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Tuesday, February 7, 2012

This being the first Day of the Fifth Session of the Twenty-Seventh Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, for the despatch of business pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour Colonel (Retired) the Honourable Donald S. Ethell, OC, OMM, AOE, MSC, CD, LLD, Lieutenant Governor, dated the 20th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve;

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly read the Proclamation as follows:

[GREAT SEAL]
CANADA
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

COLONEL (RETIRED) DONALD S. ETHELL,
Lieutenant Governor.

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom, Canada, and Her Other Realms and Territories, QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

PROCLAMATION

To OUR FAITHFUL, the MEMBERS elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta and to each and every one of you

GREETING

WHEREAS it is Our will and pleasure by and with the advice and consent of Our Executive Council of Our Province of Alberta to prorogue the Fourth Session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of Alberta:

Ray Bodnarek, Q.C.,
Deputy Minister of Justice
and Deputy Attorney General

WE DO hereby prorogue, effective February 6, 2012, the said Legislature; and

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2012

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient for certain causes and considerations to convene the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta for the Fifth Session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature, WE DO WILL that you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, on Tuesday, the 7th day of February, 2012, at the hour of THREE o'clock in the afternoon, at Our City of Edmonton, personally be and appear, for the despatch of business, to treat, act, do and conclude upon those things which, in the Legislature of Our Province of Alberta, by the Common Council of Our said Province, may, by the favour of God, be ordained.

HEREIN FAIL NOT

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of Alberta to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS: COLONEL (RETIRED) THE HONOURABLE DONALD S. ETHELL, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of Alberta, in Our City of Edmonton in Our Province of Alberta, this 20th day of January in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twelve and in the Sixtieth Year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

VERLYN OLSON,
Provincial Secretary.

The Speaker entered the Assembly and took the Chair. After delivering the opening day prayer he invited Mr. Paul Lorieau to lead the Members of the Assembly and guests in singing Canada's National Anthem.

While awaiting the arrival of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the Royal Canadian Artillery Band played a brief musical interlude.

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor entered the Assembly and took his seat on the Throne.

His Honour then read the following Speech from the Throne:

Speech From the Throne

My fellow Albertans, Honourable Members, and distinguished guests, welcome to the Fifth Session of the 27th Alberta Legislature. It is my honour to deliver the Speech from the Throne and my privilege to serve the people of this province as Lieutenant Governor.

While these are trying times, other nations' difficulties do serve to remind us of how fortunate we are to live in the grand province of Alberta. We are blessed with a free and fair political system built on enduring constitutional foundations, and in 2012 this arrangement will receive the attention it deserves as we celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Sixty years ago yesterday His Majesty King George VI passed away, and Her Majesty ascended the Throne. For six decades she has dedicated herself to serving as the anchor of the Commonwealth and the monarch of our great nation. I know that many Albertans are as eager as I am to congratulate Her Majesty on her distinguished record.

We are blessed to reside in a province with unlimited opportunity. Alberta has abundant resources, world-class industries, and an indomitable spirit of enterprise and innovation. We have the ability, desire, knowledge, and freedom to attain our full potential.

In my lifetime alone Alberta has come a long way. I arrived in this province in the early '50s as a young soldier in the Canadian Army. Forced into hospital by a leg injury, I found myself surrounded by convalescent First World War veterans. They were receiving the very best care, and while it kept them alive, that was all it could do. These individuals and their families faced a very limited future. Today we have innovative institutions like the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital and the University of Alberta's Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine using previously unimaginable techniques like robotics and neural engineering to restore function and help heal the hidden trauma of disabilities and restore mental health. Now such individuals have a future without limits.

This is the future your government wants for all Albertans. The key to Alberta's success is its people and the vision they have for what this province can become. Our lives today are immeasurably better because Albertans in the past were inspired to look beyond the limits of their times to a vision of unmet needs and a greater future and then act upon it.

A little more than 40 years ago Alberta set out on the road to the modern age under the leadership of people with such foresight. Four decades ago our province was just beginning to find its place in an uncertain, fast changing world. New and untested opportunities glimmered on the horizon, and Alberta's government in 1971 resolved to make the most of them, promising to build a society that is not inferior to that in any province or state in North America. It succeeded magnificently.

That government set forth with a clear vision for Alberta and fulfilled it but not by playing it safe. Recognizing the need for imaginative new programs, it made bold decisions that built up the province we take for granted today. It nurtured Alberta's energy sector, identifying the oil sands' potential and implementing the policies necessary for its long-term success. To save for future generations, it created the Heritage Fund. Alberta would never have become a global leader without such foresight. This was a government that boldly used an uncertain environment to its advantage, looking beyond the demands of the present to build lasting success and modernize Alberta.

Now, two generations on, Alberta faces fresh challenges. Long-established ways are being called into question, and comfortable assumptions are being examined anew while Albertans themselves are growing older. Your government will not miss the opportunity to reshape Alberta in response.

Alberta's families and businesses have a government that will help them adapt and build a province that present and future generations will be proud of. The actions we take today will help us reach our potential as individual Albertans and as a province. Our time is now, and your government will lead.

Your government will secure this province's economic future at home with smart spending and abroad by improving our competitiveness in global markets. Your government will listen to Albertans, engaging them on the issues that matter to bring about the change they want and need. Together with Albertans your government will make Alberta the best jurisdiction anywhere, based on a thriving economy and a quality of life that is the envy of the world.

Your government will start with the root of success, sound finances. Our main trading partners are struggling with debt and low growth, yet Alberta is in a stronger position. We are heading toward balanced budgets, reliable revenue streams, and strong economic growth.

However, Alberta's current fiscal framework relies too heavily on volatile energy revenue as a source of income. It's time for foundational change. It won't be easy, but it is the right way to better manage the annual unpredictability in the budgeting process. It begins now. Budget 2012 will bring predictable funding on a three-year cycle to education, advanced education, and municipalities. Your government will work with its partners in these areas to allow for greater stability, improved long-term planning and delivery of outcomes.

Your government will also introduce a new budgetary review process that includes a results-based approach, one that will allow for a thorough examination of how public spending is achieving outcomes for Albertans. Your government will examine its entire fiscal framework to ensure it spends Albertans' tax dollars appropriately while saving intelligently for your future and for generations to come. This will include reviews of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust and Sustainability Funds, capital and infrastructure projects, gaming revenue, our operating budget, and income taxes along with reviews of existing programs.

Once in every three-year cycle each part of the Government, including agencies, boards, and commissions, will come under the spotlight. Your government will scrutinize all costs and challenge the automatic growth of spending, assigning funds only where they are needed. There must be a disciplined relationship between public expenditures and benefits for Albertans, resulting in no unjustified increases to departmental budgets.

With a new and robust plan linking expenditures to actual outcomes, your government will treat Albertans' money with the same care and respect they do, spending wisely on the services Albertans count on for an outstanding quality of life. Education is one way to protect that standard of living. The nature of work and progress is changing, and as technology advances, the demand for highly skilled, educated workers will increase.

Alberta must be able to succeed and thrive in the global knowledge economy, and that means giving every Albertan the opportunity to benefit from a cutting-edge education from kindergarten to post-secondary so everyone can reach their full potential.

Your government will strengthen Alberta's post-secondary sector, recognizing it as a key driver of a robust knowledge-inspired economy. By enhancing our trade and technology institutes and colleges, this government will help Alberta nurture the most highly skilled and trained workforce anywhere. Through the Building and Educating Tomorrow's Workforce strategy, your government will increase the supply of highly skilled, educated, and innovative people and high-performance work environments that make maximum use of innovation and technology.

Your government will attract the world's top talent to Alberta to contribute to a research agenda that will position this province on the international stage as a leader in helping to solve many of the world's challenges in energy, water, food, health, and improving our quality of life.

Your government will identify strategies to recruit more students from Metis and First Nations communities so they can continue to contribute to Alberta's success and solidify the bonds that sustain their heritage and keep their communities together.

Albertans' quality of life is driven in large part through finding innovative approaches to deliver publicly funded health care. Your government is committed to improving access to primary care for all Albertans. In 2012, building on the success of primary care networks, your government will embark on a plan to expand community-based care through the introduction of family care clinics staffed by multidisciplinary teams of health care professionals. Patients in need of medical attention will be able to get it quickly and easily at publicly funded clinics close to home. Your government will begin with the implementation of three pilot projects this spring.

Expanding access also means enhancing the way allied professionals such as pharmacists, nurses, and nurse practitioners interact with patients, allowing front-line staff to handle more duties and easing pressure on the health care system. Your government will enable health care providers to better meet Albertans' needs through a team-based approach.

Your government has fulfilled its commitment to empower the Alberta Health Quality Council to run an independent inquiry into various aspects of the health care system to make sure it delivers timely, unprejudiced, and equitable outcomes in which Albertans can have confidence.

The strength of the publicly funded health care system of today rests on the foresight and commitment of our local communities. This requires a strong relationship with government that offers communities a meaningful role in long-term planning and coordination of services at the local level. Recognizing this fundamental principle, your government will give local health advisory councils a more active voice and greater input in decisions that impact their communities.

A successful Alberta is one in which every Albertan is empowered to be part of the economic, social, and cultural life of the province. Your government is bringing these values to the services it provides to all Albertans.

Your government will provide seniors with the supports, services, and care they need to remain healthy, happy, and productive. This includes measures to help them stay in the peaceful security of their own homes, surrounded by the warmth of family, for as long as possible.

Your government's commitment to protecting property rights embraces all Albertans. To strengthen those rights, it created a task force that met with Albertans and listened to learn what property rights mean to them. Your government will use Albertans' contributions to make common-sense decisions on this issue.

Your government believes that a vibrant arts and culture scene is vital to the fabric of Alberta's communities, and it will continue to work with partners to keep the sector flourishing. Your government looks forward to engaging constructively with community leaders from diverse cultural and creative organizations to find the best methods of encouraging growth.

Healthy businesses are a crucial part of a strong economy. Your government will work hard to create and maintain the conditions for their success before getting out of the way.

Your government is committed to the development of northern Alberta as a prosperous and attractive place to live, work, and play. It will initiate a comprehensive northern Alberta development strategy to help the region continue to grow and develop in a sustainable manner with an outstanding quality of life. Your government will work creatively with municipalities and industry to address infrastructure challenges. The north is the source of much of our prosperity, so success there is critical for a successful Alberta overall.

A terrific quality of life requires the province to work closely with all municipalities. Your government will continue to build on its long tradition of effective partnership with municipal governments as part of the review of the Municipal Sustainability Initiative. The review will focus on having a streamlined program with increased flexibility, giving municipalities an even greater ability to meet local needs. Your government will continue to work towards establishing three-year funding cycles so municipalities can count on stable, predictable funds.

Municipalities support strong communities, and strong communities are safe communities. Your government will continue its support for anti-gang initiatives while reaching out to at-risk youth to deny organized crime new recruits.

Your government will proudly tell Alberta's story and promote Albertans' vision and actions on the world stage. Your government will better integrate our global strategies as we continue to bolster Alberta's reputation abroad, showcasing our diversity in everything from tourism to arts and culture, education, and trade and investment opportunities, and Albertans can be sure this government will fulfill its role responsibly and honestly.

It will cooperate closely and openly with Ottawa, building on its strong relationship with the federal government. A strong Alberta is one that can put aside jurisdictional differences and stand as a proud, committed, and constructive member of Confederation. The federal government and the province share much in common, including the desire to give farmers more choice through the dismantling of the Wheat Board and a commitment to bringing down crime through new, more stringent federal legislation. Albertans expect government to work together on their behalf, and your government will not let you down. But in doing this, it will not shy away from standing up for this province. Your government will never hesitate to reiterate Albertans' perspectives at federal, provincial, and territorial levels.

A Canadian energy strategy will play a major role in this effort. Energy is critical to our prosperity, but Alberta must diversify its customer base to achieve the greatest returns. Your government will actively design initiatives to access global markets and assist Canadians and our trading partners in understanding Alberta's energy goals. The infrastructure necessary to get our resources to new markets must cross other jurisdictions, so any expansion will involve various partners at the provincial, national, and international levels. The more we work together to coordinate our efforts, the greater our success and the more prosperity for everyone involved.

The people of this province share a deep love and respect for its environment and natural resources, and your government will develop them responsibly in the interests of all Albertans. Your government will continue to partner with Ottawa to defend Alberta's energy sector and develop an improved oil sands environmental monitoring program that is among the best in the world. Both governments are now standing together behind a plan that is credible, science based, and fully transparent. Your government's action on establishing and reaching key environmental outcomes and sharing its performance with Albertans and the world will leave no doubt of its commitment to these goals.

Albertans know their livelihoods and communities are tied to the land and water we all cherish. They want their children to inherit a province as clean, healthy, and productive as the one they inherited. The twin needs of keeping Alberta beautiful and its economy healthy are not starkly opposed. By investing in emerging technologies, this government will do both.

But our natural resources extend beyond oil and gas. Agriculture is the largest renewable industry in our province, and your government wants it to stay that way. Alberta's rural communities are a critical piece of Alberta's success story. Settlers and farmers founded this province, and their values run deep. Through policy development, advocacy, and programs and services that reinforce market access and economic competitiveness, your government will preserve and expand the legacy they left us, ensuring our farmers are the best in the world. Our prosperity is intimately tied to the strength of rural Alberta, and government will never forget it.

Over 40 years ago a bold government saw the need for sweeping change and rose to the occasion, ushering in a new era of prosperity and progress for Alberta. Now the time has come to bring that spirit and vision into the 21st century. The world is changing faster than ever, and we must stay at the forefront.

Alberta can be proud of rich natural resources, North America's most competitive business environment, and a vibrant technology and innovation sector that helps push human achievement to unparalleled heights. All these advantages rely on the passion and drive of Albertans, who make them possible, and it is Albertans who will always remain the central focus of this government.

It will help all Albertans reach their full potential, setting the stage for future generations to enjoy even greater success. It will revitalize publicly funded health care services to increase access and suit an aging population with diverse needs. It will find new and effective ways to reach out to vulnerable Albertans and make them a part of the province's success story. It will revamp Alberta's education system so all graduates can hit the ground running and contribute more effectively than ever. It will budget for the long term and be rigorous in managing our fiscal framework so all Albertans can count on the services they need for many years to come.

History has shown us that short-term focus can result in long-term problems. Your government will address the root causes of problems rather than just respond to symptoms. Albertans expect better and demand excellence. And so above all, your government will not waver. It will not be deterred from change. Your government will not let you down.

God bless Alberta. God bless Canada. God save the Queen.

Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, and may God bless you all.

The Speaker then invited Mr. Paul Lorieau to lead the Members and guests in the signing of God Save the Queen.

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor then retired from the Assembly.

Speaker's Statement - Diamond Jubilee

Honourable Members and ladies and gentlemen, as His Honour has so eloquently advised us, yesterday marked the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II's reign. She became Queen of the United Kingdom and Head of the Commonwealth on February 6, 1952, and was the first monarch to be styled as such. Commonwealth countries whose head of state was the Queen passed legislation through their respective parliaments to acknowledge the monarch of the United Kingdom as their own. In 1953 in this country the Royal Style and Titles Act formally conferred upon her the title of Queen of Canada, making her the first of Canada's sovereigns to have this title.

The Diamond Jubilee Central Weekend is scheduled for June 2 through 5 to coincide with the anniversary of her coronation, which took place in Westminster Abbey on June 2, 1953.

Queen Victoria was the only other monarch to celebrate a Diamond Jubilee in over 1,200 years of British history. She reigned for 63 years and seven months, with her Diamond Jubilee occurring in 1897. Queen Elizabeth II, hopefully, will reign until September 10, 2015, to reign longer than her great-great-grandmother Queen Victoria, who reigned from 1837 to 1901.

Queen Elizabeth II is the 32nd great-granddaughter of King Alfred the Great, who was the first effective King of England from 871 to 899. She became Queen at the young age of 25. The Queen celebrated her Silver Jubilee in 1977 and her Golden Jubilee in 2002.

Her reign of 60 years has seen 12 Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom, beginning with Winston Churchill. As Canada's Head of State there have been 11 individuals who served as Prime Minister, and the Province of Alberta has had seven Premiers since 1952.

Queen Elizabeth has visited the Alberta Legislature four times. Her first visit took place in October of 1951 as Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth made the trip in place of her father, King George VI, who was in poor health at the time. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II returned in July of 1959 as part of a 45-day cross-country Canadian tour. The fountain in the rotunda of the Legislature Building is a permanent reminder of that visit. The Queen returned to the Legislature Building in August of 1978 while in Edmonton to celebrate the 11th Commonwealth Games. On May 24, 2005, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II toured the Legislature Grounds and became the first reigning monarch to address Albertans from the Throne in the Legislative Assembly as Alberta celebrated its centennial.

Please let us all join together to extend our best wishes to Her Majesty on this remarkable occasion and invite all Albertans to celebrate this historic event throughout the coming year.

Tabling Documents

The Speaker informed the Assembly he had obtained a copy of the Speech of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, which was laid on the Table.

Sessional Paper 1/2012

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Ordered, that the Honourable Ms Redford have leave to introduce a Bill entitled "Results-based Budgeting Act." Hon. Ms Redford accordingly presented the Bill and the same was received and read a First time.

Government Motions

1. Moved by Hon. Ms Redford:

Be it resolved that the Speech of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor to this Assembly be taken into consideration Wednesday, February 8, 2012.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Intersessional Deposits

Pursuant to Standing Order 38.1(3), the following documents were deposited with the Clerk of the Assembly and are deemed to have been laid before the Assembly:

Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Education, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Education, Annual Report Update, 2010-2011, deposited on December 22, 2011
Sessional Paper 650/2011

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Human Services:

Response to Written Question WQ6, asked for by Mr. Chase on March 21, 2011, deposited on January 11, 2012:

How many occupational health and safety *investigation files* has the Ministry of Employment and Immigration sent to *Alberta Justice between 2003 and 2010 for its review to determine whether the evidence supports laying charges?*
Sessional Paper 651/2011

Hon. Mr. Weadick, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR21, asked for by Dr. Taft on December 5, 2011, deposited on January 12, 2012:

A copy of all internal documents that show the Ministry of Advanced Education and Technology's rationale for approving a deficit budget for the University of Calgary in the 2010-11 fiscal year.

Sessional Paper 652/2011

Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Education:

Response to Written Question WQ14, asked for by Mr. Hehr on May 9, 2011, deposited on February 6, 2011:

How many appeals were filed in Alberta concerning the assessments and supports provided to special needs students in each of the years 2005-2010 and how many of these appeals were successful?

Sessional Paper 653/2011

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:55 p.m. until Wednesday, February 8, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 8, 2012

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Mr. Brian C. Downey, Member for Stettler, 1986 to 1989, who passed away on January 12, 2012.

Speaker's Statement – Oral Question Period Rotation and Members' Statements

Before we proceed Honourable Members, as Chair, I would like to make a brief statement about the rotation of oral questions and Members' Statements.

As has been the situation often during the life of this Legislature, there was a further realignment to the caucus memberships over the period of adjournment, with the result being that there is one independent Member since the Assembly last met. The current situation with one independent Member and one Member of the Alberta caucus is identical to the situation that existed when the Assembly convened on February 22, 2011, nearly one year ago.

The rotation of oral questions was distributed with my letter to you dated January 27, 2012, concerning the Fifth Session of the 27th Legislature.

Attachments three and four of the Speaker's procedural letter outline the Oral Question Period rotation and the Projected Sitting Days Calendar, which includes the rotation of Members' Statements. These schedules again mirror the rotations for both items of business that were in place one year ago. Accordingly, the Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster is entitled to a question once every four days. As was the previous independent Member, he will be entitled to the sixth question on day three. Today is day one on the sitting calendar, so the independent Member will be able to ask a question next Monday, February 13, 2012. He will be entitled to present a Member's Statement once every two weeks. His first opportunity will be next Wednesday, February 15.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding 100 years of faith and service of the Catholic Women's League Edmonton Diocese.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the Alberta Liberal election platform.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement recognizing February 2012 as Black History Month.

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding the recent Cabinet tour.

Mr. Groeneveld, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement regarding the efforts of Sheldon Kennedy to raise awareness of the sexual abuse of young athletes.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding Alberta's new partnership with the Helmets to Hardhats program.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, presented a petition from approximately 8,700 Albertans urging the Government to commit to having Highway 1 continue to pass through the Town of Strathmore, following its present route, and to abandon all plans to have Highway 1 bypass the Town of Strathmore.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Sherman, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Report, undated, entitled "The 2012 Election Platform from the Alberta Liberal Party," prepared by the Alberta Liberal Party

Sessional Paper 2/2012

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated December 20, 2011, from Barry Cattapan to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, regarding the campaign promise made by Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, to raise Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped benefits to near the poverty level

Sessional Paper 3/2012

E-mail message dated January 20, 2012, from Anna Koop to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, and President Samarasekera, University of Alberta, regarding the impact on students of a recent cut to the operating budget of the University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 4/2012

E-mail message dated January 28, 2012, from Eileen Kosior of Black Diamond to Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, expressing concern regarding Spray Lake Sawmills being granted permission to clear-cut the Castle Special Place

Sessional Paper 5/2012

Report dated 2012 entitled "Poverty Costs, An Economic Case for a Preventative Poverty Reduction Strategy in Alberta," prepared by Alexa Briggs and Celia R. Lee, Vibrant Communities Calgary and Action to End Poverty in Alberta

Sessional Paper 6/2012

Report dated February 2012 entitled "The Report of the Community Sustainability Task Force," prepared by the Community Sustainability Task Force, City of Edmonton

Sessional Paper 7/2012

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Report dated August 2011 entitled "Family Law Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 – Alberta, Canada Grandchild/Grandparent Access," prepared by Marilyn Marks, Alberta Grandparents Association

Sessional Paper 8/2012

19 recent letters and e-mail messages from Albertans to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the clear-cutting of the Castle Special Management Area

Sessional Paper 9/2012

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood:

Copy of a petition signed by 1,200 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to take immediate action to regulate electricity prices, recognizing that electricity is an essential service

Sessional Paper 10/2012

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader:

Document dated February 8, 2012, entitled "Final – Budget Main Estimates Schedule, Spring Session 2012 (and as per the Order Paper)"

Sessional Paper 11/2012

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(7) in order to complete the Daily Routine.

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Education:

Memorandum dated December 22, 2011, from Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Education, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, providing information on how each school jurisdiction used its portion of the additional \$107 million in funding

Sessional Paper 12/2012

Letter dated December 20, 2011, from Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Education, to Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, responding to a question raised during Oral Question Period on December 6, 2011, regarding the selection of appropriate instructional resources in Alberta schools

Sessional Paper 13/2012

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

2. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly resolve into Committee of the Whole, when called, to consider certain Bills on the Order Paper.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

3. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly resolve into Committee of Supply, when called, to consider supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

6. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the following procedures apply for the consideration of the 2012-2013 Main Estimates:

1. When they are laid before the Assembly, the Main Estimates stand referred to Committee of Supply and the Policy Field Committees as outlined in the attached Schedule.
2. Standing Order 59.01(4) shall apply to consideration of the Main Estimates in Policy Field Committees and in Committee of Supply except that after the time allocated to the third party in suborder (4)(c),
 - (a) for the next 20 minutes, the members of the fourth party and the Minister, or the member of Executive Council acting on the Minister's behalf, may speak, and

- (b) for the next 20 minutes, the members of any other party represented in the Assembly or any independent Members and the Minister, or the member of Executive Council acting on the Minister's behalf, may speak.
3. Standing Order 59.01(5) and (6) shall apply with any necessary modifications to the consideration of Main Estimates in Committee of Supply.
 4. Each department's estimates shall receive a minimum of 3 hours' consideration except for the estimates of Executive Council, which shall receive a minimum of 2 hours' consideration.
 5. When a department's estimates are considered by Committee of Supply, the committee's consideration shall continue until it is complete, notwithstanding Standing Orders 3(1) and 4.
 6. A Policy Field Committee shall commence its consideration of a department's estimates at 6:30 p.m. or, if the Assembly has adjourned later than 6:00 p.m., one half hour after the Assembly adjourns for the day.
 7. After the Committee of Supply has concluded its consideration of a department's estimates, the Committee rises and reports progress without question put. All votes on a department's estimates in Committee of Supply stand deferred until the date scheduled for the vote on the Main Estimates.
 8. The Committee of Supply shall vote on the Main Estimates on the evening of March 13, 2012, commencing at 7:30 p.m.
 9. Standing Orders 59.01(1), (2) and (3), 59.03(3) and (4), and 60(1) shall not apply to the consideration of the 2012-2013 Main Estimates.

Schedule

2012 – 2013 Main Estimates

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February 9

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February 15

Evening

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February 21

Afternoon

Finance (COS)

Evening

Sustainable Resource Development (PFC – Energy)

Seniors (PFC - Public Health and Safety)

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Executive Council (COS)

Evening

Energy (PFC – Energy)

Culture and Community Services (PFC – Community Development)

March 5

Evening

Solicitor General and Public Security (PFC – Public Health and Safety)

Tourism, Parks and Recreation (PFC – Community Development)

March 6

Afternoon

Education (COS)

Evening

Infrastructure (PFC – Finance)

Advanced Education and Technology (PFC – Education)

March 7

Afternoon

Health and Wellness (COS)

Evening

Environment and Water (PFC – Energy)

Treasury Board and Enterprise (PFC – Finance)

March 12

Evening

Agriculture and Rural Development (PFC – Energy)

Transportation (PFC – Finance)

March 13

Afternoon

Human Services (COS)

Evening

Main Estimates Votes (COS)

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

8. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Assembly shall meet in the evening on the following dates:

- (a) on February 13, 2012, for consideration of the 2011-12 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2), to be followed by consideration of Government business;
- (b) on March 13, 2012, following the vote on the 2012-13 Main Estimates and the report from Committee of Supply, for consideration of Government business; and
- (c) commencing March 14, 2012, every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for the remainder of the 2012 Spring Sitting unless, on motion by the Government House Leader made before 6 p.m., which may be made orally and without notice, the Assembly is adjourned to the following sitting day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

9. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the following change to:

- A. the Standing Committee on Public Health and Safety be approved:
that Mr. Rodney replace Mr. Ouellette;
- B. the Standing Committee on Energy be approved:
that Mr. Ouellette replace Mr. Rodney.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Moved by Mr. Fawcett and seconded by Mr. Rodney:

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To His Honour Colonel (Retired) the Honourable Donald S. Ethell, OC, OMM, AOE, MSC, CD, LLD, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present Session.

A debate followed.

Mr. Hancock moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 1 Results-based Budget Act — Hon. Mr. Horner on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Anderson speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Thursday, February 9, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 9, 2012

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Members' Statements

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the Alex Youth Health Bus, a mobile two-room medical clinic dedicated to addressing the needs of youth at risk.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding the difficulties faced by the family of a 10-year-old developmentally disabled girl in obtaining funds for a GPS tracking support device.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding a recent Cabinet tour visit to the Edmonton-Calder constituency.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(7) in order to complete the Daily Routine.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Temporary Recess

The Speaker recessed the Assembly at 3:00 p.m. until 3:15 p.m.

Budget Address / Messages From His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Enterprise, delivered Messages from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker read the Messages to the Assembly (the Members standing).

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Enterprise, tabled the following budget-related documents:

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s8(1):

Budget 2011, Third Quarter Fiscal Update, 2011-2012

Sessional Paper 14/2012

2011-12 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2), General Revenue Fund

Sessional Paper 15/2012

Government Motions

4. Moved by Hon. Mr. Horner:

Be it resolved that the Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2011-12 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

5. Moved by Hon. Mr. Horner:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 61(2), the number of days that Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 2011-12 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund shall be one day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Enterprise, then tabled the following budget-related documents:

Pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s3, s4, s7, s9, s13:

2012-13 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, General Revenue Fund

Sessional Paper 16/2012

2012-13 Government Estimates, General Revenue Fund, Lottery Fund

Sessional Paper 17/2012

Budget 2012, Government Strategic Plan

Sessional Paper 18/2012

Budget 2012, Ministry Business Plans

Sessional Paper 19/2012

Prior to moving Government Motion 7, Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Finance, tabled the following budget-related document, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s3, s4, s7.1(1):

Budget 2012, Fiscal Plan

Sessional Paper 20/2012

7. Moved by Hon. Mr. Liepert:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the business plans and fiscal policies of the Government.

Ms Blakeman moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 3:56 p.m. until Monday, February 13, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, February 13, 2012

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the Silver Jubilee of Glengarry Elementary School's Arabic bilingual program.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the need to improve mental health services.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement congratulating Primco Dene, a company owned by the Cold Lake First Nations, on receiving the Aboriginal Rewarding Partnerships Award on February 10, 2012.

Ms Evans, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, made a statement regarding the first annual Brain Health Symposium to be held in Calgary on February 22, 2012, and in Edmonton on February 23, 2012.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement regarding the Diamond Jubilee of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Mr. Lindsay, Hon. Member for Stony Plain, made a statement regarding the 2012 Alberta Winter Games held in Stony Plain, Spruce Grove, and Parkland County from February 9 to 12, 2012.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the opening of the Ronald McDonald House Central Alberta for sick children and their families.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Groeneveld, Hon. Member for Highwood, presented a petition from approximately 3,700 Albertans urging the Government and the Municipal District of Foothills No. 31 to not approve any application from BFI Canada/Prairie Sky Resource Centre to Alberta Environment or the Municipal District of Foothills No. 31 for the proposed Prairie Sky Resource Centre.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 201 Alberta Bill of Rights (Property Rights Protection) Amendment Act, 2012
— Mr. Hinman

Bill 203 Tobacco Reduction (Protection of Children in Vehicles) Amendment Act,
2012 — Dr. Sherman

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Elniski, Chair, Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund:

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Interim Financial Report, for the Nine Months Ended December 31, 2011

Sessional Paper 21/2012

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated February 7, 2012, from Mitch Thomson, President, Alberta Funeral Service Association, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the current funeral service contract and the support of funeral professionals for the new contract presented by the Alberta Funeral Service Association to the Ministries of Human Services and Seniors

Sessional Paper 22/2012

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Copies of six recent Epcor utility bills from Alberta residents

Sessional Paper 23/2012

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

14 recent letters and e-mail messages from Albertans to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding proposed logging of the West Bragg Creek area

Sessional Paper 24/2012

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(7) in order to complete the Daily Routine.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Report, undated, entitled "Smoke-Free Vehicles: Protecting Youth from Exposure to Tobacco Smoke in Vehicles," prepared by the Campaign for a Smoke-Free Alberta

Sessional Paper 25/2012

Graph, undated, entitled "Youth Smoking Rates Among Albertans Aged 12-19"

Sessional Paper 26/2012

Copy of an Edmonton Sun article, undated, entitled "Power Bills, Canada's energy powerhouse has highest electricity"

Sessional Paper 27/2012

Hydro Quebec, Annual Report 2010

Sessional Paper 28/2012

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter dated February 1, 2012, from Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Finance, to Wayne Sorenson of Edmonton responding to Mr. Sorenson's letter to Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, dated November 30, 2011, regarding benefits under Alberta's public sector pension plans

Sessional Paper 29/2012

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Responses to Written Questions WQ3, WQ4, and WQ5, all asked for by Dr. Swann on April 11, 2011:

WQ3. What was the average turnover rate for registered nurses within Alberta Health Services for the years 2008, 2009, and 2010?

WQ4. How many foreign-trained physicians have been recruited to Alberta in the last five years?

WQ5. How many foreign-trained registered nurses have been recruited to Alberta in the last five years?

Sessional Paper 30/2012

Responses to Written Questions WQ16, WQ17, and WQ18, all asked for by Dr. Swann on May 9, 2011:

WQ16. In 2010 how many days were the University of Alberta Hospital, the Royal Alexandra Hospital, the Misericordia Community Hospital, the Grey Nuns Community Hospital, and the Stollery Children's Hospital operating at over 100 percent occupancy, broken down by hospital?

WQ17. What is the average cost per procedure of privately delivered hip or knee procedures and the average cost per procedure of a publicly delivered hip or knee procedure?

WQ18. What is the number of people on wait lists for continuing care in Alberta, broken down by zone, with individual lists of how many are waiting in acute care beds and how many are waiting in the community?

Sessional Paper 31/2012

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McQueen, Minister of Environment and Water, pursuant to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, cE-12, s34(2):

Ministry of Environment and Water, Environmental Protection Security Fund Annual Report, April 1, 2010 – March 31, 2011

Sessional Paper 32/2012

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Education:

Report dated January 27, 2012, entitled "Alberta Education, Our Children, Our Future: Getting it Right, Final Report on Public Engagement," prepared by KPMG

Sessional Paper 33/2012

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to immediately proceed to Motions Other Than Government Motions.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 77(1) to allow Bill 201, Alberta Bill of Rights (Property Rights Protection) Amendment Act, 2012, to proceed to Second Reading.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Temporary Recess

The Speaker recessed the Assembly at 3:11 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

501. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation that will replace the flat rate income tax in favour of a progressive income tax whereby tax rates increase according to income.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

Adjournment

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2012 — 7:30 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 1 of 1 —Supplementary Supply Estimates)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Rogers reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2011-12 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2), General Revenue Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2012, for the departments and purposes indicated:

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

Expense and Capital Investment	\$3,100,000
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Human Services

Expense	\$6,989,000
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Intergovernmental, International and Aboriginal Relations

Expense	\$2,000,000
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Justice

Expense	\$28,093,000
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Municipal Affairs

Expense	\$17,777,000
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Seniors

Expense	\$10,300,000
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Solicitor General and Public Security

Expense	\$1,740,000
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Tourism, Parks and Recreation

Expense	\$1,320,000
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Transportation

Expense	\$29,418,000
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Committee of Supply has also approved the following amount to be transferred:

Municipal Affairs

from Capital Investment	(\$30,000,000)
to Expense	\$30,000,000

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 2)

Moved by Mr. Fawcett and seconded by Mr. Rodney:

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To His Honour Colonel (Retired) the Honourable Donald S. Ethell, OC, OMM, AOE, MSC, CD, LLD, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present Session.

A debate followed.

Mr. Campbell moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 1 Results-based Budgeting Act — Hon. Ms Redford

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:56 p.m. until Tuesday, February 14, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 14, 2012

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Members' Statements

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement recognizing February 2012 as Heart Month.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding health care professionals and health care services.

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement regarding the 2012 Western Engineering Competition hosted by the University of Calgary and congratulating students from the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary on placing first in the impromptu debate and engineering communication categories, respectively.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the Our Children, Our Future: Getting it Right consultation on Alberta's education system held between November 2011 and January 2012.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement urging the Government to implement the recommendations of the City of Edmonton Community Sustainability Task Force.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding clear-cutting in the Castle Crown region.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 2 Education Act — Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 3 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2012 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Energy:

Report dated March 2, 2011, entitled "Power prices in context: comparing Alberta delivered electricity prices to other Canadian provinces on a level playing field," prepared by London Economics International LLC

Sessional Paper 34/2012

Hon. Mr. Denis, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security:

Taxpayer.com web log entitled "The Myth of Alberta's 'Non-progressive' Income Tax"

Sessional Paper 35/2012

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated February 8, 2012, from Frank W. Fraser of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, attaching the text of a letter to Whom it May Concern regarding his difficult dealings with Direct Energy

Sessional Paper 36/2012

E-mail message dated February 8, 2012, from Chantele Theroux of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding a costly special assessment imposed on her condominium and requesting assistance in obtaining emergency financing for individuals facing this issue

Sessional Paper 37/2012

E-mail message dated February 3, 2012, from Ann-Lise Norman to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, attaching the text of a letter from Ms Norman to Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, expressing concern regarding logging in the Castle region in southwest Alberta

Sessional Paper 38/2012

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill:

E-mail message dated February 14, 2012, from Rayn Boyko to Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, expressing concern regarding the possible closure of inner city schools in Calgary

Sessional Paper 39/2012

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

20 recent e-mail messages from Albertans to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing opposition to proposed logging in the Castle Special Management Area

Sessional Paper 40/2012

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Letter dated January 18, 2012, from Robert and Linda Mattice of Entwistle, unaddressed, requesting an investigation into their dealings with the Central Alberta Rural Electrification Association Ltd.

Sessional Paper 41/2012

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

99 postcards from Edmonton residents to the Minister of Health and Wellness requesting the Government immediately provide full funding to open the family medicine and urgent care sections of the East Edmonton Health Centre

Sessional Paper 42/2012

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Education:

Publication, undated, entitled "The Network, Conference Edition," prepared by the Alberta Initiative for School Improvement

Sessional Paper 43/2012

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

7. Moved by Hon. Mr. Liepert:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the business plans and fiscal policies of the Government.

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Hancock moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 1 Results-based Budgeting Act — Hon. Ms Redford

Mr. Rogers, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 1 (A1) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 44/2012

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 3)

Moved by Mr. Fawcett and seconded by Mr. Rodney:

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To His Honour Colonel (Retired) the Honourable Donald S. Ethell, OC, OMM, AOE, MSC, CD, LLD, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Kang speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Wednesday, February 15, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Members' Statements

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement regarding the 65th anniversary of the Leduc No. 1 dry well oil discovery on February 13, 1947.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the Wildrose municipal funding plan.

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the Edmonton Oliver Primary Care Network.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement recognizing February 15, 2012, as National Flag of Canada Day.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement recognizing February 7, 2012, as Safer Internet Day.

Mr. Snelgrove, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster, made a statement thanking his family for their support during his career as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health and Wellness:

4 recent abstract submissions regarding emergency medicine prepared for the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine, the Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians, and the International Conference on Emergency Medicine

Sessional Paper 45/2012

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Enterprise, pursuant to the Alberta Economic Development Authority Act, cA-16, s6(2):

Alberta Economic Development Authority, Activity Report 2011

Sessional Paper 46/2012

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

9 recent Enmax, Epcor, and Direct Energy utility bills from Alberta residents

Sessional Paper 47/2012

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View on behalf of Dr. Sherman,
Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Twitter.com post dated February 14, 2012, by @carter_AB

Sessional Paper 48/2012

Reprint of a Canadian Press article dated February 14, 2012, entitled “Eggs and
anger: Alta Tories boycott breakfast in tiff with mayors”

Sessional Paper 49/2012

CBC News website article dated November 24, 2009, entitled “Wildrose
strategist quits after Twitter misstep”

Sessional Paper 50/2012

CBC News website article dated November 20, 2009, entitled “Tweet about
premier a ‘lapse in judgement’ ”

Sessional Paper 51/2012

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View:

4 letters to Whom it May Concern and one e-mail message expressing concern
regarding funding for mental health services

Sessional Paper 52/2012

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

17 recent letters and e-mail messages from Albertans to several Members of the
Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding proposed logging of the
West Bragg Creek area

Sessional Paper 53/2012

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Pamphlet entitled “VLT Player Information, a guide to gambling responsibly,”
prepared by the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission and the Alberta
Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission

Sessional Paper 54/2012

4 recent letters between Gerry McLennan, Chief Executive Officer, Alberta
Gaming and Liquor Commission, and Mr. MacDonald, Chair, Standing
Committee on Public Accounts, regarding questions from the November 30,
2011, meeting of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Sessional Paper 55/2012

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 3 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2012 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Denis moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 2 Education Act — Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Denis moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 4)

Moved by Mr. Fawcett and seconded by Mr. Rodney:

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To His Honour Colonel (Retired) the Honourable Donald S. Ethell, OC, OMM, AOE, MSC, CD, LLD, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Denis moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 1 Results-based Budgeting Act — Hon. Ms Redford

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 3 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2012 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 4)

Moved by Mr. Fawcett and seconded by Mr. Rodney:

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To His Honour Colonel (Retired) the Honourable Donald S. Ethell, OC, OMM, AOE, MSC, CD, LLD, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Olson moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 1 Results-based Budgeting Act — Hon. Mr. Denis on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:25 p.m. until Thursday, February 16, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 16, 2012

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding the opening of the Extencicare Eaux Claires long-term care complex in Edmonton on February 10, 2012.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding the current job action by Alberta Health Services hospital support staff.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding a recent announcement by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs of \$10 million in funding for seniors' housing in Bonnyville.

Mr. Webber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement regarding Alberta's Plan to End Homelessness.

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the opening of the Edmonton Clinic Health Academy on the University of Alberta campus.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the Government's management of health care workers.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement recognizing February 13 to 19, 2012, as Random Acts of Kindness Week and regarding Alberta's Prevention of Bullying Youth Committee.

Notices of Motions

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, a work stoppage today by general support service workers at at least two Edmonton hospitals, work action threatening patient welfare, and undermining public confidence in this Government's ability to manage Alberta's public health system.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore:

Canada.com reprint of a Calgary Herald article dated June 16, 2011, entitled
“Municipal group focuses on leadership hopefuls”

Sessional Paper 56/2012

Copies of several court documents between Anne Landry and Frank J. Work,
Honourable Robert Nicholson, Honourable Ed Stelmach, Honourable Verlyn
Olson, Honourable Heather Klimchuk, and Dave Mowat

Sessional Paper 57/2012

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Copies of 14 recent Enmax, Epcor, and Direct Energy utility bills from Alberta
residents

Sessional Paper 58/2012

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere:

E-mail message dated February 15, 2012, from Vic Neufeld of Calgary to
Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, expressing concern
regarding Mr. Neufeld’s wife’s difficulties in accessing Assured Income for the
Severely Handicapped benefits

Sessional Paper 59/2012

E-mail message dated February 14, 2012, from Margaret Milne and Paul
Thebeau to Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, expressing
concern regarding Ms Milne’s difficulties in obtaining an MRI

Sessional Paper 60/2012

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Letter dated February 16, 2011, from Alberta Mbuyi, Jean Paul Kalenga, and
Samy Mukadi of Congo Alberta Vision to the Honourable Members of the
Legislative Assembly expressing opposition to criminal activities and election
fraud in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Sessional Paper 61/2012

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Dr. Taft, Acting Official Opposition House Leader,
asked a question pertaining to the order of Government business to be brought before
the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government
business for the week of February 21 to February 23, 2012:

Tuesday, February 21 **Government Bills and Orders**
 Committee of Supply
 Finance
 And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, February 22 **Government Bills and Orders**
 Committee of Supply
 Executive Council
 And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, February 23 **Government Bills and Orders**
 Second Reading
 Bill 2, 4, 5
 Third Reading
 Bill 3
 And as per the Order Paper

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, a work stoppage today by general support service workers at at least two Edmonton hospitals, work action threatening patient welfare, and undermining public confidence in this Government's ability to manage Alberta's public health system.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was in order. Leave being granted, the question was put to the Assembly. When 10 Members rose in their places or indicated otherwise, with Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 10

Boutilier	MacDonald	Sherman
Chase	Mason	Swann
Hinman	Notley	Taft
Kang		

Against the motion: 28

Ady	Klimchuk	Prins
Amery	Leskiw	Rogers
Berger	Liepert	Sarich
Calahasen	Lund	Vandermeer
Campbell	McFarland	Weadick
Elniski	McQueen	Webber
Goudreau	Oberle	Woo-Paw
Groeneveld	Olson	Xiao
Hancock	Ouellette	Zwozdesky
Horne		

The motion was defeated.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 2 Education Act — Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk

A debate followed.

Ms Woo-Paw moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 3 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2012 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

And after sometime spent therein, pursuant to Standing Order 64(4), at 4:15 p.m. the Chair interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper referred to Committee of the Whole.

The Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 3 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2012 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 2 Education Act — Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Boutilier speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Tuesday, February 21, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Members' Statements

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, made a statement recognizing Vern Davis for his 50-year involvement with Edmonton minor hockey.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement thanking his constituency association volunteers and members, staff, and family for their support during his career as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement recognizing February 21, 2012, as International Mother Language Day.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the Health Quality Council of Alberta review into the bullying and intimidation of health care professionals.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement regarding the Alberta Works program.

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding an Eid Milad un-Nabi celebration held at the Jack Singer Concert Hall in Calgary on February 12, 2012.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the intention to introduce the following Bill:

Bill 6 Property Rights Advocate Act — Hon. Mrs. McQueen

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Denis, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security:

Red Deer Advocate website article dated September 24, 2010, entitled “Smith wants provincial registry”

Sessional Paper 62/2012

Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall:

Document, undated, entitled “CETA - Services and Investment - Provincial and Territorial Governments - First Offer - Annex/Reservations”

Sessional Paper 63/2012

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood:

24 Hours article dated January 27, 2011, entitled “Seniors under leaky roof”

Sessional Paper 64/2012

Document, undated, entitled “Alberta Health Facility Review Complaint,” prepared by Bev Munro

Sessional Paper 65/2012

6 recent photographs taken at Ward 7 at the Edmonton General Hospital long-term care facility

Sessional Paper 66/2012

Government of Alberta website home page printed on February 21, 2012

Sessional Paper 67/2012

Copies of 6 recent Enmax, Epcor, and Direct Energy utility bills from Alberta residents, three with accompanying letters

Sessional Paper 68/2012

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View:

Newsletter dated January 20, 2012, entitled “The President’s Letter,” prepared by Dr. Linda M. Slocombe, President, Alberta Medical Association

Sessional Paper 69/2012

10 letters, undated, from Albertans to the Government of Alberta and the Government of Canada expressing concern regarding the treatment and lack of resources for the mentally ill

Sessional Paper 70/2012

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere:

Item stating “Repeal Bill 26 (Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2011) - .05 Law” and “Say ‘No’ to Alison Redford”

Sessional Paper 71/2012

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Letter dated February 5, 2012, from Lynn Whittingham of Calgary to Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, and e-mail message dated January 30, 2012, from Marie-Andrée Ménard of Calgary to Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, and Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, both expressing concern regarding Spray Lakes Sawmills’ intention to clear-cut in West Bragg Creek

Sessional Paper 72/2012

E-mail message dated February 14, 2012, from Barbara Boettcher of Calgary to Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, expressing concern regarding proposed clear-cutting in the Castle wilderness area

Sessional Paper 73/2012

Speaker’s Statement - Unparliamentary Language

Honourable Members, the Chair would like to comment on an unfortunate trend in the use of language in this Assembly this sitting. In the Chair’s view the language spoken has become increasingly intemperate. For instance, in recent sitting days Members have used words accusing other Members of not being honest, of being untrustworthy, shifty, misleading, corrupt, and the list goes on. And we could add the words that were used today as well.

The Chair is well aware that there is a certain event to be held before May 31 which may be causing Members to use more intemperate language. The Chair is well aware that this is a place of strong emotions. That is as it should be as Members should be passionate about what they believe. However, the institution of Parliament has existed for centuries, and Members have been subject to the rules to ensure that civility is maintained. This is not a new institution that just started three weeks ago. Centuries have gone into the development of a place that should require civility.

Erskine May, 24th edition, at page 444 states the standard.

Good temper and moderation are the characteristics of parliamentary language. Parliamentary language is never more desirable than when a Member is canvassing the opinions and conduct of his opponents in debate.

Another authoritative statement is found in House of Commons Procedure and Practice, second edition, at page 618:

The proceedings of the House are based on a long-standing tradition of respect for the integrity of all Members. Thus, the use of offensive, provocative or threatening language in the House is strictly forbidden. Personal attacks, insults and obscenities are not in order. A direct charge or accusation against a Member may be made only by way of substantive motion for which notice is required.

Finally, as Members you realize that it is your role to ensure that this institution retains the respect of the people that we all serve. If we don't respect one another, nobody out of this room is going to respect anyone in this room. Intemperate remarks and unparliamentary language do nothing to maintain that respect. All of us must take seriously the role of ensuring that the Assembly operates with civility, order, and decorum. I wonder if I'm asking too much if I also suggest an addition to civility, order, and decorum. I suggest that it's always timely for politeness and respect.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Rogers reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Finance, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Wednesday, February 22, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 22, 2012

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Members' Statements

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the Alberta Cancer Foundation's Bust a Move for Breast Health fundraiser and awareness campaign to be held in Edmonton on March 24, 2012.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, made a statement regarding the Health Quality Council of Alberta's recent report on physician intimidation.

Mr. Lindsay, Hon. Member for Stony Plain, made a statement regarding the Fallen Four Memorial Society community candlelight ceremony to be held in Mayerthorpe on March 3, 2012.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the need to dedicate more gambling revenue to help problem gamblers and the Government's accounting practices for determining gambling revenue.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the 2012 Scotties Tournament of Hearts being held in Red Deer from February 18 to 26, 2012.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the contributions of the late Harley Hotchkiss to health research and the launch of the Campus Alberta Neuroscience International Scholars program.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 4 St. Albert and Sturgeon Valley School Districts Establishment Act —
Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk

Oral notice having been given February 21, 2012:

Bill 6 Property Rights Advocate Act — Hon. Mrs. McQueen

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Denis, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Finance:

Report dated February 10, 2012, entitled "Alberta Budget 2012," prepared by Kirsten Cornelson, Royal Bank of Canada

Sessional Paper 74/2012

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Several e-mail messages dated August 2009 from Janet McLean, Alberta Environment, to several recipients regarding enhancing landfill standards to address wildlife concerns

Sessional Paper 75/2012

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

20 recent e-mail messages and one letter from Canadians to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing opposition to logging in the Castle Special Management Area

Sessional Paper 76/2012

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

6 Epcor and Direct Energy utility bills from Alberta residents, four with accompanying letters

Sessional Paper 77/2012

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader:

Item stating "Pregnancy and Alcohol? Not worth the chance," prepared by the Council of Alberta University Students, the Government of Alberta, and the Alberta Graduate Council

Sessional Paper 78/2012

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Goudreau, reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Executive Council, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 3 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2012 (\$) — Hon.
Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 64(5), at 5:45 p.m. the Deputy Speaker interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper for Third Reading.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 3 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2012 (\$) — Hon.
Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 2 Education Act — Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mrs. Forsyth speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until Thursday, February 23, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 23, 2012

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Members' Statements

Mr. Webber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement regarding the importance of organ and tissue donation.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the Edmonton and Area Land Trust.

Mr. Campbell, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement congratulating Peter Watson, Deputy Minister of Executive Council, on being selected as the Alberta Chamber of Resources Person of the Year.

Mr. Bhardwaj, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding the accomplishments of Dr. Marvin Fritzler, senior health researcher at the University of Calgary and Chair of the Alberta Research and Innovation Authority.

Mr. Allred, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the importance of complying with the new distracted driving legislation.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, made a statement regarding problems in the health care system and the recent review by the Health Quality Council of Alberta.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement congratulating Roseanne Supernault on winning the Best Supporting Actress Award at the American Indian Film Festival recently held in San Francisco, California, and on winning two Rosie Awards from the Alberta Motion Picture Industries Association.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. MacDonald, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented the following report:

Standing Committee on Public Accounts Report on 2011 Activities, February 2012

Sessional Paper 79/2012

Notices of Motions

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, gave oral notice of the intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the issues of patient safety as described by the Health Quality Council of Alberta report titled "Review of the Quality of Care and Safety of Patients Requiring Access to Emergency Department Care and Cancer Surgery and the Role and Process of Physician Advocacy."

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Allred, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Document dated February 21, 2012, entitled "The St. Albert Protestant Separate School District #6 Board of Trustees Statement Regarding Bill 4, the St. Albert and Sturgeon Valley School Districts Establishment Act," prepared by Joan Trettler, Chair, St. Albert Protestant Schools Board of Trustees

Sessional Paper 80/2012

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Epcor, Direct Energy, and Lakeland Rural Electrification Association Ltd. utility bills from four Alberta residents and one business, two with accompanying letters

Sessional Paper 81/2012

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere:

Calgary Sun website article dated September 13, 2011, entitled "Alison Redford minces few words about her party's complacency"

Sessional Paper 82/2012

FPinfomart.ca reprint of a Calgary Herald article dated October 15, 2011, entitled "A premier with promises to keep"

Sessional Paper 83/2012

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

2 e-mail messages dated February 21, 2012, between Alison Ainsworth, Community Resource Consultant, and Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, regarding resources available at Community Resource Consulting Services

Sessional Paper 84/2012

20 recent e-mail messages from Albertans to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing opposition to logging in the Castle Special Management Area

Sessional Paper 85/2012

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore:

Petition signed by 73 Albertans requesting that the Government and Industry Canada audit the funding of CCI Wireless with respect to the terms and conditions regarding competition with private industry and clawback any infrastructure that has been deployed in defiance of the terms and conditions regarding competition

Sessional Paper 86/2012

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

E-mail message dated February 16, 2012, from Dr. Sherman, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Jeff Melland and Jonathan Huckabay attaching a draft announcement regarding implementing a strategy to reduce emergency room wait times

Sessional Paper 87/2012

E-mail message dated February 16, 2012, from Dr. Sherman, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Jeff Melland and Jonathan Huckabay attaching e-mail messages dated November 10 and 11, 2006, between Dr. Sherman, Fred Horne, and Hon. Mr. Hancock regarding changes to a draft of a policy document

Sessional Paper 88/2012

E-mail message dated February 16, 2012, from Dr. Sherman, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Jeff Melland and Jonathan Huckabay attaching two e-mail messages dated December 19, 2006, between Dr. Sherman and Fred Horne regarding a proposed meeting with Hon. Mr. Hancock

Sessional Paper 89/2012

E-mail message dated February 16, 2012, from Dr. Sherman, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Jeff Melland and Jonathan Huckabay attaching two e-mail messages dated December 19, 2006, between Dr. Sherman and Fred Horne regarding a request for a meeting with Hon. Mr. Hancock regarding emergency overcrowding

Sessional Paper 90/2012

Edmonton Sun article, undated, entitled "Crisis in the ER"

Sessional Paper 91/2012

E-mail message dated February 16, 2012, from Dr. Sherman, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Jeff Melland and Jonathan Huckabay attaching two e-mail messages dated December 19, 2006, between Dr. Sherman and Fred Horne regarding meeting to discuss an Edmonton Journal article and regarding the full capacity protocol

Sessional Paper 92/2012

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Oberle, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development:

Listing of full-time equivalent employment for the Department of Sustainable Resource Development for the fiscal year 2012-2013, tabled by Hon. Mr. Oberle in response to a question by Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, during Policy Field Committee consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Sustainable Resource Development on February 21, 2012

Sessional Paper 93/2012

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Culture and Community Services:

Listing of full-time equivalent employment for the Department of Culture and Community Services for the fiscal year 2012-2013, tabled by Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk in response to a question by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, during Policy Field Committee consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Culture and Community Services on February 22, 2012

Sessional Paper 94/2012

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government business for the week of March 6 to March 8, 2012:

Tuesday, March 6	Government Bills and Orders
	Committee of Supply
	Education
	And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, March 7	Government Bills and Orders
	Committee of Supply
	Health and Wellness
	And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, March 8	Government Bills and Orders
	Second Reading
	Bill 2, 4, 5, 6
	And as per the Order Paper

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on behalf of Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, to adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the issues of patient safety as described by the Health Quality Council of Alberta report titled "Review of the Quality of Care and Safety of Patients Requiring Access to Emergency Department Care and Cancer Surgery and the Role and Process of Physician Advocacy."

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was in order. Leave being granted, the Speaker called upon Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, to speak to the motion.

A debate on the motion followed pursuant to Standing Order 30(5).

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Orders 3(6) and 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Monday, March 5, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 5, 2012

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Speaker's Statement – Members' Anniversaries

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the fourth anniversary of the election of 31 Members of the Legislative Assembly and re-election of two former Members on March 3, 2008, and the 20th anniversary of Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, who was elected to the Legislative Assembly on March 5, 1992. The Premier presented Mr. McFarland with a 20-year Mace pin.

Members' Statements

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, made a statement thanking his constituents, friends, and family for their support during his career as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the need to examine the tax code and to develop a fair model that will serve the long-term interests of the province.

Mrs. Sarich, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Decore, made a statement regarding "The Basketball Game," a film directed by Hart Snider and featured at the Global Visions Film Festival.

Mr. Quest, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement regarding the 2012 Alberta Business Awards of Distinction held at the River Cree Resort and Casino, Edmonton, on March 2, 2012.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding J.C. (Jack) Anderson donating the proceeds from the sale of 100 vintage cars and trucks to Olds College to mark its centennial in 2013.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the Bonnyville primary care network.

Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(7) in order to complete the Daily Routine.

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement recognizing March 4 to 10, 2012, as National Social Work Week.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 5 Seniors' Property Tax Deferral Act — Mrs. Jablonski

On motion by Hon. Mr. Weadick, Deputy Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 5 Seniors' Property Tax Deferral Act — Mrs. Jablonski

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated February 27, 2012, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the reduction of natural resource royalties charged to American companies and the Keystone XL pipeline

Sessional Paper 95/2012

E-mail message dated February 29, 2012, from Stephanie Reeves to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, regarding the need to improve access to psychological services for mental health problems and disorders

Sessional Paper 96/2012

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter, undated, unaddressed, from Hanno Hartmann expressing concern regarding the cost of electricity on an Epcor utility bill dated February 8, 2012, with attached utility bill

Sessional Paper 97/2012

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View:

E-mail message dated March 1, 2012, from Dr. Paul Parks to Dr. Sherman, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, and Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, expressing concern regarding the terms of reference for the public inquiry on health issues

Sessional Paper 98/2012

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

15 recent letters and five recent e-mail messages from Canadians to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding the proposed clear-cutting in West Bragg Creek

Sessional Paper 99/2012

Letter dated February 16, 2012, from Stella George, Sustain Kananaskis, to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, providing information regarding Sustain Kananaskis, attaching three documents concerning the proposed logging of the West Bragg Creek region of Kananaskis Country, prepared by Sustain Kananaskis, and a Sustain Kananaskis brochure

Sessional Paper 100/2012

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

E-mail message dated February 14, 2012, from Lea Plamondon on behalf of Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan-Central Peace, and letter dated February 15, 2012, from Mr. Goudreau, both addressed to Betty Turpin and both regarding a letter dated February 9, 2012, from Mr. Goudreau to Betty Turpin concerning the Holy Family School in Grimshaw

Sessional Paper 101/2012

Report dated January 2011 entitled "Value Scoping Session Report, Holy Family School, Holy Family Catholic Regional Division No. 37, Grimshaw, Alberta," prepared by Daniel F. Clancy

Sessional Paper 102/2012

2 recent letters and two recent e-mail messages from Alberta residents to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, the New Democrats, and to Whom it May Concern, all expressing concern regarding the cost of electricity, with five attached Direct Energy, Epcor, and Enmax utility bills

Sessional Paper 103/2012

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Human Services:

Open letter dated November 14, 2011, from Dr. Duane Landals, B.Sc.Ag., DVM, Registrar, Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, entitled "Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, Foreign Credential/Qualification Recognition"
Sessional Paper 104/2012

Pursuant to the Veterinary Profession Act, cV-2, s6.1(2), Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, 2011 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 105/2012

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Education:

Letter dated March 5, 2012, from Duane Plantinga, Executive Director, Association of Independent Schools and Colleges in Alberta, to Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Education, expressing concern regarding the scope of parental rights in the proposed Education Act
Sessional Paper 106/2012

Memorandum dated March 2, 2012, from the Association of Independent Schools and Colleges in Alberta to its membership providing an additional update on the Education Act
Sessional Paper 107/2012

Academic paper, undated, entitled "Towers, Bridges and Basements: The Constitutional and Legal Architecture of Independent Schooling," prepared by Dale Gibson
Sessional Paper 108/2012

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 201 Alberta Bill of Rights (Property Rights Protection) Amendment Act, 2012
— Mr. Hinman

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. With Mr. Cao in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 4

Anderson	Hinman	Swann
Forsyth		

Against the motion: 33

Amery	Fritz	McQueen
Berger	Goudreau	Mitzel
Bhardwaj	Griffiths	Oberle
Blackett	Groeneveld	Olson
Calahasen	Hancock	Quest
Campbell	Hayden	Rodney
Dallas	Horner	Rogers
Danyluk	Jablonski	VanderBurg
Doerksen	Klimchuk	Vandermeer
Drysdale	Knight	Weadick
Elniski	Lindsay	Woo-Paw

Motions Other Than Government Motions

502. Moved by Mr. Quest:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to improve the accuracy of condominium reserve fund assessment studies by setting and implementing standards for persons who conduct such studies at a level appropriate for the complexity of the studies.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Weadick, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:46 p.m. until Tuesday, March 6, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 6, 2012

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Members' Statements

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding an annual basketball tournament held at M.E. LaZerte High School in recognition of former teacher and coach, the late Thom Elniski, cousin of Mr. Elniski.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, made a statement regarding statements made by Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, concerning a public inquiry on health issues.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, made a statement congratulating three constituents from Edmonton-Mill Creek on receiving Persons Case Scholarships.

Mr. Knight, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Smoky, made a statement thanking his family, friends, constituency association members, constituents, staff, the Speaker, and caucus members for their support during his career as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Sandhu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding a March 5, 2012, announcement by the Minister of Health and Wellness concerning a \$40 million investment in several addiction and mental health strategies and the creation of 80 new beds at Alberta Hospital Edmonton.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement regarding bullying and the Government's treatment of certain groups.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, presented a petition from 91 Calgary and area residents urging the Government to introduce legislation to provide grandparents with specific rights of access to their grandchildren to enable grandparents to maintain ongoing contact with their grandchildren.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Sherman, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated September 20, 2011, from Hon. Mr. Denis, Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, to Rita Atkinson, Board of Directors, Westlawn Courts Tenants' Association, regarding maintenance and staffing issues at Westlawn Courts

Sessional Paper 109/2012

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

20 recent e-mail messages to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing opposition to logging in the Castle Special Management Area
Sessional Paper 110/2012

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo:

News release, undated, regarding the text of a casting call obtained by the Wildrose caucus for a Government of Alberta radio ad, prepared by the Wildrose caucus

Sessional Paper 111/2012

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

11 recent video lottery terminal audit tickets from one Calgary and three Edmonton establishments

Sessional Paper 112/2012

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Denis, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, and Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on February 13, 2012, Department of Solicitor General and Public Security, Supplementary Supply Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 113/2012

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Quest reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Education, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 10)

Pursuant to Standing Order 19(1)(c), at 5:15 p.m. the Acting Speaker immediately put the question on the following motion:

Moved by Mr. Fawcett and seconded by Mr. Rodney:

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To His Honour Colonel (Retired) the Honourable Donald S. Ethell, OC, OMM, AOE, MSC, CD, LLD, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Motions

10. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Ms Redford:

Be it resolved that the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be engrossed and presented to His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor by such Members of the Assembly as are members of Executive Council.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Quest reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Education, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 6:04 p.m. until Wednesday, March 7, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Members' Statements

Mr. Campbell, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement regarding the Special Olympics Canada Winter Games held in St. Albert and Jasper from February 28 to March 3, 2012.

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, made a statement regarding the Government's conduct and its effects on several groups and individuals.

Mr. Quest, Hon. Member for Strathcona, made a statement regarding Alberta's economy and the Government's economic planning.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement regarding Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie to be held across Canada from March 9 to 25, 2012.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding the Calgary Foundation and Calgary Arts Development purchase of King Edward School to be used as a cSPACE project, a multi-disciplinary creative workspace.

Mr. Snelgrove, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster, made a statement regarding the need for a return to civil discourse in the debate on health care.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that:

1. Mr. Rick Hansen be invited to the floor of this Chamber to address the Legislative Assembly on Monday, March 12, 2012;
2. This address be the first item of business after the singing of O Canada; and
3. The ordinary business of the Assembly resume upon the conclusion of Mr. Hansen's address;

And be it further resolved that Mr. Hansen's address become part of the permanent records of the Assembly.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 204 Land Statutes (Abolition of Adverse Possession) Amendment Act, 2012 —
Mr. Allred

Tabling Returns and Reports

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Document entitled “Form 10-K, Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, for the fiscal year-ended December 31, 2010, Imperial Oil Limited,” prepared by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission

Sessional Paper 114/2012

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

9 recent letters and 11 recent emails from Canadians to several Members of the Legislative Assembly all expressing concern regarding proposed logging in West Bragg Creek and several also expressing concern regarding logging in the Castle Special Management Area

Sessional Paper 115/2012

Letter dated January 28, 2012, from Robert G. Lee, MD, Chairman, Elbow River Watershed Partnership (ERWP), to Hon. Mr. Oberle, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, disputing the claim that the ERWP was consulted on the draft harvest plan for West Bragg Creek and regarding the ERWP’s feedback on the plan, with attached letter from Mr. Lee to ERWP members regarding a recent letter sent by Alberta Sustainable Resource Development

Sessional Paper 116/2012

5 recent e-mail messages from Albertans to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, with attached letters to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding proposed logging in West Bragg Creek

Sessional Paper 117/2012

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

E-mail message dated February 1, 2012, from Doug Moston of Calgary to Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing concern regarding Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) benefits ceasing at age 65 if federal eligibility requirements for accessibility to old age pension and benefits is raised to age 67, with attached document regarding the AISH program

Sessional Paper 118/2012

E-mail message dated February 3, 2012, from Mike Perz of Calgary to Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing concern regarding Alberta Sustainable Resource Development's recent decision to approve logging in the Castle Special Management Area

Sessional Paper 119/2012

E-mail message, undated, to Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, attaching an e-mail message dated January 25, 2012, from Jim Pissot to Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, expressing concern regarding the effects of logging on bears in the Castle Special Management Area

Sessional Paper 120/2012

E-mail message dated February 3, 2012, from David Pernitsky of Calgary to Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, attaching a copy of a fax dated February 3, 2012, from Mr. Pernitsky to Alberta Motor Vehicles expressing concern regarding the notification process for vehicle registration renewals

Sessional Paper 121/2012

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Culture and Community Services:

Additional information pertaining to Motion for a Return MR4, asked for by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on March 21, 2011

Sessional Paper 122/2012

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Fawcett reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Health and Wellness, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:59 p.m. until Thursday, March 8, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 8, 2012

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Speaker's Statements

Alberta Hansard and Broadcast Services

First of all, 40 years ago today, on March 8, 1972, a motion was put forward as Government Motion 1, which read in part:

There shall be a printed record of the deliberations and proceedings of the sittings of the Assembly to be known as the "Alberta Hansard" which shall be compiled, edited, printed, distributed and administered under the direction and authority of the Speaker, in accordance with this rule.

Today, 40 years later, our Hansard, has continued to produce transcripts for this House, has produced Hansard for 3,650 House meetings and 1,975 Standing and Select Special Committee meetings. To commemorate this special occasion, a special cover will be produced for today's Hansard.

The second thing that occurred 40 years ago was unique, in essence, in that it provided for broadcasting of the meetings of this Assembly. Alberta became the first jurisdiction in Canada to broadcast their proceedings. The motion was introduced by Mr. Lou Hyndman, who was the then Minister of Education, and it was seconded by the Honourable Don Getty, Minister of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs, who at the time stated:

At a time in our history when Albertans can marvel at the view from the moon in their own living rooms, it is absurd that they are not able to watch their own Legislative Assembly.

So a bit of history with respect to that.

Members' Anniversaries

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 15th anniversary of eight Members of the Legislative Assembly who were elected to the Legislative Assembly on March 11, 1997. The Pages presented the Members with a 15-year Mace pin.

Members' Statements

Ms Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement recognizing March 8, 2012, as International Women's Day.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the gender wage gap in Alberta, the need for the Government to address women's issues, and the limited number of women in politics.

Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, made a statement regarding the REDress Project for missing or murdered Aboriginal women, started by Metis artist Jaime Black.

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the work of the C.K. Hui Heart Centre and the Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute.

Mr. Webber, Hon. Member for Calgary-Foothills, made a statement recognizing the achievements of Kathleen Sendall, who was recently named a Member of the Order of Canada.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to include financial misconduct and health worker intimidation in a public inquiry.

Mrs. Leskiw, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement recognizing March 8, 2012, as World Kidney Day.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on behalf of Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View:

10 letters, undated, from Albertans to the Government of Alberta and the Government of Canada expressing concern regarding the treatment and lack of resources for the mentally ill

Sessional Paper 123/2012

E-mail message dated November 26, 2010, from A. Mark Joffe to Raj Sherman expressing concern and support for challenges Dr. Sherman was facing regarding his credibility

Sessional Paper 124/2012

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Excerpt from the Alberta Gazette dated February 15, 2007, regarding hosting expenses for swearing-in ceremonies for Cabinet and Alberta's 13th Premier

Sessional Paper 125/2012

Excerpt from the Alberta Gazette dated February 29, 2012, regarding hosting expenses for swearing-in ceremonies for Cabinet and Alberta's 14th Premier
Sessional Paper 126/2012

11 letters between Mr. MacDonald, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts, and Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Ken Hughes, Board Chair, Alberta Health Services, all regarding attendance at meetings with the Standing Committee on Public Accounts
Sessional Paper 127/2012

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

20 recent e-mail messages from Canadians to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing opposition to logging in the Castle Special Management Area
Sessional Paper 128/2012

E-mail message dated March 5, 2012, from Clint G. Docken, QC, of Calgary to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, attaching a document entitled "Bragg Creek FireSmart"
Sessional Paper 129/2012

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated March 2, 2012, from Janet Quon of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding a recent announcement concerning the reimbursement model for Alberta pharmacists
Sessional Paper 130/2012

Hon. Mr. Griffiths, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Media release dated March 8, 2012, entitled "Capital Region Board letter to Northern Gateway Joint Review Panel: We urge you to approve this project," prepared by the Capital Region Board, with attached related backgrounder document and letter
Sessional Paper 131/2012

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood:

News release dated March 8, 2012, entitled "Mason: Runaway corporate giveaway cost Alberta billions," with attached related e-mail messages and charts
Sessional Paper 132/2012

48 postcards from Edmonton residents to the Minister of Health and Wellness requesting that the Government immediately provide full funding to open the family medicine and urgent care sections of the East Edmonton Health Centre
Sessional Paper 133/2012

3 recent e-mail messages from Alberta residents to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, and the New Democrats all expressing concern regarding the cost of electricity, with 13 attached Epcor, Direct Energy, North Parkland Power, Lakeland Rural Electrification Association, and Enmax utility bills

Sessional Paper 134/2012

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere:

Letter dated March 5, 2012, from Honourable Gerry St. Germain, Senator, British Columbia, to Ken Horn, President, Teedrum Inc., expressing support for the Alberta First Nation's Energy Centre, with attached letter dated February 27, 2012, from Zheng Yi, Deputy General Manager, China National Technical Import and Export Corporation, to Ken Horn, President, Teedrum Inc., expressing interest in working with Teedrum Inc. on the Alberta First Nations Energy Centre

Sessional Paper 135/2012

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government business for the week of March 13 to March 15, 2012:

Tuesday, March 13	Aft.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Human Services And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply All votes on the 2012-13 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates and the 2012-13 Government Estimates Second Reading Bill 2, 4, 5, 6 And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, March 14	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 4, 5, 6 Committee of the Whole Bill 2 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 5, 6 Committee of the Whole Bill 2, 4 And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, March 15	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 5, 6, 7 And as per the Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

11. Oral notice having been given March 7, 2012, moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that:

1. Mr. Rick Hansen be invited to the floor of this Chamber to address the Legislative Assembly on Monday, March 12, 2012;
2. This address be the first item of business after the singing of O Canada; and
3. The ordinary business of the Assembly resume upon the conclusion of Mr. Hansen's address;

And be it further resolved that Mr. Hansen's address become part of the permanent records of the Assembly.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 5 Seniors' Property Tax Deferral Act — Mrs. Jablonski

Mrs. Jablonski moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 4 St. Albert and Sturgeon Valley School Districts Establishment Act —
Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk

Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 6 Property Rights Advocate Act — Mr. Prins on behalf of Hon.
Mrs. McQueen

Mr. Prins moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 2 Education Act — Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Olson, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 4:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 4:15 p.m. until Monday, March 12, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 12, 2012

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Speaker's Statement - Mr. Rick Hansen

I would ask the Sergeant-at-Arms to open the main entrance doors of the Assembly, pursuant to Motion 11, which was approved by this Assembly last week.

Honourable Members, this day is of particular significance as it is the second time in our history that Mr. Rick Hansen has spoken from the Chamber floor. On May 8, 1997, Mr. Hansen addressed the Members from the floor of the Legislative Assembly. He is the only individual in the 107-year history of this Assembly to have been invited twice to speak to the Members.

Mr. Hansen is an exceptional individual who is committed to motivating people to recognize their dreams and to turn them into reality. Twenty-five years ago Rick Hansen established his Man in Motion Tour across the globe. For 26 months he and his team wheeled over 40,000 kilometres through 34 countries raising awareness for spinal cord research.

The Rick Hansen 25th Anniversary Relay is retracing the Canadian segment of the original Man in Motion World Tour. The relay, which started August 24, 2011, in Cape Spear, Newfoundland and Labrador, is travelling westward to British Columbia. The nine-month relay will cover 12,000 kilometres and visit over 600 communities in every province and territory of our great country.

Today we invite Mr. Hansen to make a stop on the tour to join us and to say hello. Mr. Hansen, welcome again to the Alberta Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Rick Hansen's Address to the Assembly

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank you so much for this incredible honour.

Members of the Legislative Assembly, it is an incredible honour to be here to present to you an ongoing journey, a vision, values of this country. I feel so privileged to have been a young kid growing up in rural Canada who had a devastating accident that seemed to have shattered hopes and dreams. It was the values and the spirit of this country, family, friends, community, the medical profession, and role models all working together to help me rebuild my life, to have hopes and dreams, to be able to then look back and think about what I could do to make a difference, to pay it forward to the lives of others. It spawned the Man in Motion Tour, to be able to find a cure for spinal cord injury, to make the world more accessible and inclusive for the hundreds of millions of people with disabilities just waiting for the opportunity to express themselves, to be welcome in families, in homes, and communities.

All those years wheeling across the country and around the world were a tremendous experience. You know, I felt so buoyed because I was looked up to as a Canadian no matter where I went in the world. I felt proud of our values and what we stand for. I also was incredibly inspired when I came across this country in the middle of winter, facing insurmountable odds and obstacles, to see the wellspring of support from local citizens everywhere, people lining the streets, joining with me in a conversation about what this country aspires to be: a healthy and inclusive place for all, a country that also takes its rightful role in the world in leadership, in friendship, and in common spirit.

I'll never forget the incredible response that I received when the Premier met me at the border here in Alberta and welcomed me to this great province, the incredible support here at the Legislature, in universities, in high schools, in hospitals and rehab centres, and on the streets every single day, making me feel like that road wasn't long and lonely but that it was surrounded by family and friends, one country united with one common purpose.

When I completed the Man in Motion Tour in May of 1987, I crossed a finish line that said, "Welcome home, Rick," and above it there was a sign that said, "The End is Just the Beginning." Well, you can imagine what I must have thought of at that point after having gone through all those miles and all those incredible challenges. In reality, the tour was over, but the dream had just begun.

It was a new conversation with our country, and millions of people picked up that cause and translated it into their own purpose and translated it into real change year in and year out, making fundamental progress towards a cure for spinal cord injury and accessible and inclusive communities. You know, it's hard to measure those profound moments of change in one year, after 25 years, looking back, there is so much to be proud of, so much to celebrate. This is why we decided to conduct the 25th anniversary relay, going back to places all around the world and, of course, right across this great country, to be able to recognize local champions, to move from one man in motion to many, to make this a nation's journey, to continue to move forward for the next 25 years until we get to the goal.

I feel so privileged to be doing this cross-Canada relay and joining 7,000 difference-makers who have been with me and so many others for all these years, to recognize the spirit of Albertans, to see close to a thousand Albertans actually out there on the relay and each one of them having their own amazing story.

Of course, here in the gallery we have two amazing difference-makers that I'd like to recognize. Amanda Magyar and Benjamin Tumack. If you could stand up and be recognized.

Amanda, you are an incredible difference-maker. You are someone who has set goals and chased dreams. You exercise leadership and self-esteem amongst young people. But you also believe in a healthy planet, and you're continuing to exercise stewardship of this great Earth here locally and inspiring others around the world.

Of course, Benjamin, I'd like you to stand up because you've also overcome many obstacles yourself with a physical disability, but we don't see disability in your attitude and spirit. We see only ability. You not only translate and overcome your obstacles to make a difference with muscular dystrophy in so many amazing ways to make a difference, but you have aspirations of representing your country as an elite wheelchair basketball player in the juniors and also in dreams of the Paralympic Games to make all Albertans proud. You are the representation of 850 Albertans who have been part of this relay. I'd like to ask Members of the Legislative Assembly to join me in recognizing you and saying thank you and congratulations. We are proud of you.

In conclusion, ladies and gentlemen, we have come a long way, and there is much to celebrate. I'd like to say a special thank you to the Members here in this Legislature. Each and every one of you are making a difference. You have stepped up to serve your constituencies and your province well. You're making change. You have been partners with us for all these years to make sure that Alberta has a world-class research organization with universities and hospitals, finding a cure and connecting with the world. You have made sure that your communities are accessible and inclusive for all, and you see it reflected here in this Legislature, with people who happen to have disabilities but they are expressing ability in an inclusive way. These examples of success are worthy. We appreciate your partnership.

We look forward to the next 25 years together. It's going to be a fantastic, accelerating contribution that we all make. I'd like to say thank you so much for being part of my dreams, helping me to feel like our best work is in front of us. I look forward to one year at a time, one stroke at a time, one contribution at a time until we get to that end. Thank you so much, and never give up on your dreams. I really appreciate it. Thank you.

Speaker's Statement – Members' Anniversaries

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 11th anniversary of 11 Members of the Legislative Assembly who were elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta and the anniversary of two Members who were first elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta on March 12, 2001.

Members' Statements

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding Rick Hansen's efforts to find a cure for spinal cord injury and his 25th Anniversary Relay.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding the need to protect children from second-hand smoke.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding DiverseCT Alberta, a network of Alberta communities interested in diversity.

Mr. Drysdale, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement congratulating Team Alberta for their achievements at the 2012 Arctic Winter Games.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement regarding the Greenhouse Research and Crop Production Complex at the Crop Diversification Centre South in Brooks.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding the increase to the monthly financial benefit and income exemption thresholds for Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped recipients.

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the building of the Alston Scout Park in Magrath.

Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(7) in order to complete the Daily Routine.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Blackett, Chair, Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s19(5):

Report of the Auditor General of Alberta, March 2012
Sessional Paper 136/2012

Mr. Rodney, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed:

Reprint of a Calgary Herald article dated March 11, 2012, entitled "A new perspective: the health-care glass is not half empty"
Sessional Paper 137/2012

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Petition signed by 776 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to take immediate action to regulate electricity prices, recognizing that electricity is an essential service
Sessional Paper 138/2012

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated March 12, 2012, from Dr. Sherman, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Cheryl Scarlett, Director of Human Resources, Information and Technology, and Broadcast Services, Legislative Assembly Office, regarding the reimbursement of pay received by Dr. Sherman for 41 months served on the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders, and Printing, with attached copy of a cheque from Dr. Sherman to the Minister of Finance, Legislative Assembly
Sessional Paper 139/2012

Graph, undated, entitled "Youth Smoking Rates Among Albertans Aged 12-19"
Sessional Paper 140/2012

E-mail message dated March 9, 2012, from Dan Holinda, Executive Director, Canadian Cancer Society, Alberta/NWT Division, to Dr. Sherman, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing support for Bill 203, Tobacco Reduction (Protection of Children in Vehicles) Amendment Act, 2012, and for a free vote on the Bill
Sessional Paper 141/2012

E-mail message dated March 9, 2012, from Janis Seville to Dr. Sherman, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, attaching a letter dated March 9, 2012, from Leigh Allard, President and CEO, The Lung Association, Alberta and NWT, to Dr. Sherman expressing support for Bill 203, Tobacco Reduction (Protection of Children in Vehicles) Amendment Act, 2012, and for a free vote on the Bill

Sessional Paper 142/2012

E-mail message dated March 9, 2012, from Shandy Reed to Dr. Sherman, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, attaching a letter dated March 9, 2012, from Dr. Candace Nykiforuk, Centre for Health Promotion Studies, School of Public Health, University of Alberta, to Dr. Sherman expressing support for Bill 203, Tobacco Reduction (Protection of Children in Vehicles) Amendment Act, 2012, and for a free vote on the Bill

Sessional Paper 143/2012

Report, undated, entitled "Smoke-Free Vehicles: Protecting Youth from Exposure to Tobacco Smoke in Vehicles," prepared by the Campaign for a Smoke-free Alberta

Sessional Paper 144/2012

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Human Services:

Responses to questions raised by Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on February 13, 2012, Department of Human Services, Supplementary Supply Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 145/2012

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 203 Tobacco Reduction (Protection of Children in Vehicles) Amendment Act,
2012 — Dr. Sherman

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Cao in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 34

Ady	Griffiths	Mitzel
Allred	Groeneveld	Notley
Berger	Hancock	Oberle
Boutilier	Hinman	Prins
Brown	Horne	Quest
Campbell	Jacobs	Sandhu
DeLong	Johnson	Sherman
Denis	Johnston	Swann
Doerksen	Liepert	VanderBurg
Elniski	Lund	Weadick
Forsyth	MacDonald	Xiao
Goudreau		

Against the motion: 0

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 203 Tobacco Reduction (Protection of Children in Vehicles) Amendment Act, 2012 — Dr. Sherman

Bill 204 Land Statutes (Abolition of Adverse Possession) Amendment Act, 2012 — Mr. Allred

Temporary Recess

On motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly recessed at 4:49 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

503. Moved by Mr. Benito:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the feasibility of creating tax incentives to support cultural endeavours.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Denis, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:24 p.m. until Tuesday, March 13, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 13, 2012

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Members' Statements

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement expressing support for Bill 26, Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2011.

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the Premier's leadership.

Mr. Rogers, Hon. Member for Leduc-Beaumont-Devon, made a statement regarding the National Buyer/Seller Forum to be held in Edmonton from October 2 to 4, 2012.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding donations made to the candidates for leadership of the Progressive Conservative Party of Alberta.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding Culture Forum 2012 held in Red Deer on February 24 and 25, 2012.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement reviewing the Government's performance and the past year in the Legislative Assembly.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Copy of Bill 210, Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2000, with attached excerpts from Alberta Hansard dated November 15, 2000, November 22, 2000, and May 8, 2008

Sessional Paper 146/2012

Mr. Allred, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Report dated November 28, 2011, entitled "An Argument for the Elimination of Adverse Possession in Alberta made before the Committee on Private Bills and Motions," prepared by G.K. (Ken) Allred, ALS, CLS, MLA

Sessional Paper 147/2012

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

20 recent e-mail messages to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing concern regarding the clear-cutting of the Castle Special Management Area

Sessional Paper 148/2012

20 recent letters and e-mail messages to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding proposed logging of the West Bragg Creek area, with related attachments

Sessional Paper 149/2012

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Copy of a petition signed by 546 Albertans requesting a renal dialysis satellite unit for the Athabasca Healthcare Centre

Sessional Paper 150/2012

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Goudreau reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Human Services, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:56 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 7:30 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012 — 7:30 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

Ms Pastoor, Chair, Standing Committee on Education, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Education has reviewed the 2012-2013 proposed estimates and business plans for the Department of Advanced Education and Technology.

Ms Blakeman, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Energy, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Energy has reviewed the 2012-2013 proposed estimates and business plans for the Departments of Agriculture and Rural Development, Energy, Environment and Water, Intergovernmental, International and Aboriginal Relations, and Sustainable Resource Development.

Mr. Renner, Chair, Standing Committee on Finance, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Finance has reviewed the 2012-2013 proposed estimates and business plans for the Departments of Infrastructure, Service Alberta, Transportation, and Treasury Board and Enterprise.

Dr. Taft, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Public Health and Safety, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Public Health and Safety has reviewed the 2012-2013 proposed estimates and business plans for the Departments of Justice, Seniors, and Solicitor General and Public Security.

Mr. Chase, Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Community Development, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Community Development has reviewed the 2012-2013 proposed estimates and business plans for the Departments of Culture and Community Services, Municipal Affairs, and Tourism, Parks and Recreation.

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Renner reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2012-2013 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, Government Estimates and the Lottery Fund, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013, for the departments and purposes indicated:

Support to the Legislative Assembly

Expense and Capital Investment	\$65,414,000
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Office of the Auditor General

Expense and Capital Investment	\$25,650,000
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Office of the Ombudsman

Expense and Capital Investment	\$3,011,000
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Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

Expense and Capital Investment	\$23,200,000
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Office of the Ethics Commissioner

Expense and Capital Investment	\$940,000
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Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

Expense and Capital Investment	\$6,288,000
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Office of the Child and Youth Advocate

Expense and Capital Investment	\$11,038,000
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Advanced Education and Technology

Expense	\$2,785,851,000
Capital Investment	\$4,647,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$274,000,000

Agriculture and Rural Development

Expense	\$626,384,000
Capital Investment	\$2,196,000

Culture and Community Services

Expense	\$210,492,000
Capital Investment	\$2,500,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$2,820,000

Education

Expense	\$4,429,269,000
Capital Investment	\$4,395,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$9,834,000

Energy

Expense	\$214,104,000
Capital Investment	\$6,315,000

Environment and Water

Expense	\$222,187,000
Capital Investment	\$9,375,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$100,000

Executive Council

Expense	\$31,461,000
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Finance

Expense	\$119,468,000
Capital Investment	\$2,512,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$25,698,000
Lottery Fund Transfer	\$1,338,405,000

Health and Wellness

Expense	\$15,894,912,000
Capital Investment	\$77,226,000

Human Services

Expense	\$2,542,180,000
Capital Investment	5,698,000

Infrastructure

Expense	\$1,230,571,000
Capital Investment	\$388,867,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$193,000

Intergovernmental, International and Aboriginal Relations

Expense	\$190,554,000
Capital Investment	\$50,000

Justice

Expense	\$498,252,000
Capital Investment	\$6,835,000

Municipal Affairs

Expense	\$1,265,067,000
Capital Investment	\$5,190,000

Seniors

Expense	\$2,457,348,000
Capital Investment	\$160,000

Service Alberta

Expense	\$314,573,000
Capital Investment	\$53,073,000

Solicitor General and Public Security

Expense	\$725,882,000
Capital Investment	\$106,612,000

Sustainable Resource Development

Expense	\$261,428,000
Capital Investment	\$22,747,000

Tourism, Parks and Recreation

Expense	\$158,214,000
Capital Investment	\$13,582,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$400,000

Transportation

Expense	\$1,495,560,000
Capital Investment	\$1,246,818,000
Non-budgetary Disbursements	\$20,976,000

Treasury Board and Enterprise

Expense	\$164,371,000
Capital Investment	\$491,000

On the motion to concur in the report of Committee of Supply, the question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to. With Mr. Cao in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 30

Ady	Elniski	Morton
Allred	Hancock	Oberle
Benito	Jablonski	Ouellette
Berger	Jacobs	Pastoor
Brown	Johnston	Renner
Campbell	Leskiw	Sarich
Dallas	Lukaszuk	Tarchuk
Danyluk	Lund	Weadick
Denis	Marz	Webber
Drysdale	McQueen	Xiao

Against the motion: 12

Blakeman	Hinman	Sherman
Chase	Kang	Swann
Forsyth	MacDonald	Taft
Hehr	Mason	Taylor

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

- Bill 4 St. Albert and Sturgeon Valley School Districts Establishment Act —
Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk
- Bill 5 Seniors' Property Tax Deferral Act — Mrs. Jablonski
- Bill 6 Property Rights Advocate Act — Hon. Mrs. McQueen

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

- Bill 2 Education Act — Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk

Mr. Elniski, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 2 (A1) (Hon. Minister of Education) — Adjourned
debate

Sessional Paper 151/2012

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:09 p.m. until Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14, 2012

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the recent partnership between Hockey Alberta and Red Deer College.

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding the need for public engagement to elect Members with vision and integrity.

Mr. Johnston, Hon. Member for Calgary-Hays, made a statement regarding the province's economic circumstances and progress made in the Calgary-Hays constituency during his career as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, made a statement regarding actions taken by the Premier concerning a fundraiser hosted by Alberta's Representative in Asia.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement regarding Alberta seniors' benefit programs and services.

Mr. Blackett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, made a statement regarding the importance of investing in and recent funding increases for public libraries.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 7 Appropriation Act, 2012 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Liepert on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner

Notice having been given:

Bill 210 Early Childhood Learning and Child Care Act — Mr. Taylor

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

20 recent e-mail messages to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding clear-cutting of the Castle Special Management Area

Sessional Paper 152/2012

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on behalf of Dr. Sherman, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated January 21, 2012, from John MacNutt, CA, Response Financial Partners Inc., to the PC Association of Alberta regarding the review by Brian Heidecker of Doug Griffiths' 2011 leadership campaign accounts

Sessional Paper 153/2012

Document dated January 25, 2012, entitled "Doug Griffiths, 2011 Leadership Campaign filing," prepared by Brian Heidecker

Sessional Paper 154/2012

Critical Transmission Review Committee web page, undated, entitled "Critical Transmission Review Committee, Committee Members"

Sessional Paper 155/2012

Alberta Corporate Registration System, Corporation/Non-Profit Search of Drylander Investments Ltd. dated March 12, 2012

Sessional Paper 156/2012

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Report dated May 2011 entitled "Fixing What's Broken, Fair and Sustainable Solutions to Alberta's Revenue Problems," prepared by the Parkland Institute

Sessional Paper 157/2012

Document dated April 19, 2011, entitled "Tax Reform: The Role of Broad-Based Sales Taxes, Presentation to the Alberta Liberal Caucus," prepared by Casey G. Vander Ploeg, Senior Policy Analyst, Canada West Foundation

Sessional Paper 158/2012

Report of the Premier's Council for Economic Strategy dated May 2011

Sessional Paper 159/2012

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

5 recent Epcor and Direct Energy utility bills from Alberta residents

Sessional Paper 160/2012

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Letter dated March 13, 2012, from Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 203, Tobacco Reduction (Protection of Children in Vehicles) Amendment Act, 2012, be granted early consideration and be called to Committee of the Whole on Monday, March 19, 2012

Sessional Paper 161/2012

Speaker's Statement – Early Consideration of Private Members' Public Bills

Honourable Members, I'm tabling today a letter that I received from the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Centre. I'll just quote from the letter.

I write pursuant to Standing Order 8(7)(c), requesting that Bill 203, Tobacco Reduction (Protection of Children in Vehicles) Amendment Act, 2012, be granted early consideration and be called in Committee of the Whole on Monday, March 19, 2012.

I read it into the record because copies were not circulated to anyone else. But I do want to raise this matter. I will bring it back tomorrow and talk about it further.

This has to deal with a request not often exercised or asked for in this Assembly. Basically, comments are recorded in Hansard going back to 2001 by this Chair, saying that this is a matter that needs some review because what we potentially have is a conflict.

Monday is private Members' day. It is the only day of the week that Members can actually deal with Bills. We have an order that was clearly defined in our Standing Orders that basically says on one day a Member's private Member's Bill comes up, then it's dealt with, then it goes to the next steps. Usually we follow the Second Readings, then we finally get to Committee.

When a Member asks that a stage be advanced over another, it may come into conflict with another private Member who would necessarily have his or her private Member's Bill on the schedule. So I would ask that Members look at the Votes and Proceedings of November 23, 2009, and Hansard, November 23, 2009, page 1940, the last time that I made a ruling in respect to this matter.

In almost all cases going back to 2001, I basically provided caution with respect to this request because of the potential conflict with another Member. In most cases it has been worked out as a result of consultation among the House Leaders. In this case today this is probably the first opportunity that House Leaders of other caucuses would be aware of this. So I repeat again those comments that I've raised in the past. If I receive some advice by noon tomorrow on this particular matter, it would be helpful. If not, I will have to make a statement tomorrow and probably decide on Monday if that would be given, depending on what the conflict with another Member might be in respect to this.

I should also point out again, for a number of times now, that I raised this matter in 2001, and I suggested very strongly that this matter be referred to a certain committee for further advice to be provided to the Speaker. Eleven years, I say again. Tomorrow I will say more.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(4), the Committee recessed at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2012 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders**Committee of the Whole**

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 2 Education Act — Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Education, on March 13, 2012.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, moved that amendment A1 to the Bill be further amended as follows:

- A. in part A
 - (i) by striking out “before the enacting clause” and substituting “as the first recital”
 - (ii) by adding the following after “the Government of Alberta recognizes that parents have”:
“the paramount right and responsibility to make decisions respecting the education of their children, which includes”
- B. by adding the following after part A:
 - B The Preamble is amended by striking out the following recital:
“Whereas parents have the right and the responsibility to make informed decisions respecting the education of their children;”

A debate followed on the subamendment.

During debate on the subamendment to Bill 2, Education Act, Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to reduce the interval between division bells to one minute.

The question being put, the subamendment was defeated. With Mr. Cao at the Table, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the subamendment: 4

Anderson	Forsyth	Hinman
Boutilier		

Against the subamendment: 27

Allred	Drysdale	Mitzel
Benito	Elniski	Notley
Berger	Evans	Olson
Bhardwaj	Fritz	Pastoor
Blackett	Hancock	Rodney
Brown	Hehr	Rogers
Campbell	Johnston	Tarchuk
Chase	Leskiw	VanderBurg
DeLong	Lukaszuk	Woo-Paw

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 2 Education Act — Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk

Mr. Elniski, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 2 (A1) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Education on March 13, 2012) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 151/2012

Subamendment to Bill 2 (SA1) (Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 162/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A2) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 163/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A3) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 164/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A4) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Agreed to unanimously

Sessional Paper 165/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A5) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 166/2012

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:12 a.m. Thursday, March 15, 2012, until 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 15, 2012

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Members' Statements

Ms Pastoor, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding advancements in improving access to health-care services in Alberta.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the Imperial Sovereign Court of the Wild Rose.

Mr. Prins, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Ponoka, made a statement regarding the Government's solutions to Albertans' property rights concerns.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement recognizing March 15, 2012, as World Consumer Rights Day.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to develop a social entrepreneurship agenda.

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the need for the Government to do more to assist seniors who are in long-term care.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement regarding the work of Goodwill Industries and the opening of the Goodwill Industries' Chinook store in Calgary.

Speaker's Statement - First Sitting of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the opening of the First Session of the First Legislature in Alberta held at the Thistle Rink on March 15, 1906.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Weadick, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be accepted or otherwise dealt with, pursuant to Standing Order 34(3):

Written Questions

To be accepted: WQ2

To be dealt with: WQ1

Motions for Returns

To be accepted: MR3

To be dealt with: MR1, MR2, MR4

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 205 Scrap Metal Dealers and Recyclers Identification Act — Mr. Quest

Bill 209 Homeowner Protection Act — Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. Hehr

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated February 12, 2012, from Deb Kirk, Concerned Neighbours in Partnership Spokesperson, unaddressed, attaching a copy of a petition signed by 293 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to pass legislation to repeal Bill 19, Land Assembly Project Area Act, and its amending Bill 23, Land Assembly Project Area Amendment Act, 2011; Bill 36, Alberta Land Stewardship Act, and its amending Bill 10, Alberta Land Stewardship Amendment Act, 2011; Bill 50, Electric Statutes Amendment Act, 2009; and Bill 24, Carbon Capture and Storage Statutes Amendment Act, 2010

Sessional Paper 167/2012

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

20 recent letters from Albertans to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding proposed logging of the West Bragg Creek area

Sessional Paper 168/2012

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Sherman, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Parkland Institute website article dated February 23, 2012, entitled “Delivery Matters”

Sessional Paper 169/2012

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Letter dated March 15, 2012, from Mr. Quest, Hon. Member for Strathcona, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, responding to Hon. Mr. Kowalski’s request for submissions pertaining to the request from Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, that Bill 203, Tobacco Reduction (Protection of Children in Vehicles) Amendment Act, 2012, be granted early consideration in Committee of the Whole

Sessional Paper 170/2012

Speaker's Statement - Request for Early Consideration of Bill 203

I'll be rather brief here today because much of this was indicated previously in the Assembly. We dealt with it on November 27, 2001, December 1, 2003, May 8, 2006, and November 23, 2009. I indicated then that the process guiding us here in the Assembly is Speaker Schumacher's ruling of February 11, 1997, when he outlined a procedure for early consideration of Bills. Point three was that if a Member wants early consideration of his or her Bill, they must write to the Speaker prior to the opening of the Assembly on the sitting day before the Bill is to be considered. This certainly was done this week when the Official Opposition House Leader wrote yesterday requesting early consideration on behalf of the leader of the caucus, and the letter was tabled yesterday as well.

Point four in the 1997 ruling is:

When a Member requests that his or her Bill be considered before its due date, the Bill will be called after debate has concluded on the private Member's public Bill that is then before the House or Committee of the Whole, assuming that no other Bills have reached their due date.

In this case no other Bills until a few minutes ago were even identified for being considered as the Member for Strathcona has just introduced his Bill. So according to the practice and precedents which this Assembly has relied upon since 1997, Bill 203 will be the first order of business on Monday, March 19, 2012, after Orders of the Day are called. Once again, the Chair hopes that the next Legislature will review this issue.

As for Monday, the Chair notes that there may be time to have the Member for Strathcona move his Bill for Second Reading if Committee of the Whole does not go the full two hours. Looking back for the length of the debate on this Bill earlier this week, it did not reach two hours, in fact. One would suspect, and it seems to be almost unanimous consent of the Assembly, one could almost think in one's head that the amount of time that would be utilized in Committee on Monday would not be anywhere near that two-hour time frame, which, hopefully, will allow the Honourable Member for Strathcona to stand and move his Bill for Second Reading as well.

Of course, once again, the Bill will be taken up and can be taken up when the Assembly reconvenes on April 2 following the constituency week break.

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Bhullar, Minister of Service Alberta:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, and Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on February 15, 2012, Department of Service Alberta, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 171/2012

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Weadick, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government business for the week of March 19 to March 22, 2012:

Monday, March 19	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 And as per the Order Paper
Tuesday, March 20	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 2, 4, 5, 6 Third Reading Bill 7 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 2 Third Reading Bill 4, 5, 6, 7 And as per the Order Paper
Wednesday, March 21	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 2 And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 2 And as per the Order Paper

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Olson, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:29 p.m. until Monday, March 19, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 19, 2012

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Members' Statements

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding Pearl Rachinski, Joanne Charchuk, and Ted Bolt, long-term care residents at Capital Care Norwood and Kipnes Centre for Veterans who participated in Rick Hansen relays, and thanking the long-term care staff for providing quality care to these individuals.

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, made a statement thanking his family, constituency staff, colleagues, and constituents for their support during his career as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Fawcett, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding results-based budgeting.

Ms Woo-Paw, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mackay, made a statement recognizing March 24 to April 1, 2012, as International Adult Learners' Week.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Strathmore-Brooks, made a statement regarding the opening of the Sagewood Seniors Community on March 2, 2012.

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the Edmonton-McClung constituency.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the importance of emergency preparedness and the Government's response to disasters.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View:

10 letters, undated, to the Government of Alberta and the Government of Canada expressing concern regarding the treatment and lack of resources for the mentally ill

Sessional Paper 172/2012

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of Dr. Sherman, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

The Age website article dated March 2, 2011, entitled "Dead dollars"
Sessional Paper 173/2012

Globe and Mail website article updated March 6, 2012, entitled "Alberta pension fund seeks softer borrowing rules"
Sessional Paper 174/2012

The Age website article dated March 2, 2011, entitled "State sinks \$500m on dud scheme"
Sessional Paper 175/2012

Letter, undated, from Dan Holinda, Executive Director, Canadian Cancer Society, Alberta/NWT Division, to Dr. Sherman, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing support for Bill 203, Tobacco Reduction (Protection of Children in Vehicles) Amendment Act, 2012, and requesting all Members of the Legislative Assembly support Third Reading of Bill 203 on March 19, 2012
Sessional Paper 176/2012

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

Tranquility Care Homes Inc. advertisement dated January 2012 entitled "Long Term Care for Seniors in a Residential Home"
Sessional Paper 177/2012

21 recent e-mail messages from Canadians to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing opposition to logging in the Castle Special Management Area and two also expressing concern regarding proposed clear-cutting in West Bragg Creek
Sessional Paper 178/2012

Hon. Mr. Weadick, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology:

Document dated March 2012 entitled "Student Consultation on Mandatory Non-instructional Fees Policy – Best Practices," prepared by Advanced Education and Technology, Government of Alberta
Sessional Paper 179/2012

Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

E-mail message dated March 9, 2012, from Marion McIlwraith, Assistant Principal, M.E. LaZerte High School, to Mr. Elniski, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, expressing concern regarding the behaviour of some Members of the Legislative Assembly during Ms McIlwraith's recent visit to the Legislature
Sessional Paper 180/2012

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Written Questions**

The following Written Question was accepted:

WQ2. Asked for by Dr. Taft:

How many high school students per calendar year have participated in the Registered Apprenticeship Program since its implementation?

The following Written Question was rejected:

WQ1. Moved by Dr. Taft:

What has been the cost per fiscal year of the Registered Apprenticeship Program since its implementation?

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for a Return was accepted:

MR3. Proposed by Dr. Swann:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list of law suits in which Alberta Health Services is, as of March 31, 2011, named as a defendant indicating the cause of action and amount in damages claimed.

The following Motion for a Return was accepted as amended:

MR2. Moved by Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the 2011 memorandum of understanding between Alberta Innovates Health Solutions and Pfizer Canada Inc.

Hon. Mr. Weadick, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology, moved that the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the 2011 memorandum of understanding between *Advanced Education and Technology*, Alberta Innovates Health Solutions and Pfizer Canada Inc.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR1. Moved by Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all correspondence from August 1, 2011, to February 3, 2012, between the Minister of Advanced Education and Technology and the province's post-secondary institutions regarding development of and student input on fee payment policy.

MR4. Moved by Dr. Swann:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all requests for proposals and all documents relating to requests for proposals issued by Alberta Health Services for supportive living personal care facilities throughout the province.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 203 Tobacco Reduction (Protection of Children in Vehicles) Amendment Act,
2012 — Dr. Sherman

During consideration of Bill 203, Tobacco Reduction (Protection of Children in Vehicles) Amendment Act, 2012, Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to reduce the interval between division bells to one minute.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 203 Tobacco Reduction (Protection of Children in Vehicles) Amendment Act,
2012 — Dr. Sherman

Dr. Brown, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 203 (A1) (Minister of Human Services) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 181/2012

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow for Third Reading consideration of Bill 203, Tobacco Reduction (Protection of Children in Vehicles) Amendment Act, 2012.

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 203 Tobacco Reduction (Protection of Children in Vehicles) Amendment Act,
2012 — Dr. Sherman

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 205 Scrap Metal Dealers and Recyclers Identification Act — Mr. Quest

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mrs. Sarich speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

504. Moved by Mr. Xiao:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to explore options for reducing the number of arrest warrants issued, and offenders incarcerated, for the repeated non-payment of fines for minor provincial and municipal bylaw offences, with the goal of increasing the efficiency of the criminal justice system and reducing the cost to taxpayers of sanctioning minor offences.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Weadick, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 6:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2012 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after sometime spent therein, pursuant to Standing Order 64(4), at 10:15 p.m. the Chair interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper referred to Committee of the Whole.

The Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 4 St. Albert and Sturgeon Valley School Districts Establishment Act —
Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk

Bill 5 Seniors' Property Tax Deferral Act — Mrs. Jablonski

Bill 7 Appropriation Act, 2012 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 6 Property Rights Advocate Act — Hon. Mrs. McQueen

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 6 Property Rights Advocate Act — Hon. Mrs. McQueen

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Weadick, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:42 a.m., Tuesday, March 20, 2012, until 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Members' Statements

Mr. Xiao, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, made a statement regarding the work of the Government to ensure Alberta's agriculture producers and exporters have access to international markets.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, made a statement regarding comments made by Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Education, during a conference call with parents and school board trustees on March 19, 2012.

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, made a statement thanking Medicine Hat residents, campaign managers, financial supporters, volunteers, constituency board members, and his family for their support during his career as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Dr. Brown, Hon. Member for Calgary-Nose Hill, made a statement regarding several Government initiatives to address challenges in the delivery of health care.

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding the annual recognition and commemoration of the Armenian genocide on April 24, 2010.

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding the importance of voting.

Deputy Speaker's Statement - Members' Anniversaries

The Deputy Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 23rd anniversary of Ms Calahasen, Hon. Member for Lesser Slave Lake, and Mr. Lund, Hon. Member for Rocky Mountain House, who were elected to the Legislative Assembly on March 20, 1989.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding comments made by Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Education, on March 19, 2012, during a conference call to educators.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. Klimchuk, Minister of Culture and Community Services:

Responses to questions raised by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, and Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on February 22, 2012, Department of Culture and Community Services, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 182/2012

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

22 utility bills from Alberta residents, four with accompanying e-mail messages and letters

Sessional Paper 183/2012

Dr. Swann, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View:

10 letters, undated, to the Government of Alberta and the Government of Canada expressing concern regarding the treatment of and lack of resources for the mentally ill

Sessional Paper 184/2012

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo:

Copy of a petition signed by 282 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to pass legislation to repeal Bill 19, Land Assembly Project Area Act, and its amending Bill 23, Land Assembly Project Area Amendment Act, 2011; Bill 36, Alberta Land Stewardship Act, and its amending Bill 10, Alberta Land Stewardship Amendment Act, 2011; Bill 50, Electric Statutes Amendment Act, 2009; and Bill 24, Carbon Capture and Storage Statutes Amendment Act, 2010

Sessional Paper 185/2012

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

20 recent letters and e-mail messages to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding proposed logging of the West Bragg Creek area

Sessional Paper 186/2012

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Liepert, Minister of Finance:

Pursuant to the Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers Registered and Unregistered Pension Plans Regulation, AR 196/2001, sch1, s5(1) and sch2, s5(1), Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers Registered and Unregistered Pension Plans, Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2011

Sessional Paper 187/2012

Pursuant to the Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan Act, cM-12, s4, Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan, Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2011

Sessional Paper 188/2012

Privilege – Comments by the Minister of Education

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, raised a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding comments made by Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Education, on March 19, 2012, during a conference call to educators, to the effect that if the people of Airdrie want the school space they need they should get their Member of the Legislative Assembly to quit opposing the Education Minister on the question of infrastructure in the House.

The Deputy Speaker heard from Mr. Anderson, Ms Blakeman, Ms Notley, Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, and Hon. Mr. Hancock.

The Deputy Speaker stated he would rule on the purported point of privilege at a later date.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Government Bills and Orders****Third Reading**

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 7 Appropriation Act, 2012 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Liepert on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horner

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

The Acting Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2012 — 7:30 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders**Third Reading**

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 7 Appropriation Act, 2012 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Zwozdesky in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 23

Amery	Groeneveld	Lukaszuk
Benito	Hancock	Pastoor
Berger	Hayden	Rodney
Brown	Horne	Rogers
Denis	Jablonski	Sarich
Drysdale	Johnston	Tarchuk
Fawcett	Klimchuk	Vandermeer
Goudreau	Leskiw	

Against the motion: 7

Anderson	Hinman	Swann
Boutilier	Mason	Taft
Forsyth		

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 4 St. Albert and Sturgeon Valley School Districts Establishment Act —
Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk

Bill 5 Seniors' Property Tax Deferral Act — Mrs. Jablonski

Bill 6 Property Rights Advocate Act — Hon. Mrs. McQueen

Bill 7 Appropriation Act, 2012 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 2 Education Act — Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk

Mr. Rogers, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 2 (A6) (Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere) —
Adjourned debate

Sessional Paper 189/2012

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:43 p.m. until Wednesday, March 21, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member Mr. George Topolnisky, Member for Redwater-Andrew, 1971 to 1986, who passed away on March 19, 2012.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Olson, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, made a statement recognizing March 21, 2012, as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, commented on the statement.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow additional Members to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, then commented on the statement.

Speaker's Statement - Use of PDAs and Tablets During Oral Question Period

Honourable Members, on January 27, 2012, I wrote a letter to all Members of the Legislative Assembly, and I'd like to just quote one paragraph.

On a trial basis for the Spring Sitting and in recognition of the environmental impact of reducing paper use, I am allowing Members to use their tablets and PDAs during Oral Question Period only as virtual reading devices and not for sending or receiving messages. This will require Members to switch their tablets and PDAs to "Airplane Mode" and to ensure that all sounds are muted during OQP.

Well, this morning I received contact from several Members who basically said several other Members have violated that. In a matter of just a couple of minutes of research I see that their complaints were absolutely correct. Members in different caucuses have been doing this.

We had great discussion about the use of tablets and PDAs. We accepted the recommendation of the Members to basically use them, and then Members take it upon themselves to violate it. So I won't name them today, and we'll see what happens. Obviously, there has to be some element of trust and decorum, a very minimal element that should be expected.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, made a statement regarding a partnership between Covenant Health, Alberta Seniors, Alberta Health and Wellness, and Alberta Health Services to build the Villa Marie Continuing Care Centre in Red Deer.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the leadership of Premier Redford.

Mr. Drysdale, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, made a statement regarding the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties.

Mr. Groeneveld, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement regarding government investments in the Highwood constituency and two candidates in the upcoming general election.

Mr. Lund, Hon. Member for Rocky Mountain House, made a statement regarding the Rural Integrated Community Clerkship for Physicians.

Mr. Snelgrove, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster, made a statement regarding Brenda Lee Gardner, former Vermilion-Lloydminster Constituency and Legislative Assistant.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 7(7) in order to complete the Daily Routine.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore:

Petition signed by 29 Albertans requesting that the Government and Industry Canada audit the funding of CCI Wireless with respect to the terms and conditions regarding competition with private industry and clawback any infrastructure that has been deployed in defiance of the terms and conditions regarding competition

Sessional Paper 190/2012

Hon. Mr. Horner, President of Treasury Board and Enterprise:

E-mail message dated February 19, 2012, from Mr. Anderson, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere, to a recipient at Athabasca University extending an invitation to a dinner with Danielle Smith, Wildrose Party Leader, and Mr. Anderson on February 29, 2012, at the Airdrie Town and Country Centre

Sessional Paper 191/2012

Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Education:

Letter dated March 19, 2012, from Marilyn Sheptycki, President, Alberta School Councils' Association, to Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk, Minister of Education, expressing support for Bill 2, Education Act

Sessional Paper 192/2012

News release dated March 19, 2012, entitled "ASBA Urges Passage of Bill 2, Education Act," prepared by the Alberta School Boards Association

Sessional Paper 193/2012

News release dated March 19, 2012, entitled "The Education Act is an Act that will benefit Alberta's children, PSBAA urges government to pass Bill 2 this Session," prepared by the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta

Sessional Paper 194/2012

Alberta Teachers' Association website article dated March 19, 2012, entitled "Alberta's teachers call for inclusive comprehensive public education"

Sessional Paper 195/2012

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, on behalf of Dr. Sherman, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

CBC News website article dated March 21, 2012, entitled "Alberta colleges, universities made illegal donations to Tories"

Sessional Paper 196/2012

Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Report dated July 2011 entitled "Financial Procedures Handbook," prepared by Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools

Sessional Paper 197/2012

Buffalo Trail Public Schools website article dated June 16, 2010, entitled "IN Student Fees Admin Procedures"

Sessional Paper 198/2012

Excerpt from the Grande Yellowhead Public School Division No. 77 Administrative Procedures Manual dated January 14, 2009, entitled "Administrative Procedure 505, School Fees"

Sessional Paper 199/2012

Elk Island Public Schools website article dated 2011 entitled "FAQs about School Fees"

Sessional Paper 200/2012

Memorandum dated May 3, 2011, from Tim Monds, Superintendent, Parkland School Division No. 70, to the Board of Trustees regarding business and finance information for 2010-2011

Sessional Paper 201/2012

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

20 recent e-mail messages from North Americans to Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, expressing concern regarding the clear-cutting of the Castle Special Management Area

Sessional Paper 202/2012

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Orders in Council O.C. 128/2012 dated March 15, 2012, O.C. 526/2011 dated December 15, 2011, and O.C. 450/2011 dated October 21, 2011, all regarding MLA remuneration

Sessional Paper 203/2012

Document, undated, entitled "AIMCo Christmas Party," prepared by Alberta Investment Management Corp.

Sessional Paper 204/2012

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

188 utility bills from Alberta residents, with accompanying 18 e-mail messages and 17 letters

Sessional Paper 205/2012

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. VanderBurg, Minister of Seniors:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity, Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, and Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on February 21, 2012, Department of Seniors, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 206/2012

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Denis, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, and Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, on March 5, 2012, Department of Solicitor General and Public Security, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 207/2012

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Dr. Morton, Minister of Energy:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Hehr, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood, and Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, on February 22, 2012, Department of Energy, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 208/2012

Privilege – Comments by the Minister of Education**Speaker's Statement**

Honourable Members, yesterday the Honourable Deputy Speaker was in the Chair when a purported question of privilege was raised in the Assembly and a debate ensued on it. I am going to remove myself from the Chair at this point in time and invite the Honourable Deputy Speaker to come forward and provide his ruling on this matter.

Deputy Speaker's Ruling

As the Speaker said, yesterday afternoon while I chaired the Assembly, there was a question of privilege raised. I allowed several Members representing each party to bring their points forward on the subject matter. I listened to those points attentively and at length. Today as the Chair I am prepared to rule on the purported question of privilege raised by the Member for Airdrie-Chestermere yesterday, March 20, 2012.

To put it briefly, the purported question of privilege is that the Honourable Minister of Education interfered with the Member's ability to perform his duties or interfered with his ability to perform his parliamentary work by making certain comments during a telephone conference with people other than the Member on March 19, 2012.

The Honourable Member for Airdrie-Chestermere provided notice to the Speaker's office at 11:22 a.m. yesterday before he raised the matter in the Assembly, so the requirements of Standing Order 15(2) were met.

The Honourable Member raising the purported question of privilege read in the Assembly yesterday the exchange that the Honourable Minister had with an individual in this March 19 teleconference, as found on page 677 of Alberta Hansard. The Minister's statement was:

You know what? I'm really itching to say it, so I will, even though I know I shouldn't, but the first thing you can do is, actually, in Airdrie call your MLA and ask him not to oppose me in the Legislature every day on considering new ways for funding infrastructure because, you know, that really is the problem.

In his comments the Honourable Minister of Education referred to a later part of the conversation with the same person. The Minister indicated, at page 680 of the March 20 Alberta Hansard, that the parent asked how the Minister's relationship with the Member for Airdrie-Chestermere affected parents in the community and the need for extra schools, to which the Minister responded, "Not at all."

In his argument yesterday, the Honourable Member for Airdrie-Chestermere cited the House of Commons Procedure and Practice, second edition, page 108, where it states, "Speakers have consistently upheld the right of the House to the services of its Members free from intimidation, obstruction and interference." Speakers of the Canadian House of Commons have said in this regard that it is necessary to review the effect the incident or event had on the Member's ability to fulfill his or her parliamentary responsibilities. As stated on page 111 of the same book, "If, in the Speaker's view, the Member was not obstructed in the performance of his or her parliamentary duties and functions, then a prima facie breach of privilege cannot be found." Page 109 of the same text states, "While frequently noting that Members raising such matters have legitimate grievances, Speakers have consistently concluded that Members have not been prevented from carrying out their parliamentary duties."

Honourable Members may also wish to refer to a December 13, 2011, ruling by the Speaker of the Canadian House of Commons concerning possible interference in a Member's duties by an organized telephone campaign survey concerning an impending by-election that was not actually planned. This ruling is found at pages 4396 to 4398 of Commons Debates for that day. Speaker Scheer quoted his predecessor in finding that there was no prima facie question of privilege. In this regard he quoted Speaker Fraser at page 4397 who stated, "Past precedents are highly restrictive . . . and generally require that clear evidence of obstruction or interference with a Member in the exercise of his or her duty be demonstrated in order to form the basis for a claim of a breach of privilege."

In this case in our Assembly, strictly on the context of the parliamentary work of our Members, the Chair cannot see how the Minister's comments would constitute a clear threat to the Member performing his parliamentary duties so as to constitute intimidation or molestation. The Minister never indicated that the constituency would be deprived of funding should the Member continue asking questions. The Chair does not even find that there was a threat made and, certainly, no threat to the Member.

Accordingly, the Chair finds that the Member's ability to fulfill his parliamentary duties has not been interfered with and, therefore, there is no prima facie question of privilege. That concludes this matter.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 2 Education Act — Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk

Mr. Rogers, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 2 (A6) (introduced by the Hon. Member for Airdrie-Chestermere on March 20, 2012) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 189/2012

Amendment to Bill 2 (A7) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 209/2012

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:43 p.m. until Thursday, March 22, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 22, 2012

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Ms Redford, Premier, made a statement recognizing the long and distinguished career of Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow additional Members to comment on the Ministerial Statement.

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Mr. Snelgrove, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Lloydminster, then commented on the statement.

The Speaker responded to the statements and thanked the Premier and Members for their comments.

Members' Statements

Ms Notley, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the Government's performance since the last election and the New Democrats as a political choice for Albertans.

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding the Government's performance in addressing the needs of Albertans in various areas.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Johnson, Minister of Infrastructure:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Kang, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, and Mr. Hinman, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, on March 6, 2012, Department of Infrastructure, Main Estimates debate

Sessional Paper 210/2012

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Document entitled "Campaign College, February 10-11, 2012," prepared by PC Alberta

Sessional Paper 211/2012

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated March 7, 2012, from P.O. Wellsman of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the Alberta Dental Association fee schedule

Sessional Paper 212/2012

Mr. Chase, Hon. Member for Calgary-Varsity:

19 letters and one e-mail message to several Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding proposed logging of the West Bragg Creek area

Sessional Paper 213/2012

Dr. Sherman, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Beacon News website article dated March 21, 2012, entitled "Some Alberta school boards shaking down parents with collection agencies"

Sessional Paper 214/2012

Hon. Mr. Griffiths, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Capital Region Board Regulation, AR 49/2008, s9(2):

Capital Region Board, 2011 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 215/2012

Tablings to the Clerk

Clerk of the Assembly on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horne, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Health Professions Act, cH-7, s4(2):

Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors, Annual Report to Government 2010/11

Sessional Paper 216/2012

Alberta College of Occupational Therapists, 2010-11 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 217/2012

Alberta College of Optometrists, Annual Report to Government 2010

Sessional Paper 218/2012

College and Association of Respiratory Therapists of Alberta, Annual Report 2011

Sessional Paper 219/2012

College of Alberta Dental Assistants, Annual Report 2010-11

Sessional Paper 220/2012

College of Alberta Psychologists, Annual Report 2010-11

Sessional Paper 221/2012

College of Dental Technologists of Alberta, 2010 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 222/2012

College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Alberta, Annual Report 2011

Sessional Paper 223/2012

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(6), Ms Blakeman, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government business to be brought before the Assembly for the week the Assembly next sits.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, advised that the projected Government business for the week of April 2 to April 5, 2012, would be consideration of Bill 2, Education Act, and as per the Order Paper.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Orders 3(1) and 4(2) to extend the afternoon sitting until 6:00 p.m.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 2 Education Act — Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk

Mr. Elniski, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 2 (A8) (Hon. Minister of Education) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 224/2012

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(6) and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:26 p.m. until Monday, April 2, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

DISSOLUTION

MARCH 26, 2012

Dissolution

[GREAT SEAL]
CANADA
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

COLONEL (RETIRED) DONALD S. ETHELL,
Lieutenant Governor.

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom, Canada,
and Her Other Realms and Territories, QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth,
Defender of the Faith

PROCLAMATION

To OUR FAITHFUL, the MEMBERS elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of
Our Province of Alberta and to each and every one of you

GREETING

WHEREAS it is Our will and pleasure by and
with the advice and consent of Our Executive
Council of Our Province of Alberta to dissolve
the Twenty-seventh Legislature of Alberta:

Ray Bodnarek, Q.C.,
Deputy Minister of Justice
and Deputy Attorney General

NOW KNOW YE THAT by and with the advice
and consent of Our Executive Council of Our
Province of Alberta, We have ordered and
declared and do hereby proclaim that the
Twenty-seventh Legislature of Alberta is hereby
dissolved and the Members of the Legislative
Assembly are discharged from further meetings
and attendance.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent
and the Great Seal of Our Province of Alberta to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS: COLONEL (RETIRED) THE HONOURABLE DONALD S. ETHELL,
Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of Alberta, in Our City of Edmonton in Our
Province of Alberta, this 26th day of March in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand
Twelve and in the Sixty-first Year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

VERLYN OLSON,
Provincial Secretary.