton	
Gallina	Istchenko		
NAY			
			0

Motion No. 426

Moved by the Mr. Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge:

THAT Standing Order 76 of the Standing Orders of the Yukon Legislative Assembly be amended by adding the following:

“76(8) The provisions of this Standing Order shall not apply to any bill amending territorial elections or electoral districts in Yukon.”

A debate having started on the motion and the time reaching 5:30 p.m. while Hon. Mr. Streicker, Minister of Community Services, was speaking, the Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 2(2), adjourned the House until 1:00 p.m. Thursday, March 11, 2021, and the debate on Motion No. 426 was accordingly adjourned.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 1:00 p.m., Thursday, March 11, 2021.

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Thursday, March 11, 2021

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

PRAYERS

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(1), the Speaker offered a prayer.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

In remembrance of Archie Lang

Prior to proceeding with the Daily Routine, the Speaker made the following statement.

“It is my sad duty to inform the House that a former member of the Yukon Legislative Assembly, Archie Lang, has passed away. Archie Lang was first elected to the Yukon Legislative Assembly in the general election of November 4, 2002. He was re-elected in the general election of October 10, 2006, and served as the Member for Porter Creek Centre until October 10, 2011.

Mr. Lang was a member of Cabinet from November 30, 2002, to November 4, 2011. He was Minister of Highways and Public Works, Minister of Community Services, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, and Minister responsible for the Yukon Energy Corporation and the Yukon Development Corporation.

I would like to extend my sincere condolences on behalf of the House to his family and friends on their loss.

We will now observe a moment of silence in his memory.”

The House observed a moment of silence in remembrance of Archie Lang.

SPEAKER’S STATEMENT

National Day of Observance for COVID-19

The Speaker made the following statement in recognition of National Day of Observance for COVID-19.

“I also rise today on behalf of the House to commemorate those who have died due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In Canada, we have had over 22,000 deaths, and sadly,

those counts are still rising. Globally, there have been over 2.6 million deaths, and an estimated 118 million persons have been infected. Here in Yukon, we have had 72 cases and unfortunately one death. We are fortunate, however, in that we have had no deaths in any of our seniors facilities, which have been tragically impacted in other parts of Canada and the world. We presently have no active cases in the Yukon.

Still, even with our relative success at combatting the spread of this disease over the last year, in Yukon, we have still felt the disruption in our lives. Tourism operators, airlines servicing the north, and many other businesses have been significantly negatively impacted by the disruption caused by the pandemic. Families and individuals have seen mental health issues increase and heightened levels of anxiety, and family violence is the cruel collateral outcome of this disease. This disease has also disrupted our medical system and put difficult burdens on our medical staff. Many front-line workers have had to perform their duties in extremely difficult new circumstances. Our schools have been disrupted, with the end of last year's school being by distance learning and this year with an abbreviated daily schedule for older high school students in Whitehorse. Many of the after-school activities that students attended have been cancelled or have had to move to an online platform.

COVID-19 has disrupted all of our lives, yet approximately one year after the disease took its first Canadian life, we see hope on the horizon. Vaccines have been rolled out in Yukon by our dedicated health workers and logistics staff from various government departments, and our vaccination numbers are rapidly climbing. As of yesterday, 25,674 doses have been administered to Yukoners, with 16,367 having received the first dose and 9,207 Yukon adults now being fully vaccinated. These numbers are rising rapidly, but if you haven't had your shot or booked it, you should know that there are appointments available next week and beyond for your first shot. If you are hesitant about receiving your immunization, then there are a number of reliable resources such as Health Canada, the Centre for Disease Control, or our own yukon.ca webpages dedicated to informing Yukoners about the COVID-19 Moderna vaccine.

We are extremely fortunate in Yukon to have been designated a priority for vaccination by the federal government. As a result, we will very likely have enough vaccines for all adult Yukoners who want them in the near future.

One year after the pandemic began in this country, this is truly a modern scientific miracle. If we can all continue to work together and encourage as many Yukoners to be vaccinated as possible, then soon our lives can return to some semblance of normal.

Today, we honour all of those who have suffered and have perished as a result of this deadly disease. However, clearly, the best way to honour those who have passed is to receive the vaccine and to stop the ongoing transmission of COVID-19 in its tracks. Thank you."

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(2), the House proceeded with the Daily Routine.

DAILY ROUTINE

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No reports of committees were presented.

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No petitions were presented.

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- Re: addressing *Occupational Health and Safety Act* violations in secure medical unit at Whitehorse General Hospital (Motion No. 444)

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Hon. Ms. Frost, Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation
 - Northern housing funding

Ms. McLeod, Member for Watson Lake, and Ms. White, Leader of the Third Party, commented on the Ministerial Statement. The Hon. Ms. Frost, Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation, delivered a reply.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

The House conducted the Oral Question Period from 1:33 p.m. to 2:02 p.m.

The House then proceeded to Orders of the Day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT BILLS

Second Reading

The following bill was called for Second Reading:

Bill No. 207, *First Appropriation Act 2021-22*

- Hon. Mr. Silver, Premier

The debate continuing (from March 9, 2021) on the motion for Second Reading of Bill No. 207, *First Appropriation Act 2021-22*, and the question being put, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

		YEA	
Silver	Pillai		Mostyn
McPhee	Adel		Streicker
Frost	Gallina		McLean
		NAY	
Hassard	Cathers		Hanson
Kent	Van Bibber		Hutton
Istchenko	White		
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Bill No. 207, *First Appropriation Act 2021-22*, was accordingly referred to Committee of the Whole.

ADJOURNMENT

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Ms. McPhee, Government House Leader:

THAT the House do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:24 p.m. until 1:00 p.m., Monday, March 15, 2021.

The Thirty-fourth Legislative Assembly was dissolved on Friday, March 12, 2021, by Commissioner's Order 2021/01. Writs were issued on Friday, March 12, 2021, for a general election to be held, with polling day to be Monday, April 12, 2021.

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GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

Motion No. 419 – Authorization for the Assembly to meet via video conference during the 2021 Spring Sitting

Moved by Hon. Ms. McPhee, Government House Leader

Notice given Monday, March 8, 2021

Considered Monday, March 8, 2021, unanimous consent to move motion without one clear day's notice granted

Carried Monday, March 8, 2021

THAT, for the duration of the 2021 Spring Sitting, if the Legislative Assembly stands adjourned for an indefinite period of time, the Government House Leader and at least one of the other House Leaders together may request that the Legislative Assembly meet virtually by video conference, with all the Members of the Legislative Assembly being able to participate remotely, notwithstanding any current Standing Orders regarding members' physical presence in the Chamber.

Motion No. 420 – Member participation in sittings of the House via teleconference due to COVID-19 during the 2021 Spring Sitting

Moved by Hon. Ms. McPhee, Government House Leader

Notice given Monday, March 8, 2021

Considered Monday, March 8, 2021, unanimous consent to move motion without one clear day's notice granted

Carried Monday, March 8, 2021

THAT, for the duration of the 2021 Spring Sitting, any Member of the Legislative Assembly who is unable to attend sittings of the House in person due to COVID-19 symptoms, illness or protocols may participate in the

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sittings of the House by teleconference, notwithstanding Standing Order 8 or any other Standing Order, and by teleconference shall:

- (1) be recognized to speak in debate, notwithstanding Standing Order 17;
- (2) be permitted to vote, notwithstanding Standing Order 25;
- (3) contribute to constituting quorum in the Legislative Assembly, under Standing Order 3 and the *Yukon Act*; and
- (4) be considered to have attended the sitting of the Legislative Assembly, with no deduction of indemnity required under subsection 39(5) of the *Legislative Assembly Act*.

Motion No. 421 - Pairing arrangements for the 2021 Spring Sitting

Moved by Hon. Ms. McPhee, Government House Leader

Notice given Monday, March 8, 2021

Considered Monday, March 8, 2021, unanimous consent to move motion without one clear day's notice granted

Carried Monday, March 8, 2021

THAT, for the duration of the 2021 Spring Sitting:

- (1) the Clerk shall keep a daily list of paired members, in which any member of the Government and any member of an opposition party may have their names entered together by noon on that date to indicate that they will not take part in any recorded division in the Legislative Assembly held on that date; and
- (2) following each such division held, the names of any members entered on the list of paired members for that date shall be printed in Hansard and the Votes and Proceedings.

MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

Motion No. 417 - Individualized education plans

Moved by Mr. Kent, Member for Copperbelt South

Notice given Monday, March 8, 2021

Considered Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Carried Wednesday, March 10, 2021

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to reconsider changes to the use of individualized education plans for students in Yukon and ensure that students who need additional support have appropriate resources.

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Note: The following is a consolidation of the sessional orders adopted during the time period noted above. Sessional orders are temporary rules that supplement, modify or change the Standing Orders. Sessional orders remain in effect for the duration of a Session or Sitting.

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Carried Monday, March 8, 2021

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Notice given Monday, March 8, 2021

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Carried Monday, March 8, 2021

THAT, for the duration of the 2021 Spring Sitting, any Member of the Legislative Assembly who is unable to attend sittings of the House in person due to COVID-19 symptoms, illness or protocols may participate in the sittings of the House by teleconference, notwithstanding Standing Order 8 or any other Standing Order, and by teleconference shall:

(1) be recognized to speak in debate, notwithstanding Standing Order 17;

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- (2) be permitted to vote, notwithstanding Standing Order 25;
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19	<i>Act to Amend the Family Property and Support Act (2021)</i>	#	McPhee	March 9, 2021				
20	<i>Act to Amend the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act (2021)</i>	**	McPhee	March 9, 2021				
21	<i>Act to Amend the Territorial Lands (Yukon) Act (2021)</i>	#	Pillai	March 11, 2021				
22	<i>Workers' Safety and Compensation Act</i> (See Act for coming into force)		McLean	March 10, 2021				
206	<i>Third Appropriation Act 2020-21</i>	**	Silver	March 4, 2021				
207	<i>First Appropriation Act 2021-22</i>	**	Silver	March 4, 2021	March 11, 2021			
208	<i>Interim Supply Appropriation Act 2021-22</i>	**	Silver	March 4, 2021				

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301	<i>Act to Amend the Taxpayer Protection Act</i>	**	Cathers	November 12, 2019				
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